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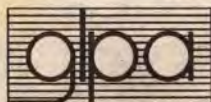
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The photo is from the '92 Bourbon Street Awards and she placed in the competition. 'She' is Queen Petronius XXX of the oldest Gay Krewe in New Orleans, the Krewe of Petronius.

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News

Angry backlash follows Clinton's move to end military ban

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — A backlash of monumental proportions has followed President Bill Clinton's announcement that he plans to gradually end the Pentagon's policy excluding Gay men and Lesbians from the uniformed services.

Prodded by religious leaders, conservative politicians and radio talk show hosts, Americans alarmed by the proposed change jammed the switchboards at the White House and Capitol Hill for days with hundreds of thousands of calls.

Active duty soldiers interviewed by the media expressed their disapproval and warned that Gays in the military would be subject to physical abuse, while President Clinton faced continued opposition from his Joint Chiefs of Staff and even more aggressive opposition from Senate Republicans who exploited the issue for political advantage.

CLINTON'S DIRECTIVE

At a nationally televised news conference January 29, President Clinton presented his own viewpoint and announced a compromise plan had been reached to begin dismantling the Pentagon policy.

Clinton said: "The issue is not whether there should be homosexuals in the military. Everyone concedes that there are. The issue is whether men and women who can and have served with real distinction should be excluded from military service solely on the basis of their status. And I believe they should not.

"The principle on which I base this position is this. I believe that American citizens who want to serve their country should be able to do so unless their conduct disqualifies them from doing so.

"Military life is fundamentally different from civilian society. It

necessarily has a different and stricter code of conduct, even a different code of justice. Nonetheless, individuals who are prepared to accept all necessary restrictions on their behavior, many of which would be intolerable in civilian society, should be able to serve their country honorably and well."

THE COMPROMISE

Clinton then announced the compromise reached after days of wrangling with Sen. Sam Nunn, a fellow Democrat and Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who adamantly oppose changing the policy. Here are the main points:

- The question about sexual

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Feb. 12 Madison rally to support Clinton's lifting military ban

Madison — Activists in Madison are sponsoring a rally Friday, February 12 at Capitol Square in support of President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on Gays in the military. The rally is scheduled to begin at Noon.

Speakers will include openly Lesbian State Assemblywoman Tammy Baldwin and Lesbian veteran Miriam Ben-Shalom, President of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America. Ben-Shalom was discharged from the Army Reserve because of her sexual orientation and fought a long but unsuccessful court battle to be reinstated.

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STRONG BACKLASH FOLLOWS CLINTON'S MOVE

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orientation will be removed from induction forms and recruiters are forbidden to ask about it.

- Service members will no longer be removed from the military on the basis of homosexual identity alone but those who have already reached the point of discharge may be transferred to reserve status where they will receive neither pay nor benefits.

- All court proceedings relating to the discharge of service members for homosexuality will be temporarily suspended until mid-July.

- The Pentagon must sort out the details and draft an executive order ending the ban and present it to President Clinton by July 15 at which time Clinton will make a final decision.

The compromise fell far short of what Gay and Lesbian activists hoped for: an executive order immediately and irrevocably abolishing the policy of discharging Gays. But recognizing the firestorm of controversy the President braved to make his announcement, activists were loath to criticize him.

"AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP"

"This is an important step toward the day when Gay men and Lesbians can openly serve their country with distinction and honor," said Tanya Domi, a former Army captain and head of the Military Freedom Initiative of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

"However," she said, "we oppose the decision to reassign some openly Gay and Lesbian service members to the standby reserves during this six month interim. The sword of discrimination continues to hang precariously over the heads of Gay and Lesbian service members until an executive order is issued repealing the ban."

But Domi did react angrily when, just days after Clinton's announcement, Pentagon officials floated the possibility that Gays in the military would have to serve in separate units and live in separate facilities.

"That's unacceptable," said Domi. "We stand absolutely opposed to any segregation of Gay men and Lesbians in the military."

While Clinton's compromise was designed to quell the furious debate over Gays in the military, the contentious debate is likely to drag on now until July. Congressional hearings are scheduled in March, and Republican Senators seem intent (at In Step's deadline) on a showdown with Clinton by forcing a vote on the issue in the Senate. An attempt to attach an amendment to the family leave bill which would codify the ban into federal statutes failed. But other such aggressive moves by Sen. Jesse Helms (R), a longtime Gay opponent, and Sen. Dan Coats are likely to occur.

CHRISTIAN RIGHT LEADS BACKLASH

Gay and Lesbian leaders are most alarmed by the well organized effort by right wing groups to maintain the ban on Gays. Religious conservatives like Rev. Jerry Falwell have used their television and radio stations to orchestrate opposition to the policy change. After Falwell asked people tuned into his "Old Time Gospel Hour" to call a 900 number to add their names to a petition against Gays in the military, more than 24,000 people called within a few hours.

John Buchanan of the liberal group People for the American Way, which just issued a lengthy report about the strength and tactics of right wing groups, said: "The religious right is deliberately putting a match to this volatile issue, and counting on a profit from it's explosion."

"Time after time, these same groups have attacked civil rights advances, whether for women, African-Americans or Gays," Buchanan said. "Their goal is to subvert an important public discussion into a free-for-all based on myths and misperceptions, calculated to divide America."

Buchanan noted that Gay rights is "a proven money-maker. Anti-Gay rhetoric has filled direct mail letters from religious right leaders, even supplanting opposition to abortion as a favored direct-mail issue."

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Judge strikes down military ban; pending cases halted

By Jamakaya

Los Angeles, CA — On January 28, a federal judge in California issued a strongly worded opinion striking down the Pentagon's ban on Gays in the military. The decision came just one day before President Clinton, as part of his compromise plan for ending the ban, temporarily halted all court action on the issue until July.

Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. ordered that Gay sonar operator Keith Meinhold be permanently reinstated in the Navy. Hatter declared: "The Department of Defense is permanently enjoined from discharging or denying enlistment to any person based on sexual orientation in the absence of sexual conduct which interferes with the military mission of the armed forces of the US."

BAN BASED ON

"MYTHS, STEREOTYPES"

"Gays and Lesbians have served, and continue to serve, the US military with honor, pride, dignity and loyalty," said Judge Hatter. "The Department of Defense's justifications for its policy banning Gays and Lesbians from military service are based on cultural myths and false stereotypes. These justifications are baseless and very similar to the reason offered to keep the military racially segregated in the 1940's."

Judge Hatter said that he could not "merely defer to the 'military judgment' as the rationale for the policy — the court must consider the factual basis underlying the military judgment."

Meinhold was jubilant: "I'm feeling ecstatic about it. It goes to prove all along what I've said — that the policy's unconstitutional."

Clinton commented on the decision the following day, saying "it strengthens my hand in two ways. One, I agree with the principle embodied in the case... the opinion draws the distinction that I seek to draw between conduct and status."

Clinton said it also makes a point he had

been making all along, "that there is a not insignificant chance this matter would ultimately be resolved in the courts" without allowing the Pentagon sufficient time to prepare for the policy change that would be ordered.

While seemingly momentous, Judge Hatter's decision only applies to the jurisdiction his court covers, that of central California. Gay leaders expressed hope that decisions in pending cases in other federal district courts and federal appeals courts would reinforce Hatter's ruling. But Clinton's freeze on all court action for six months will prevent any more immediate decisions.

LAMBDA TO PROCEED WITH SUITS

Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund which represents several service members discharged for homosexuality, told *In Step*: "We cannot in good *contd. on page 10*

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And Professor John Green, an expert on the Christian right, shared this ominous observation with the *New York Times*: "This is a very conservative country and cultural liberalism is a loser in American politics. There are more cultural conservatives than cultural liberals, and their ability to mobilize should not be underestimated. You've got 300,000 to 400,000 churches out there, and there's nothing like that on the left."

Gay and Lesbian leaders are urging Gay groups around the country, individual Gays and Lesbians and their supporters, and other groups and individuals who have supported civil rights struggles in the past to contact their elected representatives and to hold educational events in their communities to build public support for lifting the ban.

"We've pressed the issue," said Domi. "Now we have to redouble our efforts to see it through to a successful conclusion."

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conscience leave our cases on hold while we await an executive decision."

Accordingly, Lambda on February 1 filed a motion to seek a new hearing in the US Court of Appeals in the case of former Midshipman Joseph Steffan. Steffan was dismissed from the Naval Academy at Annapolis a week before he was to graduate in 1987. In December, 1991, a federal judge in Washington, DC dismissed the case.

"If the judge assigned to our motion follows President Clinton's directive, he may very likely refuse to make a ruling and put the case on hold," said Cathcart. "But by continuing to aggressively pursue the Steffan case and other litigation we want to send the strong message that, if necessary, we are committed to push for legal redress on this issue."

Cathcart cited two other cases with the potential for victories, that of Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, a veteran of 27 years who won a Bronze star during her service in Vietnam, and that of Captain Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt, who served with distinction in the Army and Army Reserves before being discharged for homosexuality.

In Pruitt's case, a federal appeals-court told the Pentagon that social prejudice was not a valid reason for its ban on Gays and ordered it to present a rational basis, based on empirical evidence, for maintaining the ban. A decision was expected in the Pruitt case this spring. But that decision is likely to be delayed.

Cathcart said he hoped President Clinton would in fact issue an executive order ending the ban in July. But he noted that unless the order is retroactive, covering those already discharged, legal action might still be necessary.

"We're going to keep pressuring for redress on this until we know we're completely out of the dark," said Cathcart.

"And out of the closet," he added with a chuckle.

Many European militaries welcome Gays

By Rex Wockner

U.S. journalists deluged the Dutch Defense Ministry with phone calls in late January to ask about a country that legalized Gays in the military in 1974.

"This morning alone I had three networks calling me," said Joost Schaberg, the ministry spokesman.

Most European countries welcome Gays in their militaries, but few are as open-armed as the Dutch.

Schaberg, for example, is not only Gay himself, but is secretary of the Foundation for Homosexuals in the Dutch Armed Forces, a 4,500 member group funded by the government to fight discrimination.

Elsewhere in Europe Gay military life is less rosy.

German Gay leaders complained to defense Minister Volker Reuhe last month that open Gays are informally barred from reaching officer rank, despite official acceptance of their presence.

The situation is identical in the French military, according to closeted officers who spoke to the Reuters news service.

In Britain, Gays are tolerated in the armed forces, but if they have Gay sex, they are kicked out.

Homosexuality has been forbidden in the Russian military since the 1930s. Getting caught having sex leads to five years in prison, same as in civilian life.

Gay sex is also illegal in Ireland, including in the military, though the European Court of Human Rights has ordered the law's repeal.

Openly Gay Irish Sen. David Norris believes Gays present no danger to military effectiveness.

"The whole basis of the ancient Greek armies was homosexuality and they were a pretty tough bunch of people," he said.

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Charges filed in military-related Gay bashings

Washington, DC [In Step] — As national debate swirled around the issue of Gays in the military, two highly publicized cases of alleged Gay bashings by military personnel put the spotlight on homophobia within the ranks of the armed services.

On February 3, Navy officials announced that Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey, 20, would be court-martialed on murder charges for the beating death of a fellow shipmate, Radioman Allen R. Schindler, 22, outside a US naval base in Sasebo, Japan last October. If convicted, Helvey could receive the death penalty.

Schindler was battered to death against the fixtures in a public restroom. He was so disfigured by the beating his mother could identify him only after recognizing familiar tattoos on his arms. All but two of his ribs were broken and his penis was lacerated as well.

Schindler had told his commanding officers that he was Gay and proceedings were begun for his discharge. Just days before his death, Schindler told friends in the US that word had spread throughout his ship, the USS Belleau Wood, about his homosexuality and sailors were beginning to harass him.

Charles E. Vins, 20, another Navy airman who apparently witnessed the beating, was court-martialed last November for failing to report the crime. He was sentenced to four months in prison and given a bad conduct discharge. Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, complained about the lenient treatment Vins received, but Navy officials explained that part of the plea agreement required Vins to testify against Helvey.

"IT'S TOO LATE FOR ALLEN"

Mrs. Hajdys told Associated Press she never really believed that her son was Gay, even though he came out to her in 1991: "I knew he was confused. It doesn't matter if he was or wasn't. No one had a right to kill him." She said she hoped President Clinton's plan to end the ban on Gays in the military would shield others from the fate that befell her son: "It's too late for Allen. But maybe this will save someone else's life."

Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation in Washington, DC, which sponsored a candlelight vigil to protest Schindler's slaying, said he didn't trust the Navy to conduct a vigorous prosecution. "The navy is riddled with homophobes," he said. But he hopes that intense media scrutiny will allow the true facts in the case to emerge.

GAY BASHED BY MARINES

Meanwhile, police in Wilmington, North Carolina charged three young Marines with assault for allegedly beating Crae Pridgen, a Gay man, outside a local bar. Pridgen says his assailants yelled "You faggots have to die!" and "Clinton's going to pay!" as they beat him. Witnesses said the attack on Pridgen was completely unprovoked.

While being booked, the marines were overheard making anti-Gay slurs, and saying they weren't sorry for what they did.

The reference to Clinton was apparently connected to the President's decision to end the ban on Gays in the military. Pridgen, who lost a tooth and suffered
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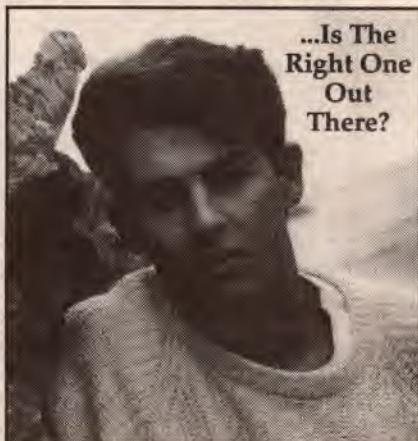
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Out Lesbian named to a top job at HUD

Washington D.C. — San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg has been named by President Bill Clinton as Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and will become the nation's top fair housing enforcement officer.

Achtenberg said she was "deeply honored by President Clinton's nomination. Our nation's commitment to equal opportunity in housing has been sorely neglected over the past 12 years. I look forward to joining Secretary Cisneros to take on the challenge of building an effective and efficient fair housing department within HUD."

"Roberta's appointment fulfills one of Bill Clinton's desires to make this Administration reflect the diversity of the country," said Andrew Barrer, project director of Coalition 93, a organized effort of 18 national Gay and Lesbian groups to promote qualified openly Gay and Lesbian applicants. "We expect that she will be an outstanding assistant secretary."

Achtenberg's appointment must be confirmed by the Senate, according to Coalition 93 co-chair William Waybourn, who also serves as executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. "We should let the President know how much we appreciate his faith in Roberta's ability to enforce the nation's fair housing standards. We should also let the members of the Senate Banking Committee know that the community supports her nomination, too" Waybourn said.

Upon confirmation, Achtenberg will become the Administration's highest-ranking openly Gay or Lesbian appointee.

**Washington DC
APRIL 25, 1993**

BASHINGS

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multiple bruises and lacerations, said: "They're worried about allowing people like us in the military, but I'm concerned with people like this[his attackers]."

After Pridgen met with aides to North Carolina Gov. Guy Hunt, Hunt condemned the attack and all hate crimes and ordered the state's Human Rights Commission to investigate. Later, in Washington, Pridgen met with Pentagon aides about the assault. A spokesman for Gen. Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Powell "deplores any act of violence or intolerance against any group or individual."

Conservative opponents of Clinton's plan used the Schindler and Pridgen incidents to emphasize the implacable opposition within the military ranks to Gays in the armed services. But Clinton press secretary Dee Dee Meyers said "I don't think that is a reason not to take a step forward on a civil rights issue."

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## Numerous vice arrests at Grand Avenue

By Jamakaya

**Milwaukee [In Step]** — The Milwaukee Police Department's Vice Squad has renewed and intensified its undercover tactics in public restrooms at downtown's Grand Avenue Mall, arresting at least 18 men on January 26 and February 2.

The men have been charged by the District Attorney's Office with lewd and lascivious conduct, a criminal misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of 9 months in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Both crackdowns occurred during brief 2-3 hour stretches on Tuesday afternoons. On January 26, 11 of the 12 men arrested were African Americans and Latinos, a fact that led some Gay leaders to speculate that racism as well as homophobia may be factors in the police onslaught.

The crackdowns came as a shock to Gay and Lesbian leaders who felt they were making progress by working cooperatively with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) in implementing community-oriented policing. Late last year, they presented a number of proposals to both the MPD and the District Attorney's Office aimed at ending such undercover operations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS IGNORED

Those recommendations included referring first offenders to mental health professionals, redesigning restroom facilities to discourage such behavior and, when necessary, conducting uniformed as opposed to undercover surveillance.

Attorney Tom Martin, who represents several of the men arrested, told *In Step* that the MPD, the District Attorney and management at the Grand Avenue Mall have had no response to the

recommendations and "obviously have no interest in pursuing those changes."

"I don't see any interest in community-oriented policing here, it's just blatant entrapment," said Martin.

Martin plans to present an entrapment defense to exonerate his clients. He will argue that 1) they had no predisposition to engage in illegal activity and 2) that any illegal activity was initiated by the police officers themselves. Martin said one man arrested works at the mall and was merely using the restroom. Another has receipts for purchases made while shopping at the mall.

One man who was arrested called *In Step* to say that while he was being booked, he heard police officers saying the crackdown was a huge undercover effort encompassing the major department stores and the entire mall.

Martin felt obligated to issue this warning to Gay men: "I think that any Gay man in Milwaukee who uses the restrooms in the Grand Avenue Mall runs the risk of being arrested and charged criminally because of the MPD's undercover vice tactics."

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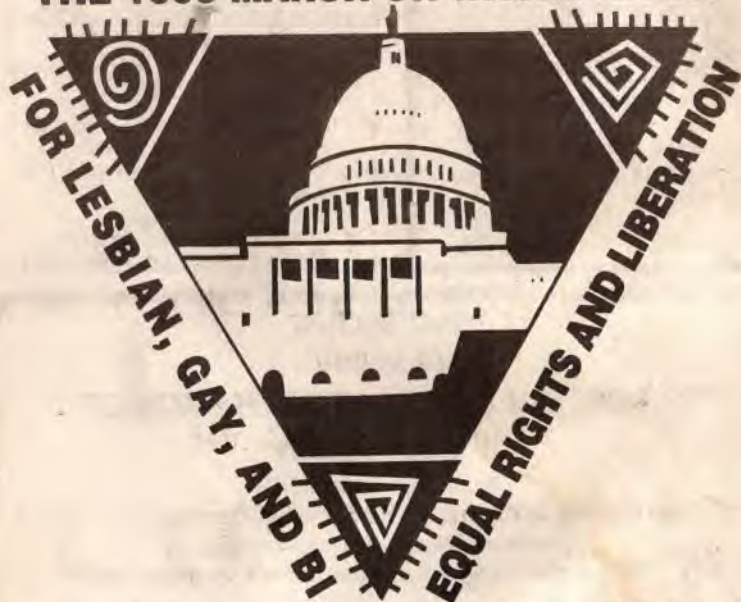
## State groups set travel plans for March on DC

[In Step] — Organizers in Madison and Milwaukee are putting the finishing touches on plans to transport hundreds of citizens from the Gay Rights State to Washington, DC to participate in the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation on April 25, 1993. Those interested in attending are urged to make their reservations soon.

UW-Madison will help subsidize the fares of students. Squires said the student fare could be as low as \$50.

Preliminary plans are for the comfortable coach style buses to leave Madison at 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 with arrival in the Maryland suburbs Saturday afternoon. Easy access to the Metro subway system there will take marchers

### THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON



In Madison, Charlie Squires of the Wisconsin Student Association (WSA) has signed a contract for three buses with a total capacity of 141 people. There is the potential for expansion should the demand for seats grow. Squires has booked an equal number of hotel rooms in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC to accommodate those taking the bus.

Squires told In Step a round trip ticket including one night's hotel lodging will cost approximately \$120-125. A grant from the Ten Percent Society at

into the nation's capital. After the March and Rally Sunday, plans are to board buses back to Wisconsin late that night with arrival in Madison early Monday evening.

Squires reports that most of the calls he has received so far are from Lesbians "very geared up" about attending the march. The hot controversy about Gays in the military is also apparently fueling people's desire to attend. He stresses the **deadline for reservations is March 5.** They

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The Counseling Center of Milwaukee  
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to benefit

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Date: Saturday, March 6th, 1993

Time: 7:00 - 11:30PM

Place: Lake Park Pavilion, 3133 E. Newberry, Milwaukee

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**STATE GROUPS SET TRAVEL PLANS FOR MARCH ON WASHINGTON**  
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are needed by that time to insure the smooth coordination of the trip.

Reservation forms are currently available from The United at its new office on the Square, 14 W. Mifflin Street. The United's phone number is (608) 255-8582. Contact numbers for Squires are (608) 262-5105 at the WSA and (608) 271-0057 at home.

In Milwaukee, the Lambda Rights Network has taken on the responsibility for coordinating transportation to Washington. Lambda President Scott Gunkel said plans called for renting four large Ford Club vans with a capacity of 10-12 people in each of them.

Preliminary plans are for the vans to leave Friday morning and to return on Monday. If participants with work commitments on Friday would prefer to leave on Friday night or Saturday morning, that too can probably be arranged.

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**Washington DC**  
**APRIL 25, 1993**



**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

**PEOPLE**  
**Men/Men**

**Cute, Butch GWM, 37** — Looking for attractive, young spirited GWM for hot safe times. Me: decent build, 5'10", 165 lbs., br/br, HIV neg., Horny, eager to please. You: 20-40, clean shaven, non-smoker. Longer hair preferred. All replies answered. Your pix get mine. Boxholder, P.O. box 07877, Milw. WI 53207. Make me your valentine.

**GWM 35, 6'11" Bk/Br.** Seeking friendship/ relationship with GWM 35-40. My interests include music, dining out, travel, talking on the phone, writing letters and spending time with one special guy. Respondents must be honest, caring, thoughtful and romantic and like to have a good time. I'm not into the bar scene. Physically, a mustache and hairy chest are a plus. All letters will be answered. A photo would be nice. P.O. box 141, Jefferson, WI 53549.

**GWM 31, 5'11", 172 lbs. Bl/Blue,** professional. Seeks guys 28-40 for friendship/ fun. I enjoy music, movies, dinner/ lunches in or out, travel, outdoors. All replies answered. Send phone & best time to be reached to: Box holder, P.O. Box 41 Caledonia, WI 53108-0041.

**GWM, 49, Professional — 5'6", 130 lbs.** Married with children. Looking for monogamous stable friendship and relationship. Man with traditional values and similar situation preferred. Box 92464, Milw., WI 53202-0464.

**Very Attractive GWC — Both 22,** looking for straight acting singles or couples for discreet fun. Must be attractive, 21-30, clean, no drugs. Send photo and phone to Rt. 1 Box H, Aniwa, WI 54408.

**Good W/your Hands? 22 yr old** good-looking GWM works too many stressful hours. Need attractive 20-35 yr. old to give me much needed massage. Write: Skip, 3307 W. Wells, Milw., WI 53204. Photo/letter gets mine!

**GWM, 34, 6'4", 210 lbs.** Brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a little brother that I never had. He should be 18-25 White, Black or Hispanic, under 6'4" and 200 lbs. Picture a plus, but not necessary. Like me he should be quiet, shy, straight-acting. Like bowling, motorcycles, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, variety of music, big trucks, and old cars. Please send letter, phone, and picture (if possible) to P.O. Box 164, Jackson, WI 53037-0164.

**GWC, mid 30's —** looking for other mature, honest and sincere GWM's for fun, friendship and socializing. No one night stands. Write to: P.O. Box 341034, Milwaukee, WI 53234.

**GWM, 29, 6'11", 235, br/bl.** bearded, tired of all the games guys play. Looking for a hairy bear 30-45 for good times and possible relationship. I enjoy everything from quiet evenings at home to the outdoors. I am stable, caring and sincere looking for same. I know you're out there somewhere! Please send photo/ phone to: P.O. Box 1881, Kenosha, WI 53141.

**Date. GWM 5'10", 34, Br/Br.** seeks to date other men. I am a self-employed professional with diverse interests. My primary interests include visual arts (particularly print media), writing and law. I greatly enjoy conversation and long walks. I am in good physical shape (work out daily) and do not smoke. I drink moderately and infrequently. I believe in and enjoy commitment and have a demonstrated ability to be monogamously involved for a long period of time. I am stable, mature and healthy. My ultimate objective is the discovery of a partner for an intense long-term relationship. I believe that intimacy is more than sexual and would rather be a friend than a merely sexual companion. I am seeking a man who is capable of being both an intimate friend and a good sexual companion. Reply with a brief note to: Solo, P.O. Box 92043, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Your reply will be kept confidential.

**Attractive GWM, older —** Greek, attractive, stable but horny, 5'8 1/2" tall. 165 lbs. to meet young (25-42) male for friendship, sex/ relationship. You: good-looking, caring, healthy. No fats or fems. P.O. 83173, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

**To Respond to an Area Dialogue ad OR hear Random Messages: 1-900-737-MENN**  
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**In Step's Area Dialogue Bi's/Couples**

**Bi-Couple:** Seeking same, kinky partiers, toys, videos, fisting, water sports, shaved a plus. All races, age 18-40's. No pain, HIV neg. Call 1-900-737-6368, ext. 9115.



## PEOPLE Women/Women

**25, married, Bi/WF** — That is petite, and attractive. Seeks for companionship another feminine, fit, attractive female. Must be safe, have transportation and willing to cum my way. Someone to bullshit, laugh, dance, and have fun with. Please enclose letter and photo (will be returned). Cheryl, P.O. Box 124, Keilnersville, WI 54215.

**Where Are You? GWF, 30, 5'4 1/2", 145 lbs.** Honest, compassionate, affectionate, college educated. Looking for compatible, loving and understanding GWF for friendship/ romance. Into quiet times, movies, darts, sports, advid music lover. Strong willingness to commit. Wait no longer. Call (414) 547-9036, leave message.

## PEOPLE Bi's/Couples

**SWM, 5'7", 140 lbs.** — 31 yrs. Trim, muscular, works out, seeks horny Bi females 18 to 40 yrs. open to race. For steamy hot times, friendship, relationship, possible soulmate. Long endurance, like threesomes, foursomes, moresomes. Clean and disease free. No over weights. Milwaukee (414) 273-3963.

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**Wanted: Butch GWM,** financially stable, 35- 45, approximately 180 lbs., & 6 feet tall. Call Ron (414) 792-1690 (days) or 783-4131 (night).

**39 Year GWM, 6', 170 lbs.,** non-smoker, muscular with leather/bondage fantasies/equipment. Seeks other adventurous GM. Safe, sane action. Top or mutual. P.O. Box 3103, Madison, WI 53704-0103.

**GWM, 30, 6' 155 lbs.** Easygoing, down to earth type. Enjoys sports, music, movies, the outdoors. Seeks GWM for friendship, possible relationship. P.O. Box 5033, Appleton, WI 54913-5033.

**Very Attractive GWM, 26, 6'3", 146 lbs.** and slender, bottom. Looking to meet GWM 18-30 must be very good-looking too. Call (414) 653-0714 ask for David.

**Orally Inclined GWM: 40's, 5'7", 140,** brown/blue, mustache, hung, un-cut, hairy. Seeking cut french passive partners. Box 632, Gurnee, IL 60031.

**GWM, 40, 6', Slender** and very smooth bottom looking for a top, any race, for safe, hot times. I'm also very oral. I also like group fun. Will travel. Please write to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 311, Appleton, WI 54912.

**Green Bay — Sentimental GWM 33, 5' 9 1/2", 160 lbs.** Seeking monogamous life companion and friends who enjoy sports, motorcycles, outdoors, camping, nature. AI, P.O. Box 9481, Green Bay, WI 54308.

**Good-looking GWM, 20 — 5'9" 135 lbs.** Brown/hazel, seeking long lasting relationship from intelligent, stable, humorous GWM 18-25, music (Erasure, Madonna), movies (Sci-fi, Classics, Horror). No one-nighters. (414) 289- 8652.

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**GBM, 5,4", 130 lbs.** — Slim build, black hair, brown eyes, 24 yr. old. Average looking. Seeks GWM into quiet times, movies, and willing to try new things. Never been in love before. Will you be my first? If you feel lonely like me, write to: M. Moore, 2224 W. Wisconsin Ave. #402, Milw., WI 53233. All letters answered. Your pic. gets mine.

**Cute GWM —** Early 20's, 6'1", firm body. I would like to find someone who is also cute and believes that the best things in life are free. You must have a love with the great outdoors to answer this ad along with good looks. Please write w/ photo to: Boxholder, P.O. box 085221, Racine, WI 53408- 5221.

**Young GWM Wanted —** for friendship/ relationship. I am in my 40's, ex-jock, bi/bl. I like outdoors, quiet nights. More info, call Rob (414) 672-9772.

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## HIV test ordered for accused rapist

**Milwaukee [In Step]** — Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Janine Geske made headlines in late January when she ordered an accused rapist facing trial to undergo an HIV test. But the head of the Sensitive Crimes Unit in the District Attorney's Office acknowledged that it was not the first time such a test had been ordered and it probably wouldn't be the last.

A state law passed in 1992 allows prosecutors to ask judges to order HIV tests of accused rapists if the victims in the case want to know the results. The HIV test result can only be revealed to the victim. Neither the alleged rapist, the attorneys, the judge nor the jurors can be given the result, and it cannot be entered into evidence at the trial.

The defendant in the case before Judge Geske, 24-year-old John S. Benson, had objected to taking the test. His attorney argued that conducting such a test prior to any conviction implied that the defendant was already guilty of the crime.

But Geske ruled that many aspects of criminal proceedings, including arrest and pretrial incarceration, can be perceived as infringements of a defendant's rights. By giving the victim "access to all of the relevant information regarding her HIV status and her alleged attacker's status," Geske said, "the courts are allowing a reasonable and minimal intrusion upon an accused sexual offender." Knowledge of her attacker's HIV status gives the victim "the opportunity to take control of her own destiny and plan her life accordingly."

But Doug Nelson of the Milwaukee AIDS Project told the **Milwaukee Journal** that Judge Geske and the law itself were sending the wrong message.

"No one should rely on the HIV test of another individual to assess their own HIV status. The victim of a sexual assault must obtain their own test," said Nelson.

He noted that the HIV test of a defendant could be unreliable: "If the defendant was recently infected and has not developed antibodies to the virus, the defendant's test can come back negative." Victims could take comfort in such a misleading test result to their own detriment.

Although Wisconsin has strict laws protecting the confidentiality of HIV test results as well as the rights of people with HIV/AIDS, the loophole for rape victims was apparently passed by legislators sympathetic to the special emotional trauma surrounding rape and, more generally, as a gesture of support for victims' rights.

Assistant District Attorney Donald Jackson, who heads the Sensitive Crimes Unit, said that less than 10 compulsory HIV tests had been sought by his office so far.

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A grant from the Cream City Foundation will help subsidize the vans, and Gunkel is seeking additional donations from groups and individuals to help with the costs. He's hoping that a round trip ticket will cost only \$20-25. Unfortunately, this fare does not include hotel lodging. Individuals will have to coordinate their own housing needs. For hotel accommodations, call 800-554-2220. For community housing, call (202) 628-0493.

Each van must also have a driver with a valid license and a credit card. Gunkel emphasized that Lambda would take ultimate responsibility for the costs and liability of the vans but that safe, responsible drivers were needed to sign for them. Volunteer drivers need to make a commitment soon.

To make reservations or donate money for Milwaukee's transport needs, call Lambda at (414) 871-4839.

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**GWF Seeking** — responsible person to share country home. Must love animals. Oshkosh/ Fond du Lac area. \$250 includes utilities. Please leave message. (414) 872- 2689.

**Young Professional GWM** — Seeks same (25- 32) for extra bedroom in new, large, furnished East Pointe Commons Apartment. Patio, washer/ dryer, security system, free parking, dishwasher, plenty of closets. Best downtown location, 3 blocks from lake. Only bedroom furnishings necessary. Responsible, mature, reasonably neat/ quiet a must. \$300/month, 1/2 utilities. 224-8091.

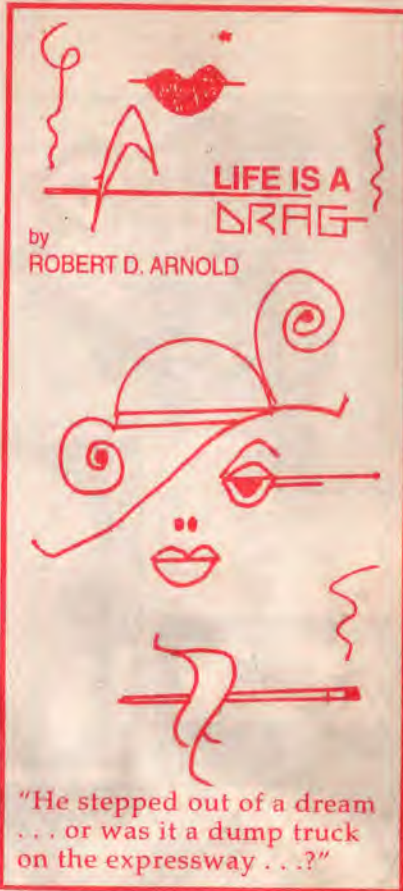
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19<sup>TH</sup>: DREAM TEAM, Male Strippers, 11<sup>PM</sup>

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# ACT UP checks out School Board candidates

**Milwaukee [ACT UP]** — ACT UP Milwaukee found some promising responses to its AIDS and public education survey, sent to Milwaukee Public School Board candidates. Nine candidates from District 4, 5, 6, and 7 were contacted, with five responding. The five are District 5 (East and near South Sides) candidates Mary Bills (incumbent), Terry Longo, Edith Brengel Radtke, and Clyde Taylor; and District 6 (West Side) candidate David DeBruin. All five expressed willingness to meet with the AIDS community, though their varying responses to the rest of the seven-question survey makes important distinctions to AIDS-conscious voters.

The Milwaukee School Board primaries are Tuesday, February 16, from 7am to 8pm. The most contested board race is in Milwaukee's District 5, encompassing East and near South Side neighborhoods. The incumbent, Mary Bills, said she supports condom availability and family planning counseling, but emphasized that such an initiative would be more viable if it came from students.

Another District 5 candidate, Terry Longo, was more vague about condom availability. However, Clyde Taylor, a District 5 respondent, stated outright opposition to condoms and contraceptive counselling. Taylor also opposed some efforts to increase healthy self-respect among students with diversity lessons, saying that schools are not an "appropriate forum for debates about 'lifestyle.'" Another District 5 respondent, Edith Brengel Radtke, did not

tackle the condom issue head-on, but cited her position on the Steering Committee of the Wisconsin AIDS fund and volunteer work for Planned Parenthood as important credentials.

The West Side's District 6 also provides choices to voters who fear AIDS' impact on young students. While the incumbent is not seeking re-election, two candidates — David DeBruin and Michael Wanta — are running to fill the seat. Wanta didn't return ACT UP's survey, but DeBruin did, revealing his support for condom availability and family planning counseling for interested students. DeBruin emphasized that responsibility must be taught as part of such counseling, and also stated that students "should be made aware of such diversity of culture and lifestyle."

District 4's (near North Side) Jared Johnson (incumbent) did not respond to the questionnaire; District 5 candidate Mario Avila, District 6's Michael Wanta, and District 7's (Southwest Side) Lawrence O'Neill (incumbent) did not respond as well. Johnson is apparently unopposed, while O'Neill faces write-in candidate and school building plan proponent Pamela Verley. O'Neil is known to many Milwaukee voters for his apparent ignorance during school board debate of Gay-friendly policies, and for his sudden conversion to opposition of the high-profile school-building referendum.

ACT UP conducted the survey in hopes of informing voters and uncovering "stealth candidates" run by the religious right to impose their will on others.





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# Jock Shorts

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After the game, the scene shifts to the Ball Game for the Commissioner's Inaugural Ball. There'll be free beer and soda, and Rick's fabulous chili to warm everyone up. The festivities begin at 4 and continue until 7pm.

The officers of the league want to use this day to get new people involved in the league, but those who have played in prior years are also welcome. Come on out to meet the officers and players and get a preview of how much fun Saturday afternoons will be this summer.

## H.I.T. '93 kicks off fundraising

**Milwaukee** — What could be better than bowling? How about **Duck Pin Bowling!** The Holiday Invitational Tournament, Inc. announced the 1993 Fundraising Season will begin on March 6, 1993 at Koz's Mini-Bowl, located at 2078 South 7th Street.

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The cost of \$15 (\$20 on the day of the event) includes your duck pin bowling and an awards banquet at 6pm hosted by the Ball Game, which includes free food, free tap beer, and \$1 off all drinks for duck pin bowlers.

Space is limited so be sure to register early to avoid missing out on all the fun. Simply call Debi at (414) 871-4735 or Bill at (414) 462-6214 to sign up or see any HIT Board Member for more information.

The Holiday Invitational Tournament, Inc., celebrating 15 years in 1993, is the oldest and one of the largest Gay, Lesbian and straight tournaments in North America. H.I.T. is built on a tradition of friendship and sportsmanship through the sponsorship of an International bowling tournament each year. H.I.T. is also proud of its ongoing civic duties through donations of personnel, resources, and monetary contributions.

Look for details in future issues of In Step on upcoming H.I.T.- sponsored events, including the 2nd Annual Celebration Cruise and the ever-popular Rita Bowl III!



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## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### FEBRUARY 16 ELECTION TO FILL SEATS OF BARRETT AND FEINGOLD

On the ballot in the February 16 primary election are races to replace former Democratic State Senators Tom Barrett and Russ Feingold. In last November's elections, Barrett won the US Congressional seat in the 5th District and Feingold was chosen US Senator.

Vying for Barrett's 5th District State Senate seat are Democrats Jeannette Bell and David Cullen, both currently members of the State Assembly. The winner of that contest will face a run-off election in April against Republican Assemblywoman Peggy Rosenzweig.

In the 27th State Senate District, Democratic Assemblyman Joseph Wineke and fellow Democrat David Wiganowski, Republicans Jonathan Barry and Philip Graber, and Independents Jeffrey Freibert and Todd Winstrom all hope to replace Feingold.

### HATE CRIMES APPEAL HAS BACKING OF ALL 50 STATES

**Madison** — When State Attorney General Jim Doyle filed written arguments with the US Supreme Court in defense of Wisconsin's hate crimes law, he had the support of the attorneys general of every other state and the District of Columbia. In addition, 15 national organizations, including the NAACP and the National Organization for Women, submitted briefs in support of the law.

Doyle said the unprecedented support showed the significance of the issue throughout the country. The high court is expected to hear oral arguments in March or April.

The hate crimes law adds additional prison time for those convicted of a crime motivated by hatred for the victim's race, religion, disability, national origin or sexual orientation. The Wisconsin Supreme Court declared the law an unconstitutional infringement of free speech rights last year. The outcome of the Supreme Court case will affect similar laws in at least twenty other states.

### FACILITY FOR HOMELESS VICTIMS OF AIDS PLANNED

**Milwaukee** — The City of Milwaukee and Health Care for the Homeless of Milwaukee, Inc., a non-profit group, have received a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide temporary housing for homeless people with AIDS.

City officials are looking for a neighborhood where such a home will be accepted by nearby residents. It will provide temporary housing and medical care to people with AIDS who lack the financial resources to care for themselves. It will be administered by Health Care for the Homeless.

### TAPES OF VICTIM ALLOWED AT MURDER TRIAL

**Jefferson** — Jefferson County Judge Arnold K. Schumann has ruled that videotapes of a transvestite murder victim engaged in sexual scenes with older men before his death can be entered as evidence by the defendant's attorney.

In the case, 77-year old Harold C. Maass is charged with first degree intentional homicide for the murder of Robert K. Woelfel, 47. Maass allegedly shot Woelfel twice after the victim came to his trailer house clad in women's garments last October. Maass had previously reported a similar incident to the police in 1991. He said at that time a female impersonator had come to his home and tried to strangle him.

The autopsy report indicates Woelfel was shot once in the back from a distance and then shot in the head at close range. Police found the unusual videotapes in the trunk of Woelfel's car. The defense will apparently use the tapes to cast doubt on the victim's motives. Maass's attorney says his client is a "vulnerable old man" preyed upon by Woelfel.

### STATE PRESBYTERIANS SUPPORT GAYS AS MINISTERS

**Beloit** — On January 26, the Milwaukee Presbytery adopted several resolutions

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immediate, "Send us more!"

### THE NEW GENRE

Tom's growing popularity gave him the courage to publish the art that was most dear to him, those handsome and happy soldiers, police officers, cowboys and construction workers that occupied his fantasies and drawing table. The irony of the situation was that because of his continuing work as a commercial artist (the magazines didn't pay enough for him to quit), it would be decades before any of his work was published with his real name. Thus the most famous artist of Gay erotica in the world was 'Tom of Finland,' not Touko Laaksonen.

By the mid 1960's, Tom's work evolved even further. The magazines which published his drawings were no longer showing men in posing straps calmly flexing their muscles. They now featuring fully nude models, and eventually even men having sex. Many other artists were now also copying Tom's photo-realistic, masculine style. Tom wondered how to keep on top of market that was rapidly becoming more competitive.

His solution was to make his men even more incredible. Tom's nudes were now sporting eighteen inch or larger penises, and were engaging in activities that the magazines couldn't show live models doing for fear of being declared obscene. Tom's men were now fucking and fisting, tying each other to trees and playing in ways no one had ever seen published before, and they did it all with smiles on their faces.

### THE LEADER OF THE PACK

By the mid 1970's, many other artists had followed Tom's lead. People like Bill Ward, The Hun, Chicago's late Etienne and even Milwaukee's own Robert Uyvri eventually gained prominence and fame by creating images of masculine men being Gay. The images were far more than merely artwork by then however.

In major cities like San Francisco, New York and Amsterdam, the Gay neighborhoods were full of men with large pecs, washboard stomachs and short, military style haircuts wearing faded jeans, t-shirts and boots. In the bars,

these men could be seen in full leather, hard-hats, cowboy hats, and police and military uniforms. The images of Tom of Finland and the others were far more than just artwork. They had shaped the culture and appearances of the Gay lifestyle.

Many men — like myself — look at the images created by the late Tom of Finland and give silent thanks to whatever Gods and Goddesses may be for him, and those like him. For in his work we saw ourselves, not as the straight may see us, but as we truly are. We may not all have the bodies of Tom's men, but the same fire that burns in them burns in us as well.

### TOM OF FINLAND FOUNDATION

The Tom of Finland Foundation was formed in 1986, originally to preserve and document the work of Tom and insure protection of his copyrights (people have made fortunes selling unauthorized and plagiarized copies of Tom's work). The mission of the foundation has grown to include the work of all erotic artists, Lesbian, Gay or Straight. Their goal is to have a complete record of such works available on digital laser disc. The collection will be available to art institutions, museums and colleges. The Foundation is a non-profit educational organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible.

For more information, or to make a donation, write to The Tom of Finland Foundation, P.O. Box 26658, Los Angeles, CA 90026, or call them at (213) 250-1685.

The Foundation also plans on releasing the film "Daddy and the Muscle Academy" on video tape by August or September of this year. I highly recommend this film, both for its documentary quality and its exciting collection of Tom's work.

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numbers game," keeping close count of their T-cells. There are some general guidelines regarding the number of T Helper cells (CD4) in the blood and how they relate to illness. Normal numbers are around 1,000. Those people who are HIV positive generally experience a decline in numbers over time. Most doctors will begin anti-viral treatment when the count drops to 500. As the T cells diminish you become more susceptible to the various OIs, however, this is a very individualized situation. Knowing your numbers will have no physical effect on you, and in some people may have a negative mental effect. As long as your doctor is

monitoring your T-cells don't become obsessed with the numbers. I know someone doing well with NO T cells, and I'm doing okay with just a few. Your general mental and physical health can have a greater influence than T-cell numbers.

Overall, leading as normal a life as possible is the best thing for everyone. Keep as close to your pre-illness routine as you can. It sort of comes down to eat, drink, and be merry (or Mary) depending on your lifestyle. A little moderation goes a long way, or as Mark Twain said, "I'm for moderation as long as it doesn't hurt anyone."



## Leather Worlds

by Tony Terry

### Tom of Finland: the images of leather

When I think back to my earliest exposure to the art of the late Tom of Finland, what I remember is the smiles.

Here were masculine, incredibly muscular men, most dressed (at least partially) in leather, uniforms and Levis. They were sizing each other up, cruising or engaging in wildly abandoned sex; and almost all of them were smiling in a good natured, friendly way. Such happy, butch men carrying on flew in the face of everything I had been taught to believe about Gay men and homosexuality as a whole.

Having finally had the chance to see the film "Daddy and the Muscle Academy," those images and their effect on my life has been brought into sharp focus again.

#### THE ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES

'Tom' came of age in the Europe of World War II, and his first sexual fantasies and experiences revolved around the German and Finnish soldiers during that conflict. To the young artist these men were not merely fellow soldiers, they were sexual Gods; and his adulation of them was expressed in his secret drawings.

After the war, he went to work as a

commercial artist, creating advertisements. But he still worked on his 'Men,' and waited for the opportunity to share his creations with the rest of the world.

The chance came in the 1950's. 'Muscle' magazines were being published in the U.S. for a decidedly Gay market. These were a far cry from what we now call muscle magazines — there were no stories on nutrition or proper workout techniques — just page after page of photographs and drawings of muscular young men flexing in tiny posing straps. These were indeed the predecessors of the later Gay skin mags, and because they showed no genitalia, they were available at newsracks and magazine counters all over the States.

'Tom' began submitting artwork for these publications, but believing the readers were not ready for his visions of uniform clad macho men, he sent in paintings and drawings of rosy-cheeked collegiate types flirting and laughing together. Far from the hyper-masculine images he would later become world famous for, these creations still possessed a happiness and a joviality which the readers adored. These were not shady, seedy characters skulking about in the shadows, they were amiable young men who were enjoying their lives.

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urging the church's governing body to give Gays and Lesbians equal access to positions as deacons, elders and ministers.

The presbytery, representing 53 churches in southeast Wisconsin, will ask the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to reverse its policy excluding homosexuals from ordination. The General Assembly is scheduled to meet in Florida in June.

Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ATTENDANCE DOWN AT ASPEN GAY SKI WEEK

Reflecting support for the national boycott of Colorado over its adoption of an anti-Gay measure, attendance at this year's Gay Ski Week in Aspen dropped considerably. Instead of the 4,000 people expected, only about 2,500 came.

According to USA Today, many of those attending said they would not return until the measure was overturned. Many said they were only there because they could not cancel their reservations without losing money. They also admitted being criticized by Gay friends for being "politically incorrect." A peaceful protest march began the ski week and many people around Aspen wore buttons saying "Undo 2," a reference to the amendment which passed. A temporary injunction has halted implementation of the law until the courts can rule on its constitutionality.

Meanwhile, Gay Spots, a Gay directory assistance service, is offering people nationwide an opportunity to honor the boycott of Colorado while at the same time supporting Gay-owned businesses there.

Consumers can call 1-800-4-GAY-SPOTS (1-800-442-9776) to learn about Gay-run businesses and services in Colorado and throughout the nation. The current database contains information on more than 5,000 Gay-friendly businesses nationwide.

GAY RIGHTS BILL APPROVED BY NEW YORK ASSEMBLY

Albany, NY — On February 1, the New York State Assembly passed a Gay rights bill by an unexpectedly large margin of 90-50. Nine Republicans joined 81 Democrats supporting the bill.

Gov. Mario Cuomo has endorsed the bill and plans to sign it if the State Senate also approves it. But its prospects for passage are unclear in the Republican dominated Senate.

During debate, Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, an open Lesbian, won a round of applause from her colleagues after testifying about how she had experienced discrimination "as a Jew, as a woman, as a Lesbian... It is incredibly important for this society to finally rid itself of the last vestiges of ignorance because it is ignorance that leads to prejudice and bigotry. And it is bigotry that leads to violence that will destroy all of us."

The law would add sexual orientation to the state's civil rights code which prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, education, credit and public accommodations. Seven states currently have similar laws.

ACCLAIMED LESBIAN WRITER BANNED BY LITERARY GROUP IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, OK — The New York Times reports that the Oklahoma State Center for the Book has canceled an appearance by author Dorothy Allison because she is a Lesbian. Allison was a finalist for the National Book Award last year for her critically acclaimed novel *Bastard Out of Carolina*.

Ann Hamilton, Director of the Center, reportedly told an official of the National Book Foundation: "There's no way this woman is coming to Oklahoma. This is the buckle of the Bible Belt. We have only two major events a year, and we do not want one of them to be a Gay event." Hamilton later denied she made the comment and said there was simply a problem with scheduling.

"I'm 43 years old and I've been queer cont'd. on page 32

Positively HIV

by Arnie Malmon

A sometimes serious, sometimes irreverent look at living with AIDS (this is part 6 of as many as I can write before the fat lady sings)...

Information...you can know too much

Of the many problems involved in living with AIDS are how much should you learn about the disease, the drugs used to treat it and the various opportunistic infections (OI). Like most things in life, there is a middle ground here too; it falls between self imposed ignorance, and the quest for every tidbit of information available. This middle ground of knowledge is what protects you from obsessions (the psychological, not the Calvin Klein).

There has been a great deal written about AIDS in an incredible number of publications. Much of it can be overwhelming. Prior to my being diagnosed I had been following developments related to AIDS since about 1982-83 and I consider myself fairly knowledgeable about it and the available drug treatments, along with some of the alternative treatments. I have not concentrated on the mechanisms of the disease itself. There has been a great deal written in an incredible number of publications. Much of it can be overwhelming. I have not concentrated on the mechanisms of the disease itself. As I said in an earlier article I'm not a doctor and don't play one on TV. In my opinion the important things to know are how to prevent transmission of HIV and how to care for yourself if you are positive and/or have AIDS.

The two major factors in all of this are knowing what drugs are available and how to deal with them. The reason I advocate this is that ignoring HIV and AIDS will not make it go away nor will it improve your health.

There are two sources of what I call gruesomely detailed information about drugs. The first is the so called "package

insert," the information sheet the manufacturer includes with the drug. This describes the absolute worst case scenario. It details every possible thing that could go wrong in people taking the drug. In essence it is a legal document. The second item is the Physicians Desk Reference, known as the PDR. This contains similar information to the package insert along with additional product information. While it's good to know something about the drugs you're taking, you don't need to know everything. Often we let ourselves develop symptoms and side effects that are caused by reading rather than actual illness. My doctor told me not to read the package inserts. I do anyway, but I've learned to glean basic information without developing new side effects. I've found the same with the PDR. I'll look but not be overly influenced.

The reason I resist self imposed ignorance is that it can be harmful. Not knowing what you can do or should not do can be detrimental to your mental and physical health. Taking the approach that you're going to die anyway so it doesn't matter what you do, in reality will probably speed up the process. I advocate maintaining a high quality of life while one is living. For example, the studies on smoking and HIV and AIDS indicate a speed up of your deterioration, so you might consider quitting. Mixing alcohol and some drugs may have the same effect. If you know your drugs you can determine if you should be drinking or not, and if yes, how much you can consume without causing a problem. If you have questions about activities and drugs, never hesitate to write them down and ask your doctor. A lot of people don't like to ask the doctor about drugs or lifestyle, so I will remind everyone that nurses and pharmacists are very knowledgeable people. They're often easier to talk to than doctors and sometimes more helpful.

Another common pastime for people with AIDS is playing what I call "the



searching: why haven't you found your knight in shining armor (or fair damsel, depending on what you're looking for)? Because you haven't thoroughly mapped out what that stud or studette should be. Consider, for instance, their:

• **spirituality**: are they the new-age, unconditional-love type, or still clinging to vestiges of their youthful religious upbringing when they were more attracted to the same-sex Sunday school teacher than to God;

• **sense of humor**: not that they're adept with whoopie cushions and plastic doodoo, but perhaps possess some sort of actual wit;

• **communication skills**: can they use their lips to communicate something beyond "so-what-are-you-into?";

• **romance**: can they use their lips to romance you with sweet nothings in your ear, something beyond "so-what-are-you-into?";

• **sex**: can they use their lips... period;

• **lifestyle compatibility**: you can't both be daddies, you can't both be bottoms, one can't be an activist queer and the other a closeted homosexual;

• **leisure**: is your would-be lover busy memorizing the ESPN sports schedule for the month while you are out buying box-seat tickets to every opera, symphony, and musical in town?

• **pet preference**: do you prefer to pet? no, wait, that isn't right. Do you prefer your pet to be a poodle while your potential partner has a persian? (say that three times fast). If so, the four of you may soon be fighting like cats and dogs;

• **house-cleaning**: as a probable pair, both of you should answer the following identically: "Cleanliness is next to godliness" a) in the dictionary; b) is tattooed on my chest; c) not really, but **The Odd Couple** is definitely my favorite old TV sit-com.

• **housekeeping**: "If that little slut tries to cheat on me just once, then it's divorce and I'm KEEPING the HOUSE!" -or- "Honey, I love the way you KEEP dragging tricks to our HOUSE for fabulous mutual sexcapades!" — but it can't be both ways. Either it's true-blue- stuck-on-you between the two of you, or the two of you are stuck on whoever is between. A

lover's knot can have many beaus, ya know.

You might also want to keep in mind the famous four C's that expert jewelers use to evaluate diamonds; if you want an elegant, rare gem of a lover rather than a bargain- basement cubic zirconia, use this checklist of C's:

• **Color**: the very finest diamonds are completely colorless; in my opinion the very finest relationships are those not based on color, but that may not be your feelings; or perhaps you are seeking out some drop-dead gorgeous model type with an all-over tan, while you are perennially fish-belly white;

• **Clarity**: very few diamonds are totally flawless, because nature is rarely perfect; very few relationships are totally flawless, because even if your potential mate is perfect, YOU sure as hell aren't! another aspect of clarity to consider — is this person relatively concise or do they babble incessantly, and like, okay I mean, like, well, fer shure, can they relate totally or is it hella bogus, dude, oh wow, fiercely toasted, hyeah;

• **Cut**: refers to the shape of the diamond and arrangement of its facets; a poorly cut stone will have less fire and brilliance, therefore less value, just like most of my dates. Also (men only) is he cut or uncut, and does that matter?

• **Carats**: this is the measure of the size of the jewel; is size important to you? Size can refer to height, weight, I.Q., investment portfolio, or (attention men: size queen alert) how many carats is his carrot??

But enough theorizing already. All right, Sister's Love Seminar is now adjourned. Go out and find Mr. (Miss? Ms.??) Right. And if you don't come back with a hot lover in time for Valentine's, go out and buy yourself a ten- pound box of assorted Candy, because as we all know, chocolate is an excellent substitute for orgasm. Yummmmm, pass the chocolate-covered nuts, please!!!



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my whole life," Allison told the *Times*. "And I have learned that most people, especially in the arts, don't want to get caught expressing their prejudices in public and make up elaborate excuses when they do." Allison said she was not notified about the cancellation and demanded an apology from the Center.

**ACLU FILES CHALLENGE TO ANTI-GAY ORDINANCE**

**Springfield, OR** — The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon is challenging an anti-Gay measure adopted by the citizens of Springfield in a referendum last May. The suit seeks an injunction to halt implementation of the law and argues that it violates the constitutional rights of equal protection and freedom of expression.

The initiative forbids the city or its officials from adopting any "law, ordinance, rule or resolution" that includes "sexual orientation, sexual preference" and "similar phrases that include homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism."

David Fidanque of the ACLU said: "If the right of one minority group can be denied — whether that minority is a racial minority, a political minority, a religious minority or a sexual minority — then the rights of all of us are in danger."

ACLU attorneys won similar suits in Concord and Riverside, California last year.

**KILLER OF LESBIAN COUPLE GETS TWO LIFE TERMS**

**Detroit, MI** — James Brooks, 67, has been sentenced to two life terms in prison after a jury convicted him of murder in the deaths of a Lesbian couple who lived next door to him.

Susan Pittman and Christine Puckett were shot to death by Brooks on May 5, 1992 after quarreling about a fence they placed on their disputed property line. Brooks, who said he disapproved of the women's relationship, first shot them from a distance of 80 feet. He then

approached the women, lying on the ground wounded, and shot them again at point blank range.

Brooks was also convicted a firearms felony.

**ANTI-GAY BILL INTRODUCED IN MISSOURI LEGISLATURE**

**Jefferson City, MO** — Gay activists in Missouri are mobilizing against a new measure in the State Senate which will prohibit any employees of the state's public schools from mentioning homosexuality or using any materials that discuss it with students.

The bill reads, in part: "No administrator, teacher or any other employee of any public school shall publish, disseminate or in any other manner present any material to any public school student which depicts or advocates homosexuality."

"Material" is broadly defined as pamphlets, leaflets, books, banners, signs and posters "containing any words, messages, pictures or symbols related to homosexuality."

**NEW YORK SCHOOL CHIEF MODIFIES RAINBOW CURRICULUM**

**New York, NY** — In the tense stand-off between New York City School Chancellor Joseph Fernandez and a local school board that refuses to accept the new "Rainbow Curriculum" which urges respect for Gays and Lesbians, the Chancellor has blinked.

In the revisions issued by Fernandez in late January, most references to "Lesbian and Gay families" were replaced with the words "same gender couples." Opponents objected to the guidelines being issued to teachers of first grade students, although the curriculum is only advisory and is not actually distributed among students.

Observers noted that Fernandez's conciliatory gesture was meant to head off months of contentious debate and potential lawsuits over the curriculum. The fence-mending may also boost his chances for a new contract this summer. Opponents, however, said the changes were meaningless and continue to object to the curriculum.

**No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)**

**V.D. Clinic for the lovelorn**

Ahhh February 14th. Ahhh Valentine's Day. Ahhh precious cupid with his bow & arrow. Ahhh Sweet Mystery of Love at Last I've Found You. Ahhhhhh NUTS! Oh, forgive me, dear readers who have already pair-bonded and settled into your darling little love nests, settling down to exchange big heart-shaped boxes of gooey chocolates and lace-trimmed greeting cards with even gooier sentiments written inside. This is YOUR special day with your special lover, so run, go merrily skipping hand-in-hand together through a field of daisies into the sunset and off to eternal bliss. Bless you!

And keep you... far from me! I'm sorry: jeepers, maybe I've still got some left-over scrooge in me, but all I can say is HUMBUG to the lovebug! And now that

we've gotten rid of those cloying, annoying, lovey-dovey, queery-wearys, et's get down and real, shall we, kids: it's another G.D. V.D. (gosh-darned Valentine's Day) and we're stuck sending ourselves yet another Hallmark card from "Your Secret Admirer" in a desperate ploy to impress our matched-out match-making friends. Doesn't it just warm the cockles of your heart? And there's nothing like a hot cockle, now is there?

But take heart (pun alert!) and enroll in the Sister Dana V.D. Clinic for the Lovelorn. All right, first let's all shout out our 12-step greeting to the group: "Hello, I'm (use your fake name here to avoid undue embarrassment), and I'm without a significant other." Then Sister Facilitator goes, "Welcome, you poor, lonely, desperate, sad, miserable wretches... but, hey, we're okay!"

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# Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

## Doing Their Part

(Editor's Note: We recommend that reading the following column be accompanied with poignant, swelling music reaching a misty eyed, inspiring crescendo by the end of the last paragraph.)

Around the globe, a new activist spirit is whooshing, willy-nilly into hearts and minds. People are crossing race, sexual and economic barriers to help right the injustices of their people and the planet. The following is but a brief accounting of such heroic efforts led by celebrities and people just like you and me!

- ▼ In an incredible display of unity, Gay and Lesbian short order cooks from around the country announced they would support the Colorado boycott and the repeal of that state's homophobic Amendment 2 by refusing to serve customers who order Denver omelettes.
- ▼ Thousands of decorated Gay veterans have come forward to dispel the latest absurd Pentagon assertions about Gays serving in the military. The most recent charges claim Gay soldiers cited for outstanding service and heroics were selfishly motivated by an uncontrollable desire to accessorize their drab uniforms with pretty ribbons and shiny medals, since the military dress code strictly prohibits the use of rhinestone broaches and bangles. A spokesman for the Gay veterans group vehemently denied this claim, stating that is was ridiculous since (as any Gay soldier with an ounce of color co-ordination knows) most of the colored ribbons and medals simply clash with the Army's green and camouflage outfits.
- ▼ In more Colorado news, the entire cast from the harrowing mountain survival movie, *Alive* announced they would begin production on a sequel. In *Alive Two* the cast boards a plane filled with Amendment 2 supporters and crash lands into the Rocky Mountains near

Aspen, where they are forced to eat the homophobes in order to survive and learn that Rush Limbaugh tastes like extra greasy fried chicken. Funding for the movie will be provided by Pepto Bismol, Tums and Richard Simmons' Deal-A-Meal.

▼ In an apartment where hundreds of Calvin Klein ads clipped from "Vogue" and framed "Tiger Beat" pin-ups adorn the walls, a Boston man announced plans to turn his home into a shrine (much like Graceland) for hip-hop, crotch-grabbing, homo-tease Marky Mark. Proceeds from this attraction will go to support Gay men suffering from *Pec-Fixation Disorder*. The highlight of the tour will be a bathroom display where he plans to exhibit a pubic hair laced bar of soap from a hotel room where Marky Mark was said to have spent the night.

▼ Meanwhile, crotch-grabbing King of Pop, Michael Jackson, announced plans to sue Marky Mark for stealing his trademark *crotch clutch* and would donate money from a judgement to Emmanuel Lewis, so the has-been half-pint can buy a pair of elevator shoes.

▼ In Hollywood, proceeds from a star-studded benefit will be donated to scientists trying to determine if there is a like between excessive, public crotch grabbing and small penis size.

▼ And finally, drag queens from around the country are performing benefit shows for fellow illusionists who spent their entire life savings to have Cindy Crawford-esque moles surgically implanted on their cheeks. This is especially tragic considering that the money could have been better spent on liposuction treatments, new wigs and make-up or expensive presents for W.W. Wells III! ▲

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*LaCage* EVERY WEDNESDAY  
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## REPUBLICAN LEADERS CRITICIZE ZEALOTRY

St. Louis, MO — At a recent meeting of the Republican National Committee, the outgoing chairman said Republicans should reject "zealotry masquerading as principle" and urged his party to become more moderate and respectful of the growing diversity of America.

The GOP meeting, called to choose a new chairman and to regroup after its defeat last November, outgoing chairman Rich Bond said: "America is getting more diverse. It's our job to recognize this change and offer new platforms and candidates and policies that reflect changing times and do not cling to zealotry masquerading as principle and the stale ideas of the dead and dying past."

Haley Barbour, a lawyer-lobbyist from Mississippi who once managed Ronald Reagan's political affairs, was named the new chairman. ▽

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## Group Notes

### The United moves, announces programs

**Madison** — The United, Madison's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual agency for social change has moved to beautiful, larger space at a new location on the Square, 145 West Mifflin Street, Suite 103. Their mailing address is PO Box 310, Madison, WI 53701. Their phone number is (608) 255-8582, and hours are 9am to 5pm and 7-10pm Monday through Friday.

The new location gives The United double the space to serve the Madison and Dane County area; increased visibility and the opportunity for more outreach programming.

The United continues to offer: Recovery and Support Groups; Ongoing phone lines, advocacy and referrals; Speaker's Bureau; 2,000 volume library; varieties of volunteer opportunities; and archives.

Upcoming programming includes: An Institute for Gay/Lesbian studies; Monthly G/L Speaker Series; More visibility in local and area media; developing large event fundraising strategies; and development of a capital building program.

• Persons with great and grand ideas for possible fundraising events for The United are asked to attend a strategy and brainstorming meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:30pm at the office. Refreshments will be served. Call the office for more information.

• Volunteer training sessions begin in early March. There are plenty of opportunities for anyone interested in the phone lines; speaker's bureau; data entry; archives; publicity and fundraising; and the Institute for Gay Studies. Again, call the office for more information.

• Three support groups are starting up in February and March: Lesbian Coming Out Group; Gay Male Coming Out Group; MAD-Queens, a monthly social and discussion group for Madison area

drag queens; and a Men In Transition Group (everything but coming out — moves, break ups, career problems, etc.). Call the office for details.

### BESTD Clinic elects officers

**Milwaukee** — The Board of Directors of Brady East STD Clinic met January 25th, to install three newly elected board members and to vote for officers for the coming year. The new board members are: Bob Schmidt, owner of the M&M Club, for his second term; Karen Hogan, first term and Jeff Buckles, also first term.

At the meeting the board also elected the following officers: Ross Walker, President, to his second term; Jeff Buckles, Vice President/ Outreach, his first term; Jose Avila, Secretary, second term and Erv Uecker, Treasurer, his fourth term. Outgoing directors Deborah Reed and Henrick Christensen received the board's thanks for their previous efforts. Chris Rupprecht, Director of the Alternative Women's Clinic who was previously a Vice president, did not choose to run for office this term.

Other business at the meeting included a lengthy discussion pertaining to the ongoing renovation of the facilities which are located in the historic Brady Street area. Original plans for exterior renovation had to be shelved due to the plans not having been in keeping with the ambience of the area and the City's Historic preservation guidelines.

BESTD Clinic has served the Gay and Lesbian population of Milwaukee and surrounding areas for many years under several names. It has been in its present location for a number of years and offers the following services: Anonymous HIV testing by appointment on Monday and Wednesday Nights; a walk-in STD Clinic for diagnoses and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases on Tuesday nights

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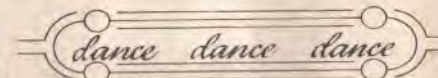
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## 20th MAGIC Picnic July 17

**Madison** — The 20th Annual M.A.G.I.C. Picnic on Saturday, July 17, 1993, at Brittingham Park, from noon to 7pm. The MAGIC Picnic is a seasonal social gathering attended by the Madison Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community, their families, and friends from around the Midwest. It is supported by Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community Organizations and their friends. MAGIC Weekend is "The" Social event of the year for the Madison community. Several thousand participants are expected from all over the United States and Canada. The MAGIC Picnic has national recognition as one of the Midwest's biggest parties!

### LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The MAGIC Picnic Committee is currently soliciting any Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual artists who wish to submit a logo/design for MAGIC '93. The chosen design will be used for advertising, promotion and as the official '93 MAGIC T-Shirt. The design can consist of no more than 2 colors, and must include the words MAGIC — July 17, 1993 — and Madison, Wisconsin, and should try to incorporate a 20th Anniversary/Annual theme. The design should be no larger than 12" X 12", and must be submitted to the MAGIC Committee no later than

### BESTD Clinic Elects New Officers

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beginning at 6pm and an Alternative Women's Clinic on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10am to noon. BESTD also conducts HIV testing at various bars during the month. Additionally, the clinic sponsors a support group for Gay HIV positive men. A new cable show, **BESTD Clinic Answers Your Questions On HIV**, can be seen on Warner Cable, Channel 47 every Thursday night at 7pm.

If you are interested in doing something for your community, BESTD has a number of volunteer positions available. For more information you can call the clinic during regular clinic hours at 272-2144.

March 15, 1993. Send designs to: MAGIC Committee, 636 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703.

In past years, the MAGIC Picnic has helped provide financial resources for The Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, The Madison AIDS Support Network, The Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS, GALVANIZE the 10% Society, The United, ACT UP, Fontiers, Bi? Shy? Why?, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the Campus Women's Center, and UW Whitewater's GLSU, among others.

If you, your organization, or someone else you know might be interested in helping to underwrite the picnic (thereby deferring costs and providing more proceeds to be distributed among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Organizations) please send contributions and inquiries to: The MAGIC Committee, 636 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703.

## Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant

**Milwaukee** — The Third Annual Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant will be held Sunday, March 7 at the Marc Plaza Hotel's Empire Room. Dinner is served at 6pm, with the Pageant beginning at 7pm. Tickets for the dinner and pageant are \$17.50 in advance. Pageant only tickets are \$15 at the door. Tables for eight may be reserved at no

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**Club 219 Plus:** The Dream Team male dancers.

**Partners:** Mardi Gras Costume Ball & Contest, 11pm, cash & prizes. Free drink for those in costume.

**Integrity/Dignity [Madison]:** Open forum on restructuring Dignity/USA, St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave., 7pm.

**Sass [Green Bay]:** Grand opening, DJ 9pm-1am. Drink specials, prizes throughout eve.

**SSBL Commissioner's Inaugural Ball:** 4pm to 7pm at Ball Game. Free beer & soda. All those interested in softball welcome to attend.

**Jo'Dee's [Racine]:** 20th Anniv. Gala Mr./Ms/Miss Jo'Dee's Intl. Contest 11pm. Free Hors d'oeuvres, champagne punch, 7-9pm.

**1100 Club:** Mardi Gras party. Food prizes, costume contest.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** 1st Annual Mardi Gras.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**Mardi Gras '93 Celebration:** At the Domes to benefit the Pride Parade & Festival Committee. 6-11pm. Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (Domes). Cash bar; entertainment by 219 Girls, Cream City Squares, and Shoreline Dancers; disk jockeys; costume & headdress contests with prizes. See ad for details. \$20 advance, \$25 door.

**Cafe Melange:** Live band, Dianna Jones & Company, 8:30-12:30pm, \$3 cover.

**Milw. Chapter of Parents & Friends of G/L [PFLAG] Meeting:** 7-9pm, Kingo Lutheran Church, corner of Wilson Drive & Olive St. in Shorewood.

**AIDS Evensong & Prayer Service:** All Saints Cathedral, 818 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee. Reverend Doctor Rick Brewer from the Kenwood Methodist Church will be present, as well as the choir from the Methodist church. If anyone would like prayers made on behalf of a friend or loved one, for someone who has been taken by AIDS, for a caregiver, or for any concern call the Cathedral Office at 271-7719.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Station II:** Mon. Night at the movies, "Victor Victoria" 7pm.

**BJ's:** Washington's birthday, \$1 apple shots, all night.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**Roller Skating:** At Butler's Skateland at 8pm (12400 W. Custer Ave.) \$4.50 includes skate rental. Information? Call GAMMA at 963-9833.

**Rod's [Madison]:** Mardi Gras with Allen & Joe.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**Club 219 Plus:** Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire male dancers.

**Wings [Madison]:** Buns contest, midnight.

**LaCage:** 1st Class Male Revue.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**Partner's:** Help celebrate Rich's birthday, 9- close.

**3054 [Madison]:** Karaoke Night, co-hosted by Cass Marie & Chasity White, 10pm.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**Pivot [Appleton]:** CC Rae, National Tour Show, 10:30pm.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Grand Opening Weekend.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**M&M Club:** Singsational.

**Ballgame:** Sheepshead at 4pm.

**Napalese [Green Bay]:** CC Rae, National Tour Show, 10pm.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Grand Opening Weekend; Marsha Mellow, Rosa & Guests, show 9pm.

**219 Plus:** Grant Dixon's 'Victims of Desire,' 11:30pm.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Gay Men's Discussion Group:** "Isn't It Romantic?" Several couples share their experiences as individuals committed in long-term relationships. 6-8pm, The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett, \$2 donation; FMI call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Grand Opening Weekend.

**3054 [Madison]:** Grant Dixon's "Victims of Desire," 11pm.



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Those wishing to show support and let the Black Gay community know you want to see them in your business, have the opportunity to advertise in the Pageant Program at low rates — \$25 to \$100. Ad deadline is Feb. 24. Call Mass Pageant Productions at 931-7160.

Those wishing to donate prizes for the winners should also contact the organizers as soon as possible.

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Mass Pageant Productions may be reached at P.O. Box 06308, Milwaukee, WI 53206; phone (414) 931-7160.

**Punks ACT UP**

**Madison** — Four punk bands will host an all ages benefit for **ACT UP Milwaukee** at Madison's Atwood Community Center on Saturday, February 13 at 8pm.

The bands are Chicago's 8 Bark; and Wisconsin's own Damitol, Rehash, and One Day Away.

The Atwood Community Center is on Madison's East Side, 2425 Atwood Avenue. Car pooling and other information is available by calling (414) 769-8708.

The four dollar donation at the door will be used to support the community organizing of the AIDS activist group.

**'Mad for Leather'**

Leatherworks '93 is presenting "Mad for Leather" in Madison, on March 13. The event will be held in the newly remodeled pool room at Rod's in the Hotel Washington complex. Due to other scheduling conflicts Club 3054/Wings was unable to provide space, but we hope to produce a show there later this year. The show will start at 10pm.

Leatherworks '93 will be held on May 1, at the 1100 Club 1100 S. First St. in Milwaukee. The show will start at 10pm with a brief organizational meeting at 8pm.

As in previous shows the host bar will cover the advertising and set-up costs for the space. The vendors will provide models and any music that they need for their segment of the show. If any vendor would like special effects (fog, strobe lights, etc.) it will be up to them to provide them. There is no cover charge for vendors or for people coming to see the show.

If you are interested in participating in either or both shows please contact Terry Zuehlsdorf, 2504A West Forest Home Ave. Apt 3, Milwaukee, WI 53215; or phone (414) 643-0124 or (414) 647-9950.

These shows promise to be very exciting and follow in the leatherworks tradition of providing quality leatherwear and accessories to the Gay community.

There are plans to take a chartered bus to the Madison show. It will leave about 4pm on March 13th from the 1100 Club in Milwaukee and depart from Rod's at 2:30am on March 14th. Tentative cost is \$15 per person with a light meal, soda and beer provided on the bus.

**Club 219 Plus:** Special Valentine's show with guests, 11:30pm.

**Triangle:** Valentine Day Champagne Cocktails, \$1.

**Dignity/Milwaukee:** 18th Anniv. Liturgy 6pm, St. Pius X (7500 W. Wright). Reception follows.

**New Bar [Madison]:** Special show "Cupid's Cabaret," 10:30 showtime.

**Partners:** Liz & Friends "Pink Champagne Revue," showtime 8:30pm, no cover. Grand Prize drawing for Lucky Hearts Lotto Jackpot during the show; must be present to win.

**Station II:** Sweetheart weekend, Valentine Card Exchange, 5pm.

**Rods [Madison]:** Valentines special buffet, 6pm, beer bash 2-8pm.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Opening weekend.

**Ball Game:** Hors d'oeuvres, drawings for Hearts & candies, 3pm.

**Wings [Madison]:** Valentine's Underwear Party, 9pm.

**3054 [Madison]:** Valentine's Dinner, Spaghetti, salad & roll. 5-8pm, \$5. Glamour Girls Show, 10:30pm.

**BJ's:** \$1 Slammers, 75 taps, 5pm-on.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**Station II:** Mon. night at movies, "Fried Green Tomatoes," 7pm.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**GAMMA Ski Night:** At Alpine Valley. Arrive at 6:30pm. Half price lift tickets for pairs. If unpaired, meet in cafeteria. Take food break with GAMMA at 8:15pm. Call GAMMA at 963-9833 to discuss transportation and pairing.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**Club 219 Plus:** Lip. Sync Contest with hostess Dominique Mahon, \$50 cash prize, \$1 rail drinks all night.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**"Swoon" Milw. Premiere Benefit:** The film "Swoon" Milw. premiere benefits Cream City Foundation. 7:30pm, Oriental Theatre. \$10 tickets in advance, \$12 door. (see 'Arts' for review & Ad for more details.)

**M&M Club:** BESTD Clinic offers free & anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 8-12pm.

**Wings [Madison]:** Madtown underwear party, 9pm.

**Partners:** Mardi Gras Weekend celebration thru 2/21 with nightly drink specials. Tonight is kick off party; join Justin & Liz for a Wet Jockey Shorts contest. See Justin's stage debut, contest at 10:30, cash & prizes.

**3054 [Madison]:** Dream Team Strippers, 11pm.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**Beertown Badgers Club Night:** Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm-1:30am.

**Pivot [Appleton]:** Dream Team Strippers, 11pm.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Lip Sync 2 hosted by Greg.

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# Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Club 219 Plus:** Wet Jockey Shorts Contest, \$50 cash prize, 11:30pm. Hosted by BJ Daniels, \$1 rail drinks all night long.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** The old New Leaf reopens under a new name at 1pm with new owner & management. Hwy 51 South next to airport.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Club 3054 [Madison]:** Strip Search Finals, show starts 11pm, all winners compete for \$500 in cash.

**Partners:** Take a chance on the Lucky Hearts Lotto, lots of prizes, continues through 2/14.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Madison Rally:** To support Pres. Clinton's pro-Gay military position. Noon-on at the Capitol Square. Speakers Rep. Tammy Baldwin & Miriam Ben Shalom. Call The United for more info.

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** Pivot hosts Club 3054 bartenders with a 10:30pm show by 3054's Glamour Girls and a lip sync improv.

**Wings 3054 [Madison]:** Wings bartenders go to Pivot Club.

**Wreck Room:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 5-8pm.

**10% Society's Valentine's Ball [Madison]:** Valentine's Ball for Lesbians, Bi's, Gay men & friends, 8pm, Great Hall - Memorial Union; \$3 cover, DJ, cash bar.

**Station II:** Sweetheart weekend, drink specials till 10pm.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Opening Weekend.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Ms. Gay WI presents "Pink Hearts & Love Bites," 10:30 showtime.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**Oberons Club Night:** At the Wreck Room, 10:30pm No cover, prizes raffled — tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**M&M Club:** Singsational.

**Glass Menagerie:** Valentine's Dinner Specials.

**Club 219 Plus:** Miss Valentine Contest, \$150 cash prize.

**Center Project Inc. [Green Bay]:** "Have A Heart" Dinner Celebration. St. Norbert College in DePere. Cash bar social begins at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, entertainment at 8:30. RSVP by Feb. 10.

**Ballgame:** Sheepshead, 4pm.

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** Ru Paul live in concert singing her video hit "You Better Work," \$4 cover, 11:45pm showtime.

**Station II:** Valentine's Dance & Sweetheart specials.

**Jo'dee's [Racine]:** Valentine's Show, 10:30 showtime; Tippiie, Phyllis & Friends.

**Womyn's Valentines Dance [Milw.]:** Hurricane Productions hosts the dance at Lake Park Pavilion, 3133 Newberry Blvd. 8pm-midnight; DJ, cash bar, \$6 admission.

**Madison Punk Show Benefit for ACT UP:** All ages show to benefit ACT UP Milwaukee. "8 Bark," "Damitol," "Rehash," and "One Day Away." \$4 at the door, Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave. Ride sharing from Milw. for more info. call (414) 769-8708.

**Station II:** Sweetheart weekend Valentines Dance 10pm.

**Runway 51 [Janesville]:** Opening Weekend.

**3054 [Madison]:** Valentine's Ball come dressed in red & white.

**3B's:** Valentine's Country Dance, 9pm. Free flowers to first 100.

**Vuk's:** Valentine's Party. Free beer/food, surprises, 9pm-on.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** King presents "USA on Tour" 10:30pm.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Blue Lite [Sheboygan]:** Tea Dance to benefit ECHO, lunch & drink specials, 4pm-on. Dress-up attire encouraged.

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** King Productions 4th Annual Miss Gay Great Lakes- USA Pageant. Open to all. Compete in evening gown, talent & interview. Special USA title holders as guest entertainers. Over \$1,000 in cash, prizes awarded. Applications from Tiffeny Thomas at 219 or call Jason at (414) 224-9483. Last chance to win to enter national Miss Gay USA.

# MAP benefit show salutes Ginger Spice

**Milwaukee** — A collaborative effort on the part of Chicago & Milwaukee's Gay entertainment community will bring **I Remember You II** to the stage of Club 219 Plus on Monday, March 8, 11:30pm. This is the second annual memorial show and all proceeds donated to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Confirmed entertainers as of press time Miss Continental '92-93, Mimi Marks; Miss Gay USA '91-92, Cezanne; along with Tina Capri, Mama Rae, Tiffeny, BJ Daniels, Mary Richards, and Miss Gay Wisconsin, Dominique Mahon.

Ginger Spice, the long time Club 219 show director and "Drag Mother" to many of the above girls, succumbed to AIDS two years ago, after a long and visible battle. "I Remember You" will be held every year to mark Ginger's passing and to celebrate her life, skills and talent. A former Miss Gay Wisconsin, Ginger lives on in the hearts of multitudes of fans and admirers who can now come together on a yearly basis to pay her tribute.

Tickets are available as of Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Club 219 Plus. Tickets are \$6 in advance, and will be \$8 at the door if any are left. Last year's show was a near sell-out. Tables of four are available for \$35.

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## CCF sets up fund for leadership development

**Milwaukee** — The Cream City Foundation announced the establishment of a Leadership Development Fund. This fund will provide assistance to individual members of Lesbian and Gay organizations to attend national meetings and conferences.

In creating this fund, CCF intends to broaden our community's base of knowledge and leadership skills, working to make a better future for our Gay and Lesbian community.

To request information on the Leadership Development Fund or a grant application, please call the Foundation's office at 265-0880.

Those wishing to join the Cream City Foundation in investing in Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian future may send a tax-deductible contribution to: CCF, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

## Isn't it romantic?

February, Valentine's Day, Candlelit dinners and holding hands. Evenings in front of the fire place. Walks by the lake. Many of us are drawn to this romanticized notion about intimacy: intimacy is warm and wonderful, it's exciting and pleasurable and gives meaning to the more mundane parts of life, like work or school.

But this is obviously not the whole story. Intimacy is hard work and demands energies we're not always willing to give. It can be painful and stressful and cause us to doubt ourselves and others. What is the right balance of these two notions of intimacy? What seems to work? One way to find out is to ask couples who know what building and maintaining long-term relationships is all about. Please join us as Kurt, Dave and Chuck share their experiences as individuals who are in committed long-term relationships. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, February 28 from 6-8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Pre-registration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

## Dignity/USA confab in New Orleans

Dignity/USA will bring its eleventh biennial convention to the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, from July 28 through August 1. Certain to be the surprise high point of the New Orleans Archdiocese's 200th anniversary year, the Dignity convention will draw Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their supporters from throughout the United States.

Major speakers will include authors Virginia Hoffman and Brian McNaught, and The Reverend Carter Heyward, one of the first women priests ordained in the Episcopal Church. Folk singer Paula Walowitz and Gospel singer Greg Fisher will headline the entertainment, and a gala costume ball, or ball masque, promises an evening of mystery and color. "Body Electric's" Joe Kramer and Annie Sprinkle will direct an exploration of the human body as "Temple of the Holy Spirit." Imaginative liturgies will provide a spiritual anchor while workshops explore topics as diverse as consensus-building, aerobics, and the levi-leather scene.

Dignity/USA is a national organization for Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their friends. It was founded in 1969 in Los Angeles by an Augustinian priest. Dignity today is primarily lay-led, with over eighty chapters throughout the United States, and a national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Rooted proudly in the Catholic tradition, Dignity/USA nevertheless vigorously promotes the reform of Catholic sexual teaching.

For a complete packet of information and registration forms, write to: Dignity/USA, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 11, Washington, DC 20005; or phone: (800) 877-8797.

the domes themselves — playing country western background music in the arid dome; and rain forest/ jungle sound tapes in the tropical dome. The show dome and lobby area will feature the DJ's selections of music and the entertainers music.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and available at In Step & Light's offices, or by mail (see the ad). Tickets will be \$25 at the door. SPECIAL DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED — feel free to come as you are. You might want to dress in a Mardi Gras appropriate costume (feathers, sequins and general outrageousness); or in Mardi Gras official colors of Purple, Green and Gold.

The Mardi Gras Celebration is a great way to break out of the winter doldrums, and help assure the Pride Committee gets needed funding to make the '93 Pride Parade and Festival the best yet!

### CAUTION TO CRUISERS!

We've written about this in the past, and now we have to remind you again... Rumors are that the Milwaukee Police Department has assigned an entire undercover task force to the Grand Avenue Mall to crack down on so-called

"tea-room sex" and un-wanted "sexual invitations." A contact informed us at deadline time the undercover operation is "arresting people right and left" throughout the Grand Avenue Mall and the two major department stores. The operation is said to be "full-scale," with several officers working 8 hour shifts 3-4 days per week.

Be forewarned if you're one of those foolish enough to participate in such cruising. You can shout entrapment all you want, but you still may be busted!

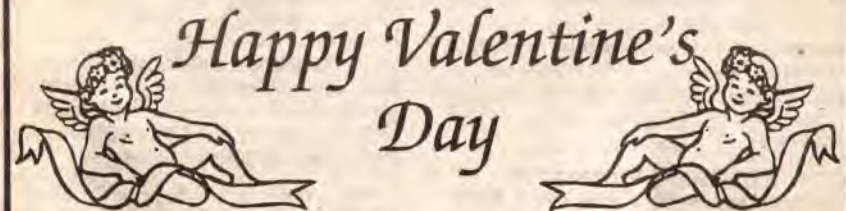


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on Jan. 29. The second annual festival showed a marked improvement over last year in the quality of films I managed to see — much more professionally done. Near sell-out crowds on several nights will help assure success. Milwaukee's **Cream City Foundation** was the sole financial supporter of the festival, with a \$3,000 grant. CCF is Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian united way, raising money throughout the year to in turn, re-invest back into the community in many diverse areas. I hope you took advantage of the offerings on at least one of the nights of the festival — it's a long time (at least a year) until you'll have a chance to do so again.

**Za's** hosted a special reception for Mr. Gay WI-USA, Ms. Gay WI-USA and Miss Gay Wisconsin, all who come from the Green Bay and Fox Valley area. The three title-holders mingled with the crowd, and did encore performances.

It was the 'Girls Night Out' when **Jo'Dee's Intl.** hosted a show on Jan. 29. I'd like to bestow the title of "Bar Owner Who Takes The Most Vacations" to Judy — seems she's always out-of-town! Hope she's having fun... By the way, the bar's 20th anniversary occurs next week!

The **Wreck Room**, in conjunction with the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, held a Tom of Finland character look-a-like contest and reception after the screening of "Daddy and the Muscle Academy," a documentary style film on male erotic artist Tom of Finland. The film drew a near sell-out crowd, and the WR's contest drew 11 contestants. John from Madison was chosen winner, with Tim and Paul coming in second and third. Great way to tie in with the film and benefit each other!

All the Super Bowl madness is finally over — I agree with Gay Chicago's Rick Karlin — I thought I got away from all that football mania when I came out! I guess it's all marketing, marketing, and more marketing! Over 10 of our state's Gay/Lesbian bars advertised Super Bowl specials, so I guess it works!

The night of the Super Bowl saw **Club 3054's** Glamour Girls do a 'Night With Disney' salute complete with special

numbers and costumes. Here in Milwaukee, **dance dance dance** hosted Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin's 'Show of the Decade' in a benefit for the **Milwaukee AIDS Project**. MAP's Ronnie Marx emceed (and did his infamous "Ring Those Bells" number) while Mr. Mark Hemmerlein and Miss Bebe Douglas and a bevy of beauties performed.

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Don't forget the two big upcoming social events/benefits on the February calendar. In Step and Wisconsin Light sponsor the Milwaukee premiere of the film, "Swoon" at the Oriental Theatre, Thursday, Feb. 18., 7:30pm. Advance tickets are available at numerous locations (see the ad for a list) for the cost of \$10. If you wait until the 18th, the charge at the door goes up to \$12. Out of that charge, the Oriental gets \$5.50, and the remainder all goes to the **Cream City Foundation** to continue its philanthropic activities. You can read the review in this issue's 'Arts' section. The story about Leopold and Loeb is about love gone mad, and history gone bad. Controversial? Yes! Interesting? Yes!

**MARDI GRAS FEB 21!**

In another In Step and Light co-sponsored benefit, the **Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Festival and Parade Committee** benefits from **Mardi Gras '93**. Sunday, Feb. 21, from 6-11pm, the lobby of Milwaukee's exotic indoor gardens at the Mitchell Park Domes will be transformed into the second annual Mardi Gras Celebration.

Confirmed entertainment for the evening includes spot numbers scattered throughout the evening by members of The 219 Girls decked all out in feathers and sequins (aren't they always?); a demonstration of line dance techniques by Shoreline Dancers; and a set by the Cream City Squares square dance troupe.

Also, you'll be able to dance to the sounds of DJ's from La Cage and Club 219; partake of tasty, tantalizing hors d'oeuvres made by Cafe Melange; sip cocktails at the cash bars; and enter judged contests in two categories: best overall costume and best headdress. We'll also be helping to "set a mood" in

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MLGPC is also collecting names for the annual "Proud Crowd" advertisements to appear in the March 4th issue of **Wisconsin Light** and the March 11th issue of **In Step Magazine**. The cost of a Proud Crowd ad listing is ten dollars for individuals and fifteen dollars for businesses and organizations. Listings must be received February 24th to guarantee inclusion.

With your support, MLGPC can continue to make this year's pride celebration bigger and better than before. For more information call the Pride Line at (414) 342- 2330, or mail to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

## Research into herbal formulas & HIV

**Racine** — Arthur D. Shattuck C.A., is pleased to announce the beginning of a research protocol treating HIV positive individuals with traditional Chinese herbal formulas. The formulas are produced and all research is being coordinated by Dr. Subhutti Dharmananda, founder and director of The Institute for Traditional Medicine of Portland Oregon. Shattuck has been investigating these formulas for over five years under the direction of Dr. Dharmananda in his private practice and at his Chicago clinic, The Northside HIV Treatment Center. Dr. Dharmananda partially subsidizes the program to help gain research insight into the efficacy of Chinese herbal therapy.

This program is open to any HIV positive individual. Participants must have a primary care physician. The minimum commitment by participants is for a twelve week period and includes an intake procedure, 3 week follow up appointments, all herbal formulas and consultations. For further information contact Arthur D. Shattuck in Racine at (414) 632-5637. This is a program being offered through Shattuck's newly opened Immune Therapies Health Project.

Shattuck has practiced in the Chicago area for over five years. He is a recognized expert in the field of Chinese medicine, and a frequent national lecturer on health related topics. Nationally known for his work with chronic immune disorders, especially HIV, he is the co-founder of Chicago's AIDS Alternative Health Project (AAHP) and co-founder and current co-director of the Northside HIV Treatment Center (NHTC). Both clinics are unique in the United States. They serve approximately 250 HIV impacted persons weekly utilizing acupuncture and Chinese herbal treatments. In addition he is co-authoring a book on his work due out in April 1993. He specializes in the specific health concerns of the Gay and Lesbian community. ▽

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# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Can you believe all the brouhaha caused by President Clinton's decree to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military? No other issue has placed our community on the front pages of so many newspapers and magazines; or as the lead-off story on television and radio news programs! The firestorm of controversy and hate from the religious right and conservatives was appalling.

I certainly hope you did your part by calling our Senators Kohl and Feingold. Feingold's office reports he is fully behind President Clinton; Kohl's office was sitting on the fence as this column was written. You could also call the White House to offer your support — and even call Gen. Colin Powell to complain about the issue of discrimination in the military.

The Right swore it was going to attempt to demand a vote last week to stop Clinton from ending the ban. They used their radio and television empire to denounce Clinton's ban on bias, scaring the American populace into believing that if Clinton lifted the Gay ban, the military would fall to a bunch of sodomites. Nemesis Rev. Jerry Falwell warned viewers on his "Old Time Gospel Hour" Jan. 24 of a "new, radical, homosexual-rights agenda."

The Right's electronic empire includes more than 1,200 radio stations, the nation's largest cable television network and hundreds of satellite and cable stations. They sent 'Action Alerts' to be inserted into the Sunday bulletins of more than 25,000 churches nationwide.

A proverbial flood of calls descended upon Washington, running 100 to 1 against lifting the ban.

Our community, which has NO WAY to enact such an immediate huge response, had to depend on the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Speak Out message system (which sends pre-approved telegrams to appropriate legislators) and community telephone networks — to get "the word" out to call and write letters to our representatives.

There is more on this in the 'News' section of this issue, including a boxed article listing phone numbers and addresses of appropriate officials. If you haven't phoned or written, do so NOW — better late than never!

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The **Pivot Club's AIDS Issues Weekend** Jan. 22-24 featured everything from a video presentation of El Jahr's work (an artist who died of AIDS), to a show to benefit the **Fox Valley AIDS Project** — to a Quilting Bee and screening of the documentary "The Quilt." It all wrapped up with an AIDS symposium and question and answer session on Sunday afternoon. Great way to focus customers attention on the AIDS issue and the Pivot and all the volunteers and performers deserve kudos for the program.

Madison's **The New Bar** celebrated its 9th anniversary with cocktails, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, and hilarious entertainment by comedian/impressionist Tony Domenico. Tony has performed elsewhere in the state, and I've seen him a number of times, but I've never seen him so "on." The man was absolutely manic! He just fed off the enthusiasm of the very large audience. Congratulations to the entire staff at The New Bar and the Hotel Washington, on another highly successful celebration. (By the way, renovations and restoration will soon be completed...)

**Club 219** hosted National Males male dance troupe on their '93 tour. The hot, hunky guys helped raise the temperature on a crispy winter night!

Speaking of raising the temperatures... **Wings 3054** did just that on Jan. 21 with another of their monthly Mad-Town Underwear party's; and again on Jan. 27th's Jock Strap contest. Oh, what they can get away with in Madison...

The **Great Lakes Film and Video's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival** at UW-Milwaukee kicked off a week-long run

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# Flicks

## Violent "Swoon" doesn't offer role models

Swoon's Milwaukee premiere is Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30pm at the Oriental Theatre. The premiere is a benefit for the Cream City Foundation, sponsored by In Step & Wisconsin Light. Advance tickets are \$10, and \$12 at the door. See the ad in this issue for ticket locations.]

Reviewed By Joanna Kadl

On screen representations of oppressed groups, including Gays and Lesbians, is a controversial topic these days. Who has the right to film us, and in what context? How do we achieve accurate and complex representations of ourselves?

This ongoing discussion intensified with the making of *Basic Instinct* and *The Silence of the Lambs* in which a bisexual woman and a transvestite are depicted as evil psycho killers. With the release of *Swoon*, a film written and directed by Tom Kalin, more questions come to the fore.

In *Swoon*, Kalin tells the story of Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb, two young men who kidnaped and murdered a young boy named Bobby Franks. A large segment of the movie deals with the 1924 court case (roughly 65 percent of the material is from court records), which was used in subsequent decades to fortify the belief that homosexuality is evil and corrupt.

Kalin, a Gay filmmaker involved for several years with ACT UP/ New York and the queer media group Grand Fury, grew up in Chicago where the Leopold-Loeb case is still a subject of interest. He first learned about it from his mother and grandmother. This fed his interest in historical court cases centering around Lesbians and Gay men. *Swoon* began as a project exploring several of these, but Kalin realized that was too ambitious, and he scaled down by focusing on the Leopold-Loeb case.

*Swoon* raises the question of whether it is accurate to describe Leopold or Loeb as homosexual. During the 1920s in the United States, the terms "invert" or "pervert" were used; homosexual, Gay, and Lesbian were not.

Leopold had sexual feelings toward men, and it was his intense attraction to Loeb that prompted him to go along with Loeb on his crime sprees, after which he was allowed to put his penis between Loeb's legs.

Kalin said he is inclined to consider Leopold a homosexual and Loeb a manipulative charmer who used both men and women to get what he wanted. It is Loeb who, for a long time, wanted to kidnap and murder a young boy; the scene in which he does so is incredibly chilling.

The film is artistically put together, disturbing, and though-provoking. However, little time is spent examining Loeb's cruelty, lack of remorse, and desire to manipulate, nor do we understand much about Leopold's actions.

"You can talk until you're blue in the face about the Oedipal complex or whatever, but that will never explain someone like Jeffrey Dahmer," Kalin said. After spending years researching the lives and actions of Loeb and Leopold, Kalin said he still cannot understand why they did what they did; so he decided to let the audience wrestle with that.

Before *Swoon's* release, some Gays and Lesbians criticized the negative portrayal of these two men and their relationship. Kalin said he had intended to stimulate discussion of issues of queer representation. He believes that it is important to deal with the full complexity of Gay and Lesbian history.

Kalin said the movie can also be read as a story about a couple involved in not only an unhealthy, obsessive relationship but in criminal activity as well. He pointed out that many films depict heterosexual couples in such a situation. "No one ever leaves the theater saying, 'That couple committed that heinous crime because they're straight.' That's laughable. I want to disentangle that aspect of it for Gays and Lesbians.

with musical direction by Charles Golden. The production will open in June at the Stackner Cabaret.

Fest City Singers is a member of GALA Choruses, the international organization of Gay and Lesbian choruses. Anyone wishing more information about the Fest City Singers may call the Festline at 263-SING.

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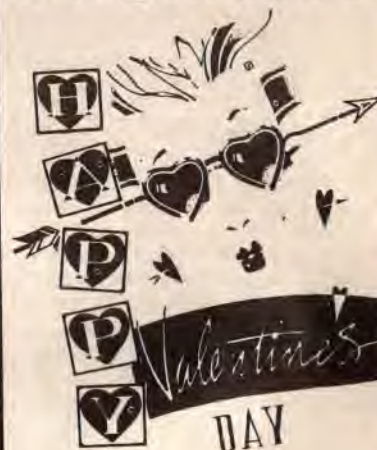
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## Combined women's choruses concert March 6

**Milwaukee** — Three midwest women's choruses will be presenting a concert Saturday, March 6, at 7pm. The event will be "A Womyn's Herstory Month Choral Extravaganza."

It will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 North Astor Avenue, Milwaukee. Cost: Sliding Scale \$0-\$10.

Participating choruses are Chicago's Artemis Singers, Madison's Womansong and (in a rare public appearance) The Mukwonago Feminist Singers and Eaters.

## Women's film/video festival

**Chicago** — Women In the Director's Chair holds its 12th International Film and Video Festival March 18-21, at Chicago Filmmakers and the Film Center of the Art Institute of Chicago. Phone (312) 281-4988 for details.

This year's festival features the latest work of more than 80 independent film and video artists from across the country and around the world. Films and videos screened represent a diverse cross-section of women's ideas, bringing to audiences innovative work not ordinarily accessible through mainstream media.

This year's festival is comprised of a total of 18 different programs, with subjects ranging from women's health to animation, urban to native American, and directed by women from places like Clemson, South Carolina; Olympia, Washington; Fargo, North Dakota; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and foreign lands such as India, Australia and Great Britain.

Women In the Director's Chair holds its festival every March in celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day. For over ten years, Women In the Director's Chair has sponsored the largest women's film and video festival in the Midwest. This year, the festival drew over 550 entries from women from around the world.

## Baritone Utes concert to benefit BESTD

**Milwaukee** — Baritone Jon Utes, accompanied by pianist John Komasa, will perform in concert, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30pm at the Villa Terrace Art Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue in Milwaukee.

Net proceeds from the evening will benefit the Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic of Milwaukee, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide confidential treatment and counseling to People With AIDS.

The audience is invited to enjoy *Lieder* by Richard Strauss; as well as works by Ralph Vaughn Williams and others.

A \$25 donation is requested at the door.

## Fest City Singers seek new members

**Milwaukee** — Fest City Singers invites anyone who enjoys singing and performing to consider joining the chorus in time to rehearse for its spring cabaret show. FCS needs men and women in all vocal ranges. Technical production people are also needed.

Fest City Singers presents two fully-staged productions each year. Productions include the Spring cabaret and a Christmas show. The chorus meets each Wednesday evening at 7pm on the 4th floor of the War Memorial. Potential members are invited to attend a rehearsal and meet the group.

During the past two years, the Fest City Singers' cabarets have included Peter Mortensen's "History, Herstory, Ourstory," a musical review of the Gay/Lesbian movement from the 1950s to the present, and his "Movin' On," a musical review that took its audience from one coast to another, to all the places people go when they're moving on.

This spring's cabaret will again be written and directed by Peter Mortensen,

"Movies aren't game plans for how to deal with our lives," he continued. "This movie won't teach Gays to kill, and it won't teach homophobes to bash, but it does raise very messy questions."

Kalin believes that the Leopold-Loeb case raises important questions about who controls history, how it is used against oppressed groups, and who records it.

In one scene in *Swoon*, taken directly from court records, the judge orders women to leave the courtroom because he believes they must not be present to hear disclosures about the "perversions" between Leopold and Loeb. As Kalin observed, this raises the question: "Who can hear history (being made) and who

must leave the room?"

That incident is one point at which heterosexism and sexism interact. Kalin also raises questions about anti-Semitism (both Loeb and Leopold were Jewish) and racism. For example, after Leopold and Loeb were sent to prison, Loeb died a violent death at the hands of a white prisoner. A lurid radio broadcast is re-enacted in the film; obviously playing on racist fears, the radio announcer tells the public that Loeb tried to entice an African-American into having sex with him, and that led to his death.

*Swoon* grapples well with complex issues and questions. This is especially remarkable, given that Kalin produced this movie on a shoestring budget, shooting the whole film in 14 days.

given the social climate of the time. The verdict underscored that difficulty when the jury found White not guilty of first degree murder. An outraged Gay community rioted in response to the verdict.

Stephen Spera, director of the production, stated that "the play came to mind as a possibility for performance while I was watching the Republican National Convention last summer. What I witnessed during the convention was the same hetero-sexist attitudes and hate that I saw when I watched the film, 'The Life and Times Of Harvey Milk.'" Spera also remarked that "even though the incidents in the play happened some fifteen years ago, the theme in the play speaks to us today. We are witnessing another execution of justice in relation to Gay and Lesbian people in the military."

The Different Drummer Theater Alliance was selected to participate in the Tenant Development Program sponsored by the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. To be included in this program, a theater company must not only have merit but also show promise. "Execution Of Justice" is their third production.

Tickets for the performance cost \$10 and are available at the Performing Arts Center. The box office telephone is (414) 273-7206. People interested in further information about the theater company should call (414) 347-0673.

## The Arts

### Different Drummer presents "Execution of Justice"

**Milwaukee** — "The Execution Of Justice" will be presented by the Different Drummer Theater Alliance, Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay theater company. The production will be at Vogel Hall in the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center at 8pm on March 4, 5, and 6 and at 2pm on March 7.

"Execution Of Justice" is a courtroom drama that deals with the trial of Dan White who murdered San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and the openly Gay fellow Supervisor Harvey Milk in November of 1978. The drama focuses on various controversial aspects of this trial, one of those controversies being that White should not be held responsible for his actions because of the sugar overload in his body due to an eating binge of junk food. This became famous as the "Twinkie" defense. Another controversial aspect of the trial examined in the play was the difficulty the prosecution had in obtaining a fair trial



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