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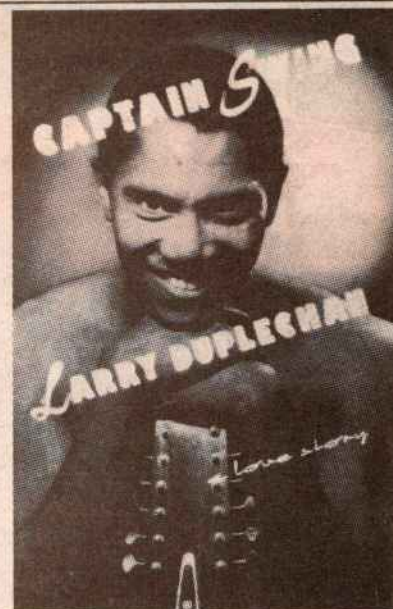
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Our cover subject this week is **Captain Swing** author Larry Duplechan, the subject of our "Feature" section this issue. Los Angeles based freelance writer Dale Reynolds interviewed Duplechan and his article provides some interesting insight into author.

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Groups Mobilize Against Wave of Anti-Gay Initiatives

Clinton Denounces Efforts to "Legalize Discrimination"

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — As Gay and Lesbian organizations at the state and national levels develop strategy and gird themselves for battle against a slew of anti-Gay initiatives planned for this year, President Clinton has thrown the prestige of his office behind the beleaguered LesBiGay community.

Responding to an appeal from the leaders of national Gay groups like the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Clinton denounced right wing attempts to "legalize discrimination."

In a letter to William Waybourn of the Victory Fund, he wrote: "Like you, I am committed to the fight for equality for all Americans. All people in our society must enjoy the opportunity to be judged on their merits. Sadly, as you point out, this simple principle of justice has come under assault in several states this year."

"Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other grounds are gravely mistaken about the values that make our nation strong," Clinton declared. "The essential right to equality must not be denied by a ballot initiative or otherwise."

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—President Clinton

The President went on to commend the "broad-based coalition" that has united to oppose the ballot drives. "You have demonstrated through your actions and your diverse membership that this is not an issue of 'special rights' for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual."

"The President's backing brings a measure of hope to those who are fighting in the trenches every day to defeat these anti-Gay measures. We are not alone," said William Waybourn of the Victory Fund.

"President Clinton's strong condemnation of these initiatives is a welcome boost to our efforts to fight these measures that legalize discrimination," said Peri Jude Radecic of NGLTF. "The Far Right is using the Gay,

Lesbian and Bisexual community as a political punching bag to raise money and organize for their broader political agenda. We commend the President for standing with us in our fight against the threat to all Americans."

While the support of President Clinton was warmly welcomed, what practical impact it has in defeating the anti-Gay campaigns has yet to be proven. Gay leaders are desperately working to train grass-roots organizers, raise funds and develop a winning strategy against the right wing onslaught.

EIGHT STATES THREATENED

Right wing and fundamentalist forces in eight states have filed language for initiatives that will deny Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals protection from discrimination. These states are Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Florida and Washington.

Signatures to place these initiatives on ballots in November are currently being collected. If passed, most of the initiatives would repeal existing anti-discrimination laws for the LesBiGay community and prevent the passage of such laws in state or local jurisdictions (like Amendment 2 in Colorado, which is currently inoperative). The initiatives in Florida and Maine list groups to be included in civil rights protections but specifically exclude sexual orientation.

Language varies with each initiative but typically the measures are framed as "no special rights" or "no protected minority status." For example, the Arizona measure, similar to others, says:

"Neither this state, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall adopt, enact or enforce by statute, regulation, ordinance or policy, whereby homosexual, Lesbian or Bisexual orientation are the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to status or claim of discrimination."

The groups leading these anti-Gay campaigns include a "Who's Who" of the Christian Right: the Traditional Values Coalition, the American Family Association, the Christian Coalition, the Idaho and Oregon Citizen's Alliances, and the American Family Political Committee.

Many of these groups organize through extensive church networks in which they are able to raise vast sums of money and mobilize thousands of churchgoers. The accusation that Gays are demanding "special rights" has been

an effective tool in anti-Gay organizing. Gay groups are struggling to develop a counter-strategy against this widespread network and distorted message of "special rights."

COUNTERING THE RIGHT

"I believe these anti-Gay campaigns are merely another vehicle through which the Religious Right hopes to build a political and economic base for takeover," says Scot Nakagawa, NGLTF Fight the Right Coordinator.

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"To do this, they will have to work that most central and fundamental political and social division in our society — the color line. They are able to use Gays as stand-ins for other minority groups to agitate white people around the "dangers" of quotas, affirmative action and minority status. . . We must win individual campaigns, but we must also nurture and participate in the building of a united front to defend democracy."

Coalition-building with communities of color and other minority groups is seen as essential to building that united front. To that end, Peri Jude Radecic and other Gay leaders plan to focus concentrated attention in the next six months on building alliances with other key groups, like the NAACP, women's groups, unions and the disabled.

Another problematic area that needs to be resolved quickly is funding. A lot of money will be needed to fight each state campaign, and Gay leaders are worried that the LesBiGay community across the country will be inundated with solicitations from many groups in each of the threatened states. Constant requests for donations are likely to cause many people to eventually close their checkbooks.

To avoid duplication and antagonizing potential donors, NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund are planning a coordinated mailing that will solicit funds to fight the anti-Gay campaigns. The national groups will then have flexibility to be able to "bundle" donations and send them to states where and when the need is greatest. This won't completely do away with other solicitations, but it will ensure a large pot

of money from which to draw.

The pro-Gay, pro-equal rights forces are also desperately in need of a clear message, even a catchy slogan, to effectively convey their position and to counter the charge of "special rights." They require the services of media specialists and veteran political operatives to advise them on strategies.

To this end, NGLTF has retained noted campaign specialist Susan Hibbard to collect and analyze polling data from sites that have already had initiative votes. She will assist with polling in other targeted states, identify and develop effective messages and prepare a campaign consultant resource list.

But most leaders agree that allies, funds and a message won't win the day unless there is a trained cadre of grass-roots organizers in each state putting it all together.

The NGLTF's Fight the Right Project has been conducting training seminars throughout the past year to prepare activists to respond to anti-Gay initiatives. It makes available a comprehensive "Fight the Right Action Kit," a sort of do-it-yourself manual for budding organizers, and provides media and organizing consultation during state campaigns. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has pitched in as well, holding its first Training Institute for Initiative Campaigns in Washington recently.

COURT RULINGS HELPFUL

The pro-Gay forces have been encouraged somewhat by recent court decisions which nullified anti-Gay initiatives.

In December, Denver District Court Judge Jeffrey Bayless declared that Colorado's Amendment 2 violates the equal protection clause of the US Constitution. Although Colorado for Family Values is appealing to the state Supreme Court, many legal experts are convinced the state court will sustain Bayless's decision. Meanwhile, the Amendment has been rendered inoperative by a permanent injunction.

On February 9, a judge in Oregon ruled that a state law which voids local anti-Gay measures is indeed constitutional. The state law was passed by legislators and signed by Gov. Barbara Roberts as a means to block the continuing efforts of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance to pass local anti-Gay measures.

The OCA challenged the law, but Judge Albin Norblad ruled that a 1978 ruling of the Oregon Supreme Court allowed legislators to have precedence over issues that have "statewide substantive social or economic or other regulatory objectives." The OCA continues to conduct and win anti-Gay campaigns, but the results cannot be enforced.

Gay rights advocates in other states are increasingly turning to the courts in a pre-emptive attempt to keep anti-Gay

initiatives off the ballots.

But while recent court victories may seem comforting, they ignore the larger issue of public perceptions. "I don't mean to be pessimistic," Waybourn told *The Washington Blade*. "We're winning in the courts. But we're losing in the court of public opinion."

"These measures are being knocked down by the courts right and left and hopefully we will continue to win in

court," Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told the *Blade*. "But the initiatives' proponents do not seem to care. They care about spreading their anti-Gay rhetoric through these public education campaigns."

The greatest challenge facing the LesBiGay community, as always, is winning the hearts and minds of the people.

Anti-Gay Speaker Fails to Inspire

Rev. Lou Sheldon Speaks to Small Crowd

Waukesha (In Step) — Christians in Wisconsin must get organized at the grass roots level to stop State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's domestic partners legislation, according to the Rev. Lou Sheldon, president of the Traditional Values Coalition.

Sheldon, 60, spoke on "Exposing the Homosexual Agenda" in Waukesha Feb. 12 at a rally sponsored by Wisconsin Christians United and WWCY. Sheldon's organization, comprised of thousands of churches nationwide, has led or backed efforts in a number of states to deny equal rights to LesBiGays.

His speech, however, "elated" a politically active Lesbian in the crowd. She said Sheldon carried a less powerful message and seemed to have less influence over the people at the rally than she had expected. She had been warned that Sheldon would be a charismatic and savvy speaker, but instead he seemed unfocused, she said.

The Lesbian, who did not want to be identified so local Religious Right activists would not know she had attended, said Sheldon might not be the threat some people fear because he speaks to a specific Bible-believing audience, not to the general populace.

His logic might be hard for the general populace to follow. For example, he told the 250 people at the rally that what homosexuals "really, really want is for you to capitulate and say to them, 'Your sexual desires are accepted by heterosexuals.' We will never do that because we are the seed of Abraham!"

By "seed of Abraham," as Sheldon explained in an earlier part of the speech, he meant that Christians have inherited the covenant of marriage from Abraham, a Biblical figure. God gave Abraham that covenant, Sheldon said. Marriage and a commitment to families did not exist before that, he said.

To protect that covenant from "abominations," Sheldon said, Baldwin's legislation "needs to be stopped and hit hard. You ought to absolutely flood Madison (with telephone calls to her office). A date ought to be set when you

do something out there."

As of early the next week, Baldwin's staff reported no unusual number of telephone calls.

Sheldon said Christians should convene a Wisconsin Family Conference to begin organizing in every ward, city, county and legislative district to capture offices from the school board to the White House on a mission from God to bring their beliefs to public policy.

They would fight "a spiritual battle between the principalities and powers and the host of spiritual wickedness and the living lord Jesus Christ that is in you," Sheldon said. "He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. We have it all over the Tammy Baldwins."

The Lesbian in the audience said, "It would be naive to ignore Sheldon and people like him," but recommended that Gay rights activists focus on putting out a positive message.

"We need to talk to people who could be influenced by the civil rights argument, the fairness of domestic partnership legislation and the fairness of general human rights," she said. "Let the people decide from their hearts."

Although she was afraid to go to the speech and felt afraid the entire time she was there, she thought it was important to monitor the Religious Right's message first-hand.

She left feeling comforted. "I believe we have justice on our side," she said. "The more I sunk in what he was saying, the more I realized I have to have a lot more faith in the citizens of Wisconsin to get all the information and make up their own minds."

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Lesbian Student Attacked Again at UW-Stout

Brazen Suspect Still at Large

By Jamakaya

Menomonie — Amber Withrow, 19, the sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Stout who was the victim of homophobic attackers last October, was assaulted again on February 3, this time in her dormitory room at Tustison Hall.

This time, Withrow saw her assailant, a tall, lean white male, and police were able to create a composite sketch. Several students have come forward to submit the names of possible suspects but so far Withrow has been unable to identify the culprit.

On October 18 last year, Withrow was attacked as she walked to her car in a parking lot on campus. Someone grabbed her from behind and put a cloth bag over her head to obscure her vision. As many as four people dragged her to a nearby tennis court and beat and kicked her while shouting anti-Gay slurs.

Withrow has recovered from a dislocated shoulder, a concussion, a fractured cheekbone and multiple bruises sustained in that attack. At the time, she expressed surprise that she would be targeted because, although she is a lesbian, she hadn't been a vocal leader of Gays on campus. Withrow has since become co-chair of the school's Gay and Lesbian group, the Ten Percent Society.

In the most recent incident, Withrow was sitting in her dorm room just after 10pm on a Thursday night. The assailant entered her room, uttered anti-Gay slurs and made reference to the attack on her last year. He then punched Withrow in the face several times and quickly fled.

Withrow told the student newspaper, **The Stoutonia**: "This time there was just one guy and I was seeing [the assault] happen, which made it worse, I think. I could see [the blow] coming and it hurt and it knocked me out for a bit." She declined to seek medical attention for her injuries.

"When he came in I was so shocked, my mouth could not work from fear and anger," Withrow told **Stoutonia**. "There have been prior incidents that have led up to [the assault]. I have been really upset and angry and frustrated. All of a sudden the package was right in front of me and I wanted to physically harm him. I wanted to do what he has been doing to me."

Withrow's reference to "prior incidents" may have to do with written threats she reportedly received after the first assault. A friend, Brenda Frazier, told **In Step** that Withrow told her she had been approached by the suspect

previously in the dorm's laundry room. The man reportedly made menacing remarks to her then. (*Withrow did not return calls to In Step*).

Withrow said she was sure both attacks were connected because the assailant in the second incident admitted as much. She was also shocked by the boldness of the man who attacked her on February 3. He did not even try to disguise himself.

"If someone would have been in here with me," she told **Stoutonia**, "I do feel he would have come in and done the same thing. There was enough conviction mixed with hostility, and he was up here to teach me a lesson."

In the days after the assault, Withrow told friends she didn't think she would come back to school at Stout after this semester. She is majoring in Vocational Rehabilitation/Special Education. But her friend Frazier told **In Step** that in the weeks since the attack Withrow's fear has turned to anger and she now seems determined to stay.

HATE CRIME REPORTED

Dennis Shaw, the Director of Security and Police Operations at UW-Stout told **In Step** that campus police were now providing Withrow with added security. "We plan to watch her very closely," he said.

Shaw also confirmed that the October assault on Withrow had been reported as a hate crime to the Wisconsin Justice Department. The latest incident will also be reported in the next quarterly report his office is required to file with the state.

Shaw said that a proposal for \$122,000 for new lighting and security around the UW-Stout campus had been submitted to the UW System even before last October's attack. He said he understood the impatience of students and staff who want to see immediate improvements, but that the requisition and bidding process was somewhat bureaucratic. He hopes that changes will begin by this summer.

Campus security continues to get tips about possible suspects and will aggressively pursue each lead, Shaw said. Professors Ellie Emanuel and John See donated money to start a reward fund for anyone who correctly identifies the suspect.

Meanwhile, Gays and Lesbians on campus are understandably fearful of the violent homophobes in their midst. Frazier said that on the weekend after the latest assault many "fled to the Twin Cities or their hometowns because they were afraid."

The attacks have taken their toll on the fledgling Ten Percent Society as well. After the October incident, all the group's officers resigned. Many Gays and Lesbians on the Stout campus, one of the smallest in the UW System located in the western Wisconsin town of Menomonie, are closeted — many

believe for good reason. There has been an ongoing internal debate between those who wish to remain closeted and low-key and those who want the group to be more assertive in its tactics and programs.

New officers, including Withrow, have been elected and, at a February 16 meeting, the group drafted a resolution to the administration insisting on inclusion in all discussions of the security needs and other concerns of Gays and Lesbians on campus.

Frazier told **In Step** the Ten Percent Society was likely to play a "prominent role" in the Diversity Festival planned on campus April 29-30. In round table discussions sponsored by the UW-Stout administration after both attacks, Gays and Lesbians as well as African and Native Americans discussed the hostility they often feel around campus. Last November, the school held a March for Diversity to encourage tolerance and mutual respect.

Representatives of the Ten Percent Society attended State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's February 12 meeting which was called to build a statewide LesBiGay network and the February 11 meeting in Stevens Point of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues Network, a group of students, faculty and staff throughout the UW-System.

Frazier said it was "very affirming" to connect with other individuals and groups statewide, many of whom offered advice and support to their beleaguered colleagues at UW-Stout.

Madison Lesbian Allowed Temporary Visitation

Madison (In Step) — The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled in favor of a Madison lesbian who is seeking visitation rights with the boy she raised with her former partner. The Court let stand a ruling by the 4th District Court of Appeals that grants Sandy Holtzman temporary visitation rights over the objections of the child's adoptive mother, Elsbeth Knott.

The appeals court had ruled in December that Holtzman could visit the boy while it reviews the decision of Dane County Circuit Judge George Northrop. Northrop ruled that, under a 1991 Supreme Court decision, Holtzman had no legal rights to her former partner's adopted child because she is not a legal parent and the couple is not dissolving a legal marriage.

In an unusual move, the appeals court stated that Holtzman would probably lose her appeal, but ordered a visitation schedule to be drawn up anyway. The appeals court noted, as did Judge Northrop, that it would be in the child's best interest for Holtzman to win.

Gay and Lesbian Candidates Do Well In Dane County Board Primaries

By John Cain

Madison — Two of three candidates for Dane County Board running as openly Gay or Lesbian will advance to the general election in April.

Mark Pocan, the only openly Gay incumbent who stood for re-election, took first place by a wide margin in a three-way contest in the 4th District. Also advancing in that district was College Republican activist Daniel Jason Stevens.

In an historic first for Wisconsin, two openly queer candidates faced off

against each other. Attorney and Lesbian activist Cathreen Godre and Gay activist and business owner Timothy O'Brien were two of the four candidates seeking to replace retiring Richard Wagner in the 6th District. Wagner, too, is openly Gay. Godre edged out O'Brien by just nine votes to take second place and advance to the general election. Her opponent is progressive attorney John Hendrick.

Pocan said that in general, the results held few surprises. "In almost every case, the races line up between progressive and conservative," he said.

The April general election is shaping up to be an "ideological fight," with control of the Board at stake.

"There has been a lot of frustration with the Board since the conservatives have had it for the last two years," he added.

State Representative Tammy Baldwin, who is also on the Board of Supervisors, will not seek re-election in November in order to focus her attention on the state level.

Sun Prairie Shelves Non-bias Book Policy

Sun Prairie (In Step) — The Sun Prairie School Board has delayed a vote on a proposed non-discrimination policy for educational materials after a parent attacked the types of books that would be allowed. Especially objectionable to the parent were books dealing with human growth and development issues which present information on Gay and Lesbian issues.

The policy stated in part that "[the] district shall not discriminate in the selection of instructional and library material or media on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability and handicap."

Mary Owen has two children in district schools. In statements which indicate she may be confusing two definitions of the word "discriminate," she called the proposal an inappropriate policy to apply to book selection.

"By not using any discrimination, we're basically opening up the possibility for materials coming into the school which would be offensive to the moral teachings of parents," she contended. It would also result in "the school put[ting] a stamp of approval on every lifestyle," she continued. She wants the policy "rephrase[d]...to be discriminating, to give parents something to fall back on."

The board removed the policy vote from the agenda after board member Roger Fetterly noted that the non-discrimination clause was different from state and federal law, and differed also from the policies of other boards.

The policy was referred to the district's educational policy committee. Owen, who claimed the proposed policy would "discriminate against traditional type family structures," is a member of that committee.

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"Philadelphia" Creators Sued for \$10 Million

New York, NY — The estate and family of Geoffrey Bowers has filed a lawsuit against the makers of the movie *Philadelphia*, charging that the filmmakers failed to acknowledge the film was based on Bowers' own AIDS discrimination case and further failed to financially compensate his estate as promised. The plaintiffs are seeking "no less than \$10 million dollars."

Named as defendants in the suit are Tri-Star Pictures, producer Scott Rudin, director Jonathan Demme and screenwriter Ron Nyswaner. The filmmakers contend that *Philadelphia*, starring Tom Hanks, is a fictional account only loosely based on several real life cases of AIDS discrimination.

In the Bowers case, the New York attorney filed suit against his employer, Baker & McKenzie, in 1986 after being fired for having AIDS. Bowers died a short time after testifying in court in 1987. Bowers' case was finally resolved in December of last year, just as *Philadelphia* was opening in theaters. His estate was awarded \$500,000.

The suit charges the filmmakers with breach of contract, misappropriation of confidential information, deceptive trade practices and "unjust enrichment."

As of mid-February, *Philadelphia* had grossed \$55 million.

Domestic Partners Bill Introduced in California

Sacramento, CA — Democratic Assemblyman Richard Katz has introduced a bill in the California legislature which would recognize unmarried domestic partners — straight and Gay — and extend some basic rights and protections to them. California thus becomes the first state to consider statewide recognition of domestic partners. (*Wisconsin Assemblywoman Tammy Baldwin plans to introduce a similar measure*).

The proposed bill would set up a statewide registry for domestic partners. Applicants must be 18 and show proof that they live together and are financially interdependent. After paying a fee, they would get a certificate from the Secretary of State's office. The bill would insure partners' visitation of each other in hospitals, the right to property and inheritance and would grant medical powers of attorney.

Katz said he expects "pretty vocal opposition," but "I hope legislators have the courage to stand up for relationships that are perhaps not like their own but nevertheless can be as loving and caring as their own."

Boycott of Domino's Pizza Urged

San Diego, CA — A group called the DomiNO Pizza Theory is calling on the LesBiGay community and other progressive people to boycott and picket Domino's Pizza at its 5,000 domestic locations and at its holdings worldwide.

Domino's owners have often supported right wing causes, and the boycott call came shortly after Domino's CEO Tom Monaghan bestowed the company's Humanitarian Award on James Dobson, President of Focus on the Family. Focus on the Family works with and funds many fundamentalist groups which have launched ballot initiatives aimed at denying equal rights to Gays and Lesbians.

"Focus on the Family is one of many fronts for the political and financial machine responsible for Amendment 2 in Colorado, for what happened in Cincinnati [Gay rights law repealed], for what is happening in Ovett, Mississippi [Lesbian-bashing]," said B. Allan Ross, the founder of DomiNO Pizza Theory who also edits the Gay weekly *Update*.

Ross hopes all people concerned with the growth of the religious right will join the boycott of Domino's and spread the word about how Domino's profits benefit anti-Gay forces.

Good News/ Bad News in Newsweek Poll

New York, NY — A recent poll about Gay rights conducted by *Newsweek* magazine had some good news and some bad news for the LesBiGay community.

The upside is that 74% of those polled said that Gays and Lesbians should be protected from discrimination on the job. An even bigger 81% said that Gays should not be discriminated against in housing. Yet just 48% said there should be laws prohibiting such bias.

The downside is that 65% of those polled said that homosexuals should not be given the right to adopt children (29% approved) and 62% said the state should not legally sanction Gay marriages.

But there were other silver linings in the poll. Seventy-one percent of those polled who said they *knew* someone Gay believe Gays should be allowed in the military and that Gay couples should have inheritance rights.

"These results confirm the importance of Gays and Lesbians to reveal our sexual orientation to non-Gays," said Wes Combs, Director of National Coming Out Day. "This poll clearly shows that people who know Gays are significantly more likely to be supportive of Gay rights."

Students Mount Protest Against Censorship

Overland Park, KS — The Associated Press reports that students at the Shawnee Mission East High School protested the banning of Gay books from the school library by checking out more than 1,000 books.

The students took action after school officials removed two Gay-themed books, *Annie on My Mind* and *All-American Boys*, from its holdings. Travis Graf, a junior, withdrew 135 books that could be considered controversial. "We started with religion," he said, "and went to war, violence, abortion." Senior Kyra Bechtel withdrew half of the Philosophy section, "because philosophy can be influential, you know." Another student said: "It was just an attention-getter to show that we will not tolerate censorship in our school."

Meanwhile, in Salt Lake City, middle school students personally brought in their art work to an exhibition at A Woman's Place Bookstore after their principal said the students could not display their art because the store has a Gay/Lesbian book section.

State Farm Insurance Cancels Gay Group's Policy

Columbia, SC — State Farm Insurance has abruptly cancelled a liability policy for Columbia's Gay and Lesbian Community Center just two months after the policy was issued, saying "While we do insure civic organizations, we do not insure high profile organizations which may be politically active on a national scale."

State Farm's regional office in Florida overrode a local agent who had drawn up the policy for the Center. A spokeswoman vehemently denied the cancellation was discriminatory: "Organizations like those [Gay] tend to operate on a national level, larger than the town or community they're based in. We're just not in that market."

But members of the Gay Community Center said their focus was indeed local, comparing their activities to a senior citizens center or a church.

South Carolina allows insurers to cancel policies for any reason as long as one month notice is given. The state does not have a law barring sexual orientation discrimination.

Also on the Newswire...

New York, NY — Edmund White's book *Genet*, a mammoth study of the Gay French writer and iconoclast Jean Genet, has been awarded the 1993 National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography. Nominees in other categories included several Gay and Lesbian writers: Gore Vidal, Audre Lorde, Wayne Koestenbaum, and James Merrill.

Los Angeles, CA — Minerva Burr, a niece of the actor Raymond Burr, has filed suit challenging her uncle's will. Burr, famed for his portrayal of TV's Perry Mason, left his entire \$32 million estate including his vineyards near Sonoma to his companion of 20 years, Robert Benevides. Ms. Burr told *Hard Copy*: "I am a Burr and Robert is not a Burr."

Austin, TX — George W. Bush, son of the former President who is running for Governor of Texas against incumbent Ann Richards, has declared he will do everything possible to keep the state's sodomy statute on the books. "I think it's a symbolic gesture of traditional values," he said.

Spokane, WA — Robert Larimer has been forced to resign as head of the anti-Gay Citizens Alliance of Washington. Lon Mabon, leader of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, asked Larimer to resign because of a difference of opinion over tactics. However, it was recently revealed that Larimer, whose group touts "traditional values," has been married three times and was once charged with assaulting his second wife.

Washington, DC — After a letter-writing campaign by Gay and Lesbian health advocates, the Harvard Nurses Study, a massive project tracking the health of 100,000 nurses over two decades, will include questions

regarding participants' sexual orientation. Advocates believe the information garnered will provide greater documentation of Lesbians' health concerns.

Sacramento, CA — When Tony Miller was sworn in as California's Acting Secretary of State in February, he became the first openly Gay American to hold major statewide office. Miller replaced March Fong Eu, who was named Ambassador to Micronesia. Miller plans to run for a full term as Secretary of State later this year.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

STATE News Briefs

Gunderson to Seek One Final Term in Congress

Eau Claire — Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in western Wisconsin, recently announced that he will seek one more term in the November elections this year. If elected, Gunderson will serve his eighth term in the House and then retire from national politics.

Speculation had run rampant about whether Gunderson would run again and who might run against him. He has expressed increasing frustration with partisan battles in Congress and the gridlock that often derails important legislation.

Gunderson was subjected to a forcible "outing" by a Queer Nation activist who threw a drink in his face at a Gay bar in suburban Washington in 1991. He has declined to speak publicly about his sexuality, but last year he placed a long statement into the **Congressional Record** in which he pleaded for tolerance and an end to anti-Gay discrimination. Gunderson marched with friends in the District of Columbia contingent of the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Rights last April.

Suspect Surrenders in 1993 Gay Bar Slaying

Milwaukee — Juan O. Rocha, 21, has been charged with reckless homicide for firing bullets into Vuk's Place last June 15, killing 28-year-old Marlene Krieser. Vuk's Place, a Gay bar on Milwaukee's south side, has since closed.

Rocha fled to Mexico shortly after the incident. Milwaukee police eventually traced him to the central Mexican town of Leon. When Rocha learned police were on his trail, he called them, offering to surrender. Two detectives flew to Mexico to interrogate him, and Rocha arrived

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□ Because **MEN AT WORK** is a study, participants will receive \$40 for completing evaluation questionnaires at the one-day workshop, as well as other payments for attending follow-up meetings or later questionnaires.

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**Community Health Behavior Program
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Bar Slaying...

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back in Milwaukee February 15. Asst. District Attorney Mark Williams told the **Milwaukee Journal**: "The guy apparently felt guilty and he couldn't live with himself anymore."

Rocha spent several hours at Vuk's last June 15. Several sources told **In Step** that as he was leaving someone made ethnic slurs against him, calling him "Taco Breath." He expressed his anger and made a general threat against the bar before leaving. Several minutes later, gunshots from across the street raked the bar. One hit Krieser in the chest, mortally wounding her.

Krieser was the adopted daughter of Sharon Dixon, the owner of Fannie's, a popular Milwaukee Lesbian bar. Dixon adopted Krieser at the age of 15 after the girl's mother, a close friend of Dixon's, died.

UW-Milwaukee May Offer Certificate in Gay Studies

Milwaukee — The dream of a Gay and Lesbian Studies program at UW-Milwaukee came closer to reality after the university's Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee approved the proposal for a Gay Studies certificate program in February. Although individual courses on Gay and Lesbian literature have been offered in the past, the formally recognized Gay and Lesbian Studies certificate program could begin as early as this Fall. The UW Board of Regents still needs to give it the green light.

To earn a certificate, students will have to successfully complete at least 18 credits of Gay Studies courses. They must specialize in two of three areas: Literary and Culture Studies; History, Sociology and Political Science; and Psychology, Health and Social Welfare.

The Gay and Lesbian Studies certificate program was approved along with a new program in Latino Studies. Faculty members who lobbied for the program told **In Step** its development was "remarkably hassle-free." The administration is under pressure to increase its commitment to diversity, and both programs will help underline that commitment.

UW-Stevens Point Hosts LesBiGay Network Meeting

Stevens Point — More than 50 students, staff and faculty from UW System campuses statewide attended the third meeting of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues Network February 11 at UW-Stevens Point.

The networking conference provided another opportunity for UW students and personnel to exchange information about LesBiGay issues and policies on the different campuses. As at previous

conferences, discussion centered around the topics of campus climate, curriculum issues (such as Gay Studies courses) and university policies (like benefits for the domestic partners of UW employees).

A representative of the Ten Percent Society at UW-Stout reported on the recent attack on a Lesbian student there (see *related story*) and asked others to pressure Stout officials to find the perpetrator and to improve the campus climate for Gays. Discussion ensued about how best to organize the network so it can respond swiftly and effectively to such Gay bashing incidents.

The next meeting of the LesBiGay Issues Network will take place at UW-Whitewater on April 29.

AIDS Resource Center Urges State to Promote PSA's

Milwaukee — Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, has asked the Wisconsin Division of Health to promote public service announcements designed by the Centers for Disease Control which urge condom use for AIDS prevention.

Nelson wrote to Ann Haney, who administers the Division of Health: "It is with the greatest sense of urgency that I ask you to take leadership in promoting the airing of these PSA's by Wisconsin's broadcast media. The AIDS death rate in Wisconsin continues to mount, with a person dying from AIDS every day."

Nelson wrote that the PSA's communicate, "at long last," essential life-saving information to million of sexually active people: that consistent and correct use of latex condoms will prevent AIDS and save lives. "This fundamental public health message is critically important in light of society's continuing promotion of sexuality through almost every communication medium."

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Make A Promise Dinner Continues Tradition of Elegance and Compassion

March 19 at Pfister Hotel

Milwaukee — It's time to pull out your best finery and get ready for an elegant evening filled with music, food and good company at the eighth annual *Make A Promise* dinner, show and auction. A capacity crowd of more than 1,000 people is expected to turn out at the gala event on Saturday, March 19 in support of AIDS care, education and research.

Make A Promise, held at the Pfister

Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, will feature elegant dining, a silent auction and a variety of entertainment. Event organizers expect to raise \$98,000.

"*Make A Promise* has become a tradition of elegance and compassion," said Louise Searing, director of special events, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. "This annual event has enabled us to consistently provide the highest quality case management and support services to hundreds of men, women and children affected by HIV disease."

Many community leaders will join this year's event as Honorary Hosts. This prestigious list of hosts includes business, civic, religious, political leaders and leaders within the Gay and Lesbian community who are public supporters of this event.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Four individuals and organizations will be honored at this year's *Make A Promise* dinner for their outstanding commitment to the struggle against the AIDS epidemic. Community leadership awards will be presented to the Congregation of Blessed Trinity, Today's TMJ4, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and State Representative Tim Carpenter.

The Congregation of Blessed Trinity will receive the Sterling Rose Award for its leadership in supporting the conversion of a former convent into the Wisconsin House, a 33 unit home for people with HIV disease. Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., praised the parish for its outstanding commitment to effective community management of the AIDS epidemic.

"We are pleased to express our deep gratitude for the Congregation of Blessed Trinity's commitment through this award," said Nelson. Previous recipients of the Sterling Rose Award were Miller Brewing Company and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

In addition to the Sterling Rose Award, Red Rose Awards will be given to recognize the support of an additional three organizations and individuals. Red Rose Awards will be given to Today's TMJ4 for its commitment to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk and for keeping AIDS at the forefront of its viewers' minds through both news and public service campaigns; State Representative Tim Carpenter for his political leadership on AIDS public policy; and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for its continuing financial support of vital AIDS prevention programs in Milwaukee.

Principle sponsors for *Make A Promise* and Andersen Consulting, Aurora Health Care, Miller Brewing Company, Time Insurance Company and United Airlines. Other sponsors include Ameritech, Stein Medical/Home Health, HME, Communications Concepts, von

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ENTERTAINMENT

Headlining this year's elegant dinner will be the energetic and lively song and dance of Jack Forbes Wilson and Kay Stiefel. Jack and Kay sang their first duet together in a cabaret show 7 years ago and they have been performing as a team ever since. Between the two of them, they have worked with virtually every theatre company in the Milwaukee area, including the Skylight Opera Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Great American Children's Theatre, Milwaukee Players and the Fireside.

During dinner, guests will enjoy jazz and 1940's style ballads sung by Janet Planet, an Appleton native who lives in Oshkosh and has been singing professionally since 1980. Guitarists Don Linke and David Sarkis will perform during the silent auction and Anthony Myers, announcer/producer, WUWM Public Radio, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Items to be featured in this year's silent auction include hotel packages, roundtrip airline tickets on United Airlines to Hawaii, a timeshare condominium in Cancun, a baseball autographed by Milwaukee Brewer Darryl Hamilton, artwork, symphony, opera and ballet tickets, dinner certificates and a season boarding pass on the Mississippi Belle II Gambling Boat.

TICKETS

Tickets are \$150 (Forever Yours Rose), \$85 (Pease Rose), and \$60 (Friendship Rose). Tables of ten are also available for \$1500, \$850 and \$600, respectively. Ticket costs reflect preferential seating.

A capacity crowd of nearly 1,000 people filled the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom in 1993 and raised over \$84,000 for AIDS care, prevention and research services provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project and Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

For tickets or more information, call (414) 273-1991 or (800) 359-9272.

Gay Avenue May Undergo Name Change

Blooming Grove (In Step) — The residents of Gay Avenue have petitioned the Blooming Grove town board to change the name of the street to Alvarez Avenue. Ostensibly, the change would be in honor of University of Wisconsin-Madison football coach Barry Alvarez, but homophobia may be an underlying motive.

The board asked town attorney John

Mitby to draft an ordinance to make the change at a February 8 board meeting. The request was in response to a petition drive initiated by Gay Avenue residents Kim Ruhland and James Johnson. Residents of all twenty-two Gay Avenue addresses signed. There is no set timetable for implementing the change.

Although there are conflicting stories, Gay Avenue is believed to be named in honor of the Leonard Gay family. The Gay family was prominent in Madison area real estate development for over a century. They constructed the city's first "high-rise" building, formerly the "Gay Building" at 16 North Carroll, in 1915.

Johnson cited his concern for children who have been "hazed" because of the street name. "People talked to me about their children, now grown, who had self-esteem problems for years" because of the teasing, he said.

Town Chairman Steve Sasso, who opposes the name change, also mentioned that some Gay Avenue denizens wanted to change the name out of concern for the children. "Now children on the street won't have to grow up being oppressed by [the name]," he told the Wisconsin *State Journal*. "It is a shame that society has to have all that prejudice," he continued. He noted in an interview that he "encouraged residents to educate their children."

The children of Gay Avenue attend school in the Madison School District. The district has a non-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation, and a school advisory committee recently recommended that the district adopt a series of guidelines to further address the needs of Gay students, faculty and staff. No one interviewed for this article knew if any Gay Avenue parents reported incidents of harassment to school officials or if school officials had taken any action to prevent such harassment. Calls to a Madison school official were not returned.

While the merits of naming a street after Alvarez are debatable, a motivation behind the proposed change may be anti-Gay bias. Ruhland, for example, planned to change the street name even before she moved there last April. The *State Journal* quoted her as saying, "When I was looking around this property, I really wanted it, but I thought, 'I'm living on Gay Avenue? no way.'"

"I told everyone I was going to change [the street name]" she continued in the *State Journal*. "I had that in my mind the whole time."

Ruhland was not interviewed for this article.

Johnson also noted his discomfort with the connotations of sexuality attached to the street name. "The word 'Gay' bothered me," he said, speaking of his search for a property six months ago. "I don't know if that makes me homophobic or not."

As sincere as the concern for the well-being of Gay Avenue children seemed, it was clouded by unconfirmed reports of anti-Gay comments by town board members at the meeting. Jane Vanderbosch of The United, Madison's Lesbian and Gay social service agency, said she received a call from a straight woman who was at the meeting. "I understand some of the comments were pretty inflammatory," Vanderbosch said.

Sasso said he was "really upset by [the reports]. I didn't hear any derogatory remarks." He added that "there may have been some things misinterpreted."

The town board was tentatively scheduled to decide the issue at a February 22 meeting (after *In Step* went to press).

In Memoriam

Gay Journalist Randy Shilts Succumbs to AIDS

Author of And the Band Played On, Conduct Unbecoming

By Jamakaya

San Francisco, CA — Journalist Randy Shilts, best known for his powerful history of the AIDS, *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic*, has succumbed to the disease. He died on February 17 at age 42.

A reporter for 14 years for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Shilts covered the AIDS epidemic from its inception and spent years researching *And the Band Played On*, published in 1987. The book attacked the complacency of government officials, the medical establishment and the Gay community itself for failing to aggressively respond to the epidemic. Although it languished for many years at various networks, the book was finally made into a TV film by HBO and was shown last fall.

Shilts also wrote two other books which are landmarks of Gay and Lesbian history. In 1982 he published the first and only full length biography of Gay rights leader Harvey Milk, the San Francisco Supervisor who was assassinated by a homophobic cop in 1978. The book is called *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*. Warner Brothers currently owns the rights to produce a film version.

Just last year, in the midst of the debate over Gays in the military, Shilts published his massive study, *Conduct Unbecoming: Lesbians and Gays in*

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the **US Military**. At almost 800 pages, the book provided voluminous documentation of the underhanded methods used and the vast moneys expended to drum qualified Gay and Lesbian personnel from the armed forces.

Shilts hoped his carefully documented, well-reasoned book would influence the debate, but that was not the case. He told *The Advocate* last year:

"It's so frustrating watching these hearings because these so-called experts know absolutely nothing about this issue. And the senators know even less. It's the blind leading the blind, deaf and dumb. This whole issue is tied up with the image of masculinity that the government wants to keep around the armed forces. Should we as a country spend \$260 billion a year so that these men can have an institution that tells them they're macho? Or should we strive for the most cost-effective means of national defense?"

A MIDWESTERN BOY

Shilts was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1951 and grew up in Aurora, Illinois. He attended college in Oregon and when he ran for student body President in 1975, his slogan was "Come Out for Shilts."

"Ever since I've been 20 I've been openly Gay," said Shilts. "It's a wonderful way to live. It's just so much easier."

He became the Northwest correspondent for *The Advocate* in 1975 and, after moving to San Francisco, became a staff writer. In 1979, Shilts started his job at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a mainstream daily. He remained on the paper's payroll until the day he died.

In a cruel irony, Shilts learned of his HIV-positive diagnosis in 1987 on the very day he completed work on *And the Band Played On*. He told close friends but did not go public with his HIV status until he experienced a second major bout with pneumocystis pneumonia in 1993.

"I was very closeted about this whole thing at first," Shilts admitted to *The Advocate*. "I didn't want the news to get out before the book did. I spent four years on *Conduct Unbecoming*; it is my definitive statement on homophobia, and I didn't want all of the press [surrounding the book's publication] to be about me having AIDS. I don't want to be a professional AIDS patient. I'm more valuable to the Gay movement as a journalist."

During his career, Shilts endured much criticism from the Gay community itself. The worst ostracism came in the mid-1980's when he (like fellow writer Larry Kramer) urged Gay men to curb their promiscuous sexual behavior. He



Randy Shilts

was actually verbally harassed by Gays after he suggested that perhaps the bathhouses should be closed down.

"I didn't really favor closing them," he told *The Advocate*, "but I felt we should at least talk about it. I used to go to the bathhouses all the time. I knew what happened there, and I knew we had a sexually transmitted disease, and it was like gasoline on the fire. All the Gay leaders had basically refused to allow anybody to discuss it. Well, I'm out of their aegis, you know? I don't get paid as a reporter *not* to talk about something. I had friends who wouldn't walk down Castro Street with me because so many people would come up and yell at me."

In the last year of his life, Shilts remained optimistic about the Gay rights cause: "I see a very bright future in the long run for the movement. We are absolutely going to win. I've been writing about Gay stuff for 20 years. I remember when you couldn't even get the word Gay in the newspaper. We've had an accelerated progress as a movement compared to past social-change movements."

Despite his sometimes rocky relationship with certain elements in the Gay community, the legacy of Shilts's writings, especially his three critically acclaimed books, will enhance the lives of all Gays and Lesbians and educate and inspire future generations.

Shilts is survived by his lover, Barry Barbieri, and millions of readers who will benefit from his work.

Editor's Note: All quotes are from the June 15, 1993 Advocate.

Group Notes

Wisconsin Alumni Group Officially Recognized

Madison — At the February 7 meeting of the Executive Committee of the **Wisconsin Alumni Association**, formal affiliation of the **University of Wisconsin Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Alumni Council** was finalized. Although many Gay/Lesbian alumni groups exist, this situation is first for a Big Ten university, and one of only a handful nationally, to have official sanction of the university and its alumni organization. The Council now has a member on the National Board of Directors of WAA.

The Council's goals and objectives are to cooperate with the Wisconsin Alumni Association in promoting, by organized effort, the best interests of the University of Wisconsin; to provide a recognized forum that facilitates dialogue and relationships between the university and its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual alumni; and to support and encourage a positive social and academic environment throughout the university community for its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual students, faculty and staff.

In addition to the annual summer reunion, the council annually publishes two newsletters and sponsors fall Homecoming Weekend events as well as a spring reception for graduation students.

For further information, contact the *GLB Alumni Council*, c/o Steve Braunginn, *Wisconsin Alumni Association*, 650 N. Lake St., Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-5895.

Call For Nominations 1994 Distinguished Alumni Award

Madison — The **University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council** is seeking nominations for the 1994 Alumni Award to recognize a woman and a man who have excelled and distinguished themselves.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at the Annual Reunion Brunch on Sunday, July 17, 1994 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend), at the Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Please make your nomination by sending the name, address and phone number of your candidate as well as your reasons for nomination. Also include your name, address and phone. The deadline is March 25, 1994.

The purpose of the Council is to cooperate with the Wisconsin Alumni Association in promoting the best

interests of the University of Wisconsin, to provide a recognized forum that facilitates dialogue and relationships between the university and its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual alumni and to support and encourage a positive social and academic environment throughout the university community for its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual students, faculty and staff. Programming includes annual Reunion/Brunch, the publication of two newsletters (fall and spring), fall Homecoming Weekend event, spring reception for graduating students and the annual formal recognition of distinguished alumni.

To make A nomination, request a form from: GLB Alumni Council; c/o Steve Braunginn, Wisconsin Alumni Association, 650 N. Lake St., Madison, WI 53706. Deadline is March 25.

PrideFest T Shirts Available

Exciting New Logo

Milwaukee — The theme for PrideFest 94 is "Stonewall 25, Our Time To Shine." If this year's logo is any indication, PrideFest 94 will indeed be "a time to shine."

The logo was designed by Barb Peterson. Barb, a professional graphic



Barb Peterson, graphics designer, shows off her design for the PrideFest '94 logo and T-shirts.

designer, donated her services to PrideFest. Barb, a Milwaukee native, had just returned to the Cream City after a six year stint in Minneapolis when she offered her services.

Barb feels that everyone should pitch in and help. "I think its important that we all take some time to promote our community and the arts. I was

happy to have some time to be able to help do that."

Peterson is just beginning to develop a thriving free lance business in Milwaukee, but she already has the PrideFest Committee and its supporters as big fans.

The three color logo features the Statue of Liberty holding a flaming pink triangle and the 1994 PrideFest theme is done in two pastel colors, Jade Green and Deco Pink in addition to black.

PrideFest Committee Co-Chair, Bill Meunier said that reaction to Peterson's design has been extremely good. "We are very pleased with the initial reaction. We have already sold a number of T-Shirts and everyone who has commented on the logo has been complimentary."

The T-Shirts are 100% cotton. To order a PrideFest 94 Shirt send a check or money order (\$10 per shirt, shipping included) made payable to PrideFest to: PrideFest 94, Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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Endowment Fund To Be Created By Madison Foundation

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation board of directors has voted to establish an endowment fund in the hope of attracting new and additional contributions from persons seeking a more permanent vehicle for charitable gifts.

A legally separate entity, the New Harvest Foundation Endowment will be funded by designated donations from individuals and by bequests from wills and trusts. It will also be augmented by a semi-annual allocation of 10% of general donations to the Foundation.

Since its formation in 1984, New Harvest has relied on current contributions of members to fund its semi-annual grants to various programs advancing the community, according to Foundation Co-chair Paul Gibler. This has meant in years when contributions declined, grants had to be cut back correspondingly, he said. Such was the case in the recent 1991-1992 grant cycles.

"We envision our Endowment attracting larger donations to New Harvest, particularly through bequests made upon death," Gibler explained. "We also foresee money coming from corporate donations to designated programs and possible from grants received from other charitable foundations." This would mean a more stable source of funds for New Harvest, he predicted, and an income flow that could allow more and larger grants.

\$7,600 IN GRANTS APPROVED

In its seventeenth round of giving, the New Harvest Foundation will provide \$7,640 in financial support to seven Lesbian and Gay causes during the first half of 1994. This will bring total grants made by the Foundation in the past twelve months to \$17,400.

Among the service areas benefiting in this new cycle of grants are childcare for Gay and Lesbian parents, athletes wishing to participate in the Gay Games, support for AIDS sufferers, teenagers with sexual orientation concerns, and persons in abusive sexual relationships.

The Foundation received nine requests for funding in 1994 totaling \$12,162, according to Screening Committee co-chair Eugene Irlbeck. Because of limited funds and other reasons, he said, only about two-thirds of the grant requests could be fulfilled.

"Our donors in the past have been most generous," Irlbeck stressed, "but we continue to have a hard time matching the pressing financial needs of vital service programs with the funds available to us. Clearly, we need more donors," he asserted.

The programs and services receiving New Harvest grants for the first six months of 1994 are:

▼ **Childcare Workshop** — \$600 to Community Coordinated Child Care to offer a workshop to give childcare providers a better understanding of the unique needs of children of Gay and Lesbian parents.

▼ **Gay Games** — \$1,100 to Team Wisconsin to promote and organize participation by Lesbian and Gay athletes in the Gay Games IV to be held in New York in 1994.

▼ **AIDS Outreach** — \$1,050 to the Madison AIDS Support Network to design and produce a series of four HIV prevention brochures for distribution at

local bars, social events, and service agencies.

▼ **Lesbian Families** — \$1,139 to the Lesbian Parents network to increase public awareness of the special needs of Lesbian families through advertising, community outreach and networking.

▼ **Call-In Phone Line** — \$1,800 in additional support for the Madison Community United's phone-line counseling service for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, including funds for maintaining and advertising a statewide toll free line.



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▼ **Teenage Support** — \$1,175 to Briarpatch and PICADA to continue their *Teens Like Us* support group aimed at high school-age girls and boys with sexual orientation concerns.

Applications for the next grant cycle will be due in May and awards announced in June for the last half of 1994.

The United To Hold Training Sessions

Madison Agency Experiences Increased Use

Madison — The United is pleased to announce an upcoming training for new volunteers. There will be an orientation meeting for interested persons on Tuesday, March 8. The night's program, beginning at 7pm, will include general information about the United, a highlight of ongoing programs and special events, and volunteer possibilities and needs in the organization. Various board members, staff and volunteers will briefly speak about their volunteer experiences and contributions. At the close of the orientation program, people will be encouraged to sign up in areas of volunteer service which is of interest to them. Additional training is required for new volunteers in specialty areas, such as phone lines and peer support. The evening will conclude at about 9pm with short exit interviews.

This is an exciting time to become a part of the United organization. New board leadership and changes in the volunteer program have provided staff and volunteers with greater opportunities for communication and involvement. The board of directors is actively pursuing development and improvement of current programming and volunteer services. Volunteer training and in-service programs have been given special attention with an emphasis on up-to-date information, quality time investment, proper use of volunteer skills, and volunteer satisfaction and sense of purpose.

Use of the United's services has never been greater. The United has experienced a 50% increase in client contacts and related services within the past year. The United has also embarked on major fundraising programs designed to broaden the its base of support in the community. An example of this is the development of a major donor program. Other continued efforts include the upcoming 2nd annual Queer of the Year

celebration, to be held in early June, and a major concert to be held as part of National Coming Out Day in the fall. The designation as "Organization of the Year" by the Milwaukee Pride Committee clearly demonstrates the leadership role of the United as one of Wisconsin's few advocacy agencies successfully serving Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual communities.

Currently, options at the United for volunteers include: Participating on board committees: finance/fundraising, publicity, programming and personnel; office and clerical opportunities, computer or writing possibilities, newsletter; special fundraising events;

advocacy; speaker's bureau; library; referral; data base; phone lines; personing information table on the square; bar outreach; designing new programs; community outreach; and Queer of the Year.

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Counseling Center Offers Spring Support Groups for Gay Men

Milwaukee — Several support groups are set to begin in March for Gay men. A **General Issues Group** will focus on coming out, intimacy and self-esteem. A **Gay Single Men's** group will deal with the positives and negatives about being single. A group for **Gay Couples** will explore issues of boundaries, expectations, trust, family relations and enhancing communication. **Gay Men who are HIV+ or who have AIDS** are invited to join a support group to focus on the emotional stresses that are experienced as a result of dealing with HIV on a daily basis. A mixed group for both **Gay and Straight Men** will form to help develop a greater appreciation of the similarities and differences between men of all sexual orientations. Finally, a group for **Gay Men who are Survivors of Sexual Abuse** will begin.

These groups meet once a week for 2 hours and will last for 10 weeks.

All groups meet at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. The cost is \$5 per week, with a sliding scale for those who have limited income. Please call Bill Hanel on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (414) 271-2565 for more information.

Outdoors Organization Forming In Milwaukee

Beginning this spring, a new organization will be formed to offer outdoor events for the Milwaukee area Gay community. A group of twenty individuals with experience in climbing Mt. Rainier, canoeing through week-long trips in boundary waters, organizing back-packing trips and running sea kayaking excursions are forming a cooperative group called **Outdoors**. Members will be introduced to new, unusual and exciting outdoor adventures. Experience in these activities is not necessary. Participants need only an adventurous spirit and an enjoyment of the outdoors.

Outdoors will focus on events such as mountain biking, backpacking, rock climbing, sea kayaking, canoe trips involving portage, week-long biking trips, western white-water rafting, winter camping and downhill skiing in the Rockies.

Membership is open to all members of the Greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community who wish to grow with **Outdoors**. Preliminary plans for the 1994 season include a weekend of kayaking in the Apostle Islands, a one-week backpacking trip to Glacier National

Park and a canoe trip in the Horicon Marshes. Current plans call for one "short" and one "long" event per month. The actual selection of activities will be made at the organizational meeting.

This organizational meeting and planning session will be held the evening of Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30pm in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M Club (124 N. Water St., Milwaukee). Anyone interested in **Outdoors** is urged to attend. For more information contact Dave Hutchinson at (414) 771-0326.

Women's Monthly Pot Luck At Atwood

Madison — "Meet your neighbors!" Come on over to Madison's community center to share a meal with other women interested in expanding their circle.

The monthly potluck is designed to be a space for women to share social time in fostering a sense of community; Each potluck will have a different theme or activity to encourage discussions and connections.

The pot luck will be on the Fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm in the center's Main Room. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage.

The first potluck will be on Sunday, February 27 with potlucks on the fourth Sunday in following months.

For more information, please call the Atwood Community Center at (608) 241-1574 and ask for Patti Thompson.

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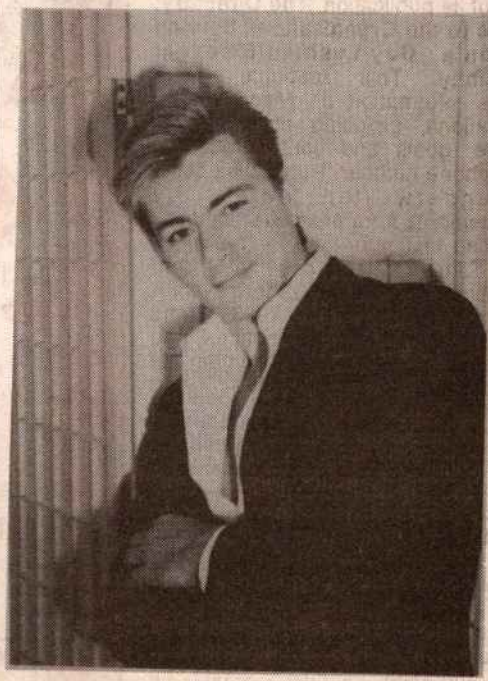
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For more information, please call the Campus Womens Center at (608) 262-8093.

Sixth Edition of Madison Resource Guide to be Published

Madison — The **Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC)** is currently preparing the sixth edition of its publication, **The Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community**. This resource guide provides information on Madison-area organizations, including history, size, structure, goals and contact address and/or phone number. Publication costs are underwritten solely by advertisements from area businesses.

When first published in the fall of 1988, **The Directory** included descriptions of 28 organizations, with 4 pages of advertising. By 1993, it had grown to include 83 organizations, and was supported by 31 pages of advertisements from over 100 businesses.

MG/LRC will be contacting all organizations listed in the 1993 edition for updates and corrections. New organizations, or any group inadvertently omitted from previous editions, should send a description of the organization (of up to 200 words), along with a contact name, address and/or phone number. Businesses interested in supporting this effort and reaching a highly-targeted, loyal audience should send for information on ad sizes and rates. All inquiries should be addressed to: MG/LRC, Attn: The Directory, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

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Viewpoint

Special Rights, Equal Rights, Gay Rights?

By Richard D. Mohr

This year, referendum initiatives directed against Gay civil rights protections are slated in eight states — Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Missouri, Michigan, Maine and Florida. Last year, nineteen cities and counties across the nation had such referendums. Gays lost them all. The organization which launched Cincinnati's referendum named itself "Equal Rights, Not Special Rights," while the Gay side called its organization "Equality Cincinnati." Both opposed sides claimed equality as their principle. *Clearly America is confused about what equality is.*

The "no special rights" side seems to take equality to mean equal opportunity or identical access to whatever government is offering by way of privileges and possessions. In consequence, these people suppose that any legislation that gives something to a specified group violates equality. And, indeed, equality understood as equal opportunity is quite entrenched in America's folk rhetoric of justice. For example, the chief federal agency for the enforcement of the 1964 Civil Rights Act is called the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Still, this sense of equality does not capture all or even the core of what equality is. Equality is at heart a principle of non-degradation. It asserts that people are not to be held in lesser regard, as morally lesser beings, independently of their actions. Consider the sixteen state anti-miscegenation laws which the Supreme Court struck down in 1967. Formally they treated blacks and whites the same, for they denied each group identical access — to each other. Blacks couldn't marry whites; whites couldn't marry blacks. What then was the inequality in anti-miscegenation laws? They were inequitable not because they denied equality of opportunity to blacks, but because they were part of a system that holds blacks in morally lesser regard independently of what they individually do; such laws viewed blacks as dirty, loathsome, abject.

Or again, consider the nation's paradigmatic racist joke: "What do you call a black millionaire physicist who's just won the Nobel Prize?" The answer is the spondee, usually shouted, "nigger." Notice that the person in the joke has availed himself of opportunity as fully as anyone could. The joke's butt could not launch a suit against someone claiming

that he has been denied access to some freedom, opportunity, or possession — for he has it all. Rather the joke's belittling fun presumes that the physicist's disesteem is entirely a matter of a perceived status having nothing to do with his actions. In the joke's moral system, which is to say America's popular morality, this person could never be equal no matter what he did. Equality, then, in the first instance, is a principle of non-degradation, and only secondarily, if at all, a principle about similarity of access.

People marching under the banner "no special rights" are then understandably but profoundly confused about equality. It is true that equality is a right which everyone has, for everyone has a right not to be treated as a morally lesser being. Yet, given this understanding of equality, both assertions and violations of it will always make reference to the specific treatment of some group's members, will turn on whether they are socially viewed as degraded independently of any action that makes them members of the group. Justice then requires looking to the specifics of history and social custom, not to generic human nature, in order to determine whether some law, policy, or practice promotes or violates equality.

Have Gays as a group historically been treated as less than full human beings, as loathsome, abject beings? Yes is the answer offered by society's record of slang, jokes, family policy, religious teachings, medical history, and

symbolic legislation (like military policy and unenforced sodomy laws). *Therefore constitutional equal protections should guard Gays from degrading treatments by governments.* Similarly, Gay civil rights legislation promotes rather than destroys equality since it works to end the humiliation, degradation, and insult caused by discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Such laws then are *not* special treatments in any way that is morally objectionable. To the contrary, they are the historical and socially specific treatments which equality as a general principle of non-degradation requires.

Though now targeted just at Gays, the rhetoric of "no special rights" is a ploy to attack all civil rights legislation which specifies any group as protected. It masks a mentality of "us versus them" and succeeds only by a stratagem of "divide and conquer." Therefore, other minorities currently protected by law — blacks, hispanics, women, Baptists, Catholics, Mormons, Jews, the disabled — all need to be particularly mindful that gay rights do not steal anything from them, but rather help solidify the very principle of equality in virtue of which they have these rights in the first place.

Richard D. Mohr, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois-Urbana, is the author of "A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights" to be released February 25 by Beacon Press.

Health

AIDS Briefs

Report Charts AIDS Among Wisconsin's Gay and Bisexual Men

Madison — The latest edition of **Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Update**, published by the State Division of Health, includes an overview of how AIDS has affected the state's Gay and Bisexual men from 1982 to September, 1993. The summary was compiled from AIDS case surveillance data collected by the state since the first cases were identified in 1982.

Through September 1993, 1,505 cases of AIDS had been reported among Gay and Bisexual men in Wisconsin. This represents 72% of all reported AIDS cases. AIDS among Gay and Bisexual men is geographically widespread, with at least one case reported from 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Among counties with 20 or more AIDS cases, Gay and Bisexual men represent between 55% and 88% of all cases.

AIDS among Gay and Bisexual men is predominantly a disease of young to

middle-aged. In Wisconsin, three fourths of the cases in this group have been diagnosed at age 42 years or younger. The median age of diagnosis is 36 years. One fourth of Gay and Bisexual men have been diagnosed at 30 years of age or younger, suggesting that a significant proportion of these men were infected with HIV in their teens or early 20's.

The majority of Gay and Bisexual men with AIDS in Wisconsin are white (82%). However, data shows that AIDS incidence is disproportionately higher among Black Gay and Bisexual men. Although Black men represent only 4% of the over 15 years of age male population in the state, 14% of Gay and Bisexual men with AIDS were Black. Latinos and others made up the remaining 4% of AIDS cases here.

Total AIDS cases among Gay and Bisexual men have increased steadily and in a nearly linear fashion since the early 1980's. There is no indication that total reported cases among Gay and Bisexual men have peaked or declined.

However, cases among Gay and Bisexual men that would be classified as AIDS using the pre-1993 AIDS case definition appear to have peaked in 1991

and have subsequently declined somewhat. In 1992, the number of AIDS cases diagnosed among Gay and Bisexual men which met the pre-1993 AIDS definition was 3% less than in 1991 (182 cases in 1991 vs. 176 cases in 1992).

102 New Cases of AIDS in 4th Quarter of '93

Madison — The State Division of Health's Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program reports that 102 new cases of AIDS were documented in the last three months of 1993. During that period, 74 people died of AIDS complications.

As of December 31, 1993, the state recorded a total of 2,203 cases of AIDS. Ninety-two percent of those cases were men, 8% women. There have been 1,201 deaths attributed to AIDS.

On the national level, the number of AIDS cases reported as of September, 1993 totaled 339,250. The number of AIDS-related deaths to that point was 204,390. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS is now the primary killer of men aged 25-44 years in the U.S. and is the fourth leading cause of death among women 25-44 years old.

As of July 1 last year, the World Health Organization had recorded 718,894 cases of AIDS worldwide. Because of delays and incompleteness of reporting, however, WHO estimates the actual figure at almost 2.5 million. WHO calculates the number of people infected with HIV worldwide at 15 million.

Government Re-Considering Use of Therapeutic Marijuana

Washington, DC — The Public Health Service has announced that the Clinton administration is re-considering restrictions on the medicinal use of marijuana.

A 1992 decision by the Bush administration forbade the medical testing or use of marijuana. Previously, individuals had been allowed to apply to the Food and Drug Administration for special permission to use marijuana.

Advocates for the medicinal use of marijuana say the drug relieves the nausea associated with AIDS and cancer treatments, especially chemotherapy. They contend it also promotes a healthy appetite in people who need to get the maximum of calories and nutrition to maintain their health.

A spokesman for the Cannabis Buyer's Club, which supplies marijuana to people with catastrophic illnesses, said: "This is very encouraging news. It sounds as though the Clinton administration has made a New Year's resolution to let science and medicine, not politics, dictate medical policy. I hope this is a sign of things to come."

New Study Tracks Differences in HIV Progression

New York, NY — The *New York Times* reports that a team of researchers at Rockefeller University has charted the rate of replication of HIV-infected cells in 18 patients and found "dramatic differences" in individuals with similar clinical and laboratory indexes. The findings, if confirmed in larger studies, could enable doctors to better predict whether the onset of AIDS will be rapid or slow in particular individuals.

The blood test measured the amount of messenger RNA in HIV in

what are called peripheral mononuclear cells in the blood. The results determined replication rates of HIV years in advance of the current measure, the rise or fall in CD-4, or T-helper cells.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, a leader in federal AIDS efforts, called the findings "potentially very important" for predicting the development of AIDS and influencing the types of treatment doctors would recommend to patients. But he cautioned that a broader study was needed to confirm the findings before the blood test could be made available to the public.

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Activists Appointed to AIDS Drug Panel

Washington, DC — Longtime AIDS activists Peter Staley, a founder of the Treatment Action Group in New York, and Moises Agosto of the National Minority AIDS Council have been appointed to serve on the Clinton administration's 18-member Task Force on AIDS Drug Development.

The Task Force was established late last year by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala as a means of expediting the search for new therapies against HIV and AIDS. "The task force has a clear and critical mission," Shalala said, "to identify and remove any barriers and obstacles to developing effective treatments."

In addition to Staley and Agosto, the panel includes Ben Cheng of San Francisco's Project Inform, David Kessler, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Dr. Stephen Carter of Bristol-Meyers-Squibb, Dr. Arthur Ammann of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Dr. Deborah Cotton of Harvard Medical School as well as other scientists and pharmaceutical officials.

Also on the AIDS Front...

Washington, DC — Dr. William Paul, a respected immunologist, has been named to replace Dr. Anthony Fauci as head of the federal Office of AIDS Research. Paul will oversee the government's entire research effort against AIDS with funding this year alone at \$1.3 billion. AIDS activists praised the appointment of Dr. Paul. Fauci will remain Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Atlanta, GA — In February, members of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights participated in a two-hour meeting with Dr. David Satcher, the new Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gay and Lesbian physicians urged a revised policy on health workers with HIV, more AIDS prevention strategies aimed at Gay men and a program to discourage violence against Gays and Lesbians.

New York, NY — The Burroughs Wellcome pharmaceutical company has produced a series of videos called *Womansource HIV* geared toward educating health workers to the special concerns of women with HIV/AIDS. Health providers can request the videos by calling 1-800-722-9292.

Springfield, IL — The Illinois Supreme Court recently upheld a state law which makes the transmission of HIV a criminal offense. The law forbids people with HIV from having intimate contact with others, from trading drug needles or from donating blood or organs. Anyone found guilty can be imprisoned for 3 to 7 years. Opponents argued the law was vague, unenforceable and unconstitutional.



(L to R) Bob Ambelang and Jeff Buckles in the MATA Studio preparing for "BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions."

New York, NY — The New York State Public Health Council has just issued tighter restrictions on commercial sex clubs to help stem the transmission of HIV. The Council added vaginal intercourse to fellatio and oral sex as prohibited behaviors in sex clubs. Activities still permitted are foreplay and masturbation.

Channel 47. It is re-aired on Saturdays at noon following the re-broadcast of *Queer T.V.*

New AIDS Treatment Newsletter Now Available

New York — With the publication of Community Prescription Service's new quarterly *InfoPack*, HIV-infected individuals now have an additional source for reliable, timely frontline treatment information.

The *InfoPack*, which is published four-times a year, is filled with practical information that HIV+ individuals can put to immediate use to improve the quality of their lives. Written by the country's top AIDS activists and doctors, the 16-page *InfoPack* contains detailed, yet easy-to-read articles that cover the spectrum of HIV treatments.

Copies of the newsletter are available for free to all interested parties by calling Community Prescription Service.

The current issue contains articles on HIV drug resistance, Chinese medicine, and MAC (mycobacterium avium complex), as well as a six month look back at what happened at the Berlin AIDS conference.

To receive a subscription, individuals should call Community Prescription Service at (800) 842-0502. Bulk copy subscriptions are also available free of charge to doctors and community based organizations by calling the same number.

Clinic Cable Show Celebrates Anniversary

Milwaukee — *BESTD Clinic Answers Your Questions* cable television program is celebrating the completion of its' first year on MATA Channel 47 in Milwaukee. The program was conceived by Clinic Administrator Bob Ambelang to reach an at-risk population not normally reached by the non-profit Clinic.

"Our first year of programs have dealt primarily with HIV transmission and safer sex practices," Ambelang says, "This year we are going to focus on other issues including living with HIV disease and caring for people infected with this deadly virus. We are also lining up programs dealing with other sexually transmitted diseases. If you are at risk for HIV you are certainly at risk for other more easily transmitted diseases. Many people are walking around with easily cured diseases but they are not informed as to symptoms and signs of infection. We hope to change that."

Ambelang co-hosts and co-produces the program with Jeff Buckles, a Clinic Volunteer who is also Vice President of the Clinic Board of Directors. The program is a live call-in program and airs at 7pm every Thursday Night on MATA

Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

But I'm Too Old To Worry About Safe Sex

Recently information from the Centers for Disease Control indicated a small but growing HIV infection rate in people over 50 years of age. And before many of you who are thinking this doesn't apply to you because you're in your 20's or 30's, please read on. Many people in their 40's and 50's who are single and/or recently divorced are actively dating and having sex with new partners. Yes, our parents do have sex.

People in their forties and older, along with those just returning to dating and new sexual encounters view AIDS as a disease of younger Gay men and/or IV drug users. Obviously in addition to finding effective ways to educate younger people on the perils of HIV/AIDS we now have to work with equally ignorant older adults.

So it looks like you'll finally get to have that talk with mom and dad about sex. *Be gentle with them.* After all, this is probably the first time in their lives that they've had to talk about a subject they don't talk about. It's time to take your knowledge of HIV/AIDS and pass it along to the folks. By now you should know something about this virus. If this is all too embarrassing for both you and your parents give them the local AIDS Service Organization phone number to call. Remember, mom and dad can die of AIDS just as easily as you can. Actually this concept applies to anyone you might know who is just back in the world of dating and sex.

Part of the irony in all of this is that when I speak to groups of adults I tell them that while abstinence is best for their kids, we know many kids aren't abstinent so parents should talk about condoms. I always conclude with the statement that they shouldn't let their children die of ignorance. Now the reverse is becoming equally important; so remember don't let your parents die of ignorance.

YOU CAN'T BE TOO YOUNG, EITHER

San Francisco health officials recently drew attention to what they have designated as the Second Wave of HIV/AIDS. This is sending some shock waves through the HIV/AIDS community, because most of these new cases are young Gay men, in their teens and early twenties, who think of HIV/AIDS as a disease of older men. They claim they are tired of hearing about safer sex and they just don't want to be bothered. Of course they will become infected with HIV, progress to AIDS and then die. From my perspective it's pretty stupid. I've said this before and I'll say it again and again, this is not a disease you want to get.

Along those lines, part of the next wave is made up of people who want to get infected, and do, so that they will be a part of what is perceived as a "close knit community." And I use the term perceived loosely, because the HIV/AIDS community is no more unified than any other community. It's not worth joining those of us who are here, and not of our choosing.

I realize that some people think that safer sex is a great inconvenience, but if you do it every time you have sex, it won't be an inconvenience. If you don't like taking those couple of seconds, remember some of the alternatives: pneumonia robs you of lung capacity, retinitis requires drug infusions every day unless you want to be blind, and there are all the daily pills. I don't like doing it all and you wouldn't either.

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Feature

Larry Duplechan

A Gay African-American Comes Home

By Dale Reynolds

Good art is always a study in contradictions and "minority" art explores those contradictions mostly unseen by the majority culture. So it goes with being a homosexual African-American in mostly straight, white America.

Larry Duplechan, 36, born and raised in Los Angeles, is one such man. A handsome, fashionably-thin, elegant fellow with a contemporary Gayman's wicked wit, Duplechan has just had his fourth novel published, (*Captain Swing: A Love Story*/ Alyson Publications, \$16). His previous three novels, two of which concerned the light-skinned black singer, Johnnie Ray Rousseau, his white body-builder lover, Keith Keller and his mother and father, Clara and Lance, was essentially what it was like to grow up black in Southern California with parents who emigrated from Louisiana. A rather specific character background which matches the author's own. It's not entirely a roman-a-clef, of course; such books are rarely interesting to any outside of those being profiled or ridiculed. But close enough for this bright, articulate and amusing author to model his characters after.

In the previous book (*Eight Days a Week*/ Alyson/ 1985; *Blackbird*/ St. Martin's Press/ 1986), Duplechan explored — in the lightest possible fashion — Johnnie Ray's world. His writing is facile, on the surface, wonderfully sweet; novels best suited for the beach, while on the plane, or during those periods where the reader doesn't want to be bogged down with depth.

He's sold reasonably well, and except for his third novel (*Tangled Up in Blue*/ SMP/ 1989), has received decent reviews. But *Captain Swing*, is a departure; somewhat more serious. Those who have enjoyed the journey Johnnie Ray takes will be challenged here: the white lover, Keith, an amalgam of Duplechan's real-life lover (Greg, 39 and "in shape") and another man in his past, has been dead a year; a victim of a hit-and-run driver. Now Johnnie Ray has to confront his pain and loss as the hated father, Lance, lies dying in a hospital bed in Louisiana. While there, trying to reconcile with the man who had rejected him all his life as a "sissy boy," he falls in love with an 18 year-old cousin, Nigel, much to the consternation of the lad's mother and grandmother.

A domestic drama, full of internal conflicts and hazy endings; another

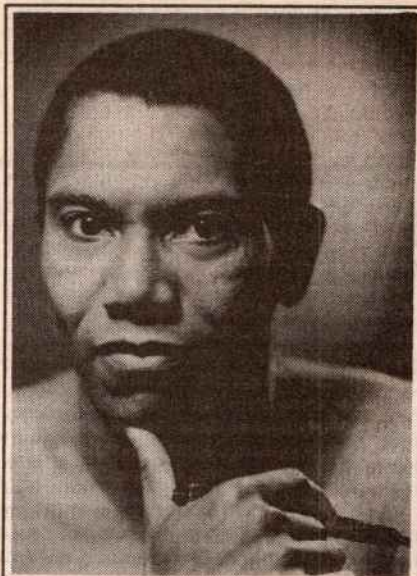
sweet, on-the-surface, quick read. "Part of my makeup is to avoid or deflect serious emotional pain whenever possible. What happens to Johnnie Ray is he's in a serious situation in which the pair is undeflectable. I've put someone very much like myself in a situation which cannot be parried with a well-placed wisecrack. But it's still part of me to keep things as light as possible, no matter how serious the situation. I wanted to keep a balance between serious issues or situations without becoming super serious — it would ring false if I tried. I don't write in that style; maybe some day I will, but I'm not William Faulkner and I don't try to be."

In novels where the characters are based on real, as opposed to invented, people, it can be a fun game to guess who's who. For Duplechan fans, however, there's very little mystery. "Keith is based on my lover of 17 years, Greg [Who is a banker during the day]. But he's also based on a close friend I was once in love with, so in *Eight* and *Blackbird*, Keith looked like this friend and behaved like Greg. I don't think of Keith as being exactly like Greg; Johnnie Ray is much more like me than Keith is like him. But I killed Keith off because I needed to write more about Johnnie Ray and nobody wants to read about *happy* people. To take Keith away would make Johnnie Ray miserable and thus give us some conflict. Of course, when I showed Greg the first draft, he was a *tiny* bit disturbed about being killed at the top of the book, and left moldering in the ground like John Brown, but as it wasn't really about Greg — it was a novelistic device to make Johnnie Ray very unhappy — he got over it."

And Clara and Lance, the parents? "That's a bit trickier. Lance is decidedly *not* my father — my dad is not a horrible human being; we have a loving and cordial, if not close, relationship. He has trouble with my being Gay, even after 20 years of knowing about it, but he's of a time and place where it just doesn't process. He tries. Clara is closer to my real mom, although Clara is a little more accepting of Johnny Ray's gayness than my mom, though she tries, too. *Blackbird* is a bit closer to their reality than *Captain Swing*. There are similarities, but they're very fictional. And Nigel is totally invented."

Ah, but what an invention: a beautiful, well-built, coffee-colored 18 year old with a big dick who fucks like a champ and has the wisdom of the ages. The one major sex scene in the book sizzles.

But why does Johnnie Ray Rousseau go from the Whites in his life to suddenly embracing the black in his world? Another fabulous tale: "I spent so



Larry Duplechan, author of "Captain Swing" (Alyson Publications).

Photo by Theodore T. Lin

much time in my life coming to grips with my Gayness that I have only lately come to my Blackness. My parents protected me a lot [from racism]. As I was a bright child, I was placed in classes where I was often the only black child there, so I have always been more comfortable around whites than blacks. In addition, I was effeminate growing up, and was tortured by other black people for being 'a sissy'. *Captain Swing* is a symbolic homecoming in a lot of ways; it's allowed me to accept the Southern background of my parents and grandparents, a heritage I spent years denying. I consciously tried to speak standard English rather than 'black' English and I listened to Joni Mitchell rather than Billy Holiday, to deemphasize what I was uncomfortable with."

"I spent so much time in my life coming to grips with my Gayness that I've only lately come to my blackness."

Greg says "1992 was the year I became Black. It's only having been around Gay African-Americans that I've recently become more comfortable with other blacks. Last year, I went on a weekend retreat in the Angeles National Forest, sponsored by the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. I came away from it a changed person. I found suddenly I was listening to the music of my past: Gospel, Mahalia Jackson and the Five Blind Boys of Alabama; loving it, and rediscovering black men. I'd spent

my time looking [sexually] at blond men and I had missed that I was beautiful being black; I found out that other black men were exquisite, too. Nigel symbolizes my discovery that black men look good, feel good, and smell great. I don't want to sound like a racist, but there is a smell which young black men have, which is wonderfully funky. I loved discovering that." So will the reader.

Captain Swing, however, almost didn't get written or published. "I never know what my next novel's to be about until it's done. **Tangled Up in Blue** was supposed to be my last as it didn't sell or do well with the critics. I loudly declared that it would be my last novel. For one thing, my relationship with Greg was on the rocks because of the time spent writing, which as everyone knows, is a solitary act. And so many friends had died. I was unhappy, so I wrote **Captain Swing** in secret." He even hid the first draft from his lover.

"It wrote itself fairly easily; it almost presented itself to me as a piece — I knew almost exactly what would happen and how it would end before I even started. I didn't even think about publishing the book until it was almost finished."

He was going to take it to St. Martin's Press, who had published **Blackbird** and **Tangled**, but "I thought it might be too black for SMP and Michael Denny [the senior editor who is Gay and who promotes most of their Gay series]. Then Sasha Alyson said he'd publish it and make it the highlight book for this year. He told me, 'You've never written a bad book.'" Exactly. "I like the feeling of being a big fish in a small pond. Ironically, Michael wrote me a letter declining the book (as I was pretty sure he would) and included three pages of specific notes, much of which I used. That's why I included him in the acknowledgements."

But **Captain**, and to a lesser degree, **Tangled**, have come out of the — God help us — aging process. "I'm working on a new project now which may not see the light of day, but I'm trying something micro-cosmic: a gently satiric look at myself and a group of friends who are entering early middle age. I think Gay men get the middle-age crazies earlier than straight men do — a lot of stock is taken in 'a thing of beauty is a boy forever'. I went through a series of crises and I had to decide for myself that

if I wrote, it would be because I wanted to and not because I hoped to make a living at it, or become a media star."


Those of us older than 37 may question that time as the beginning of middle-age, but it's all in the eyes of the wrinkled. "Okay, 37 is relatively young. But between the time my first novel was published and beginning to write **Captain**, I had in fact experienced a great deal of loss: I lost my very best friend to AIDS (Wef Fleishchman), along with other friends. Wef died in '89 [he was the basis of the character of Crocket Miller in **Tangled**]; he died knowing I was writing about him. And everyone I knew was losing friends. I didn't want to write just about the loss from AIDS — others could do it better than I — but I did want to write about the loss and misery I had, for the first time, experienced. And trust me, it ages you and matures your writing."

"I'm not a real deep person... I'm simply a guy who has a way with words."

And what's next? "Well, I hope I'll be able to have the tools at hand to take on pithier subject matter someday. Being bright isn't the issue, it's more about temperament and desire. I'm not a real deep person in many ways definitely not an intellectual — I'm simply a guy who has a way with words; I suspect I'd be better suited to being a humorist or an essayist, rather than a novelist. I also didn't come at writing the way most [better respected] novelists come to it: school, mentors. **Eight** was very much an 'on the job training' experience. I'm an entertainer at heart; I was a singer for almost ten years before the first novel and I quit because it just about destroyed by relationship with Greg — I was never home. So now I have a fulltime job in a law firm as Executive Secretary for a New York-born, Jewish, Lesbian, lawyer and I write at night. [**Captain Swing**] wasn't by way of making an operatic production. I wanted to keep it light and

moving, but I did want a core; something underneath. If anything frightens me as a writer, it's that maybe I'm merely clever."

No, you're more, Larry Duplechan: you have soul.



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Role Reversal

The legal and political struggles for Gay and Lesbian rights reversed roles in 1993. From the 1986 defeat in **Hardwick** until 1992, far more gains for the Lesbian and Gay community had been achieved by political organizing than by legal strategies. As long as the Gay and Lesbian grassroots movement was growing in power, the courts seemed to be the last bastion of the status quo. As Lesbians and Gays began sustaining major political defeats — passage of Colorado's Amendment 2 and other anti-Gay referenda, and retention of the military ban — the judicial branch began handing out victories, even in areas of the law that were least hospitable.

Courts came through on the anti-Gay referenda. Applying Supreme Court precedents striking down similar racist initiatives that emerged as a backlash to the civil rights movement in the 1960s, the Colorado Supreme Court held that there is a fundamental right to participate in the political process.

Accordingly, any policy that fences out an identifiable class of persons from the normal political process must be subjected to strict scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause. This meant that to win, the state had to show that Colorado's Amendment 2 was narrowly drawn to achieve a compelling state interest.

Although the Colorado trial court found that there is a compelling state interest in freedom of religion and in family privacy, it ruled in December that Amendment 2 was not narrowly written to achieve those purposes, and struck down Amendment 2 as a violation of the Equal Protection Clause.

The United States District Court in Cincinnati also found a fundamental right to participate in the political process, issuing a preliminary injunction against Cincinnati's anti-Gay ordinance in November.

More surprising than the referenda victories have been three state supreme

court victories in family cases. The legal challenges to the anti-Gay initiatives had the advantage of good Supreme Court precedents. By contrast, there were no state or federal supreme court precedents that boded well for challenges to the marriage laws or for Lesbian and Gay co-parent adoptions, as much of the heterosexual world has long excluded Gay and Lesbian families from the notion of "family." Yet, once again, the courts leaped ahead of popular consciousness.

"The Courts leaped ahead of popular consciousness"

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that Hawaii's marriage law may violate Hawaii's Equal Protection clause by excluding same-sex marriages.

Both the Vermont and Massachusetts Supreme Courts upheld Lesbian co-parent adoptions, that is, the adoption of a Lesbian couple's child by the non-biological co-parent, without requiring termination of the biological mother's rights. To arrive at these decisions, the Vermont and Massachusetts courts reinterpreted the seemingly plain language of the adoption statutes, which required termination of parental rights in adoption cases except in step-parent adoptions involving married couples. Both courts found that co-parent adoption by the partner of the Lesbian mother was in the best interests of the children, despite the statutory language. At least as surprising as the family cases have been the military cases. Courts normally have genuflected before the military establishment, whether the military wished to send Japanese-Americans off to concentration camps, wage war in Vietnam without a Congressional declaration of war, register men but not women for the draft, or prohibit Jews from wearing yarmulkes. Despite historic deference to the military, and a virtual refusal by the judiciary at times to enforce the Constitution when the military is concerned, three decisions in 1993 found the military ban to be unconstitutional (**Meinhold, Dahl, and Steffan**) and two preliminary injunctions prevented discharge pending litigation (**Elze and Selland**).

The **Meinhold, Dahl, and Steffan** courts found that the military ban could not pass muster under even the lowest level of scrutiny of government policy under the Equal Protection Clause — the so-called "rational basis test." Under this test, courts must uphold the military ban if they find "any reasonable conceivable state of facts that could provide a rational basis for the classification." In finding the military ban to be irrational, these three courts found it to be based on "cultural myths and false stereotypes," the prejudice of other military personnel against Gay and lesbian military personnel, "illogical and factually unsupported distinctions" between heterosexual and homosexual military personnel, and the "inherently unreasonable" assumption that those who acknowledge that they are Gay necessarily will violate the military's prohibition against sodomy. The **Steffan** court stated quite forcefully that it would not genuflect.

...[A] court need not close its eyes to the dictates of the Constitution whenever the military is involved — not even when it professes a national security interest in its conduct. There is no 'military exception' to the Constitution....

When the military fails to accord individuals the equal protection of the laws, it treads upon an area of expertise that has long been conceded to the courts. In deciding such cases, therefore, courts should not stray from the boundaries of ordinary equal protection review.

While 1993 may appear to be the year of the lawyers, political work underpinned the legal successes. The massive national teach-in on Gay men and Lesbians that occurred during the first half of 1993, as a result of the military ban debate and increased visibility, very likely is what made the legal victories possible: judges are influenced at least as much by public debate on controversial issues as they are by well-crafted legal arguments.

Continued grassroots activism will continue to be a crucial part of our movement — both to win political victories, as well as for the judicial education that is necessary to win legally when we lose politically.

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The Arts

Symphony Schedules Two Performances of Verdi "Requiem"

Music Director Zdenek Macal will perform Verdi's epic *Requiem* with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra in concerts scheduled for 7:30pm Friday, March 4 and 8pm Saturday, March 5. Held in the PAC's Uihlein Hall, the performances will feature the acclaimed Milwaukee Symphony Chorus and four vocal soloists. The program is sponsored by Bank One. For tickets, call 273-7206. (This epic choral work replaces the previously scheduled "Stabat Mater" performances.)

The *Requiem* performances are dedicated to the memory of the late Margaret Hawkins, founder of the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus. According to Maestro Macal, "This will be a fitting tribute to Margaret. The Chorus sings it so beautifully."

The work will feature soprano Deborah Voight, mezzo Claudine Carlson, tenor Jonathan Welch, and bass John Cheek.

Tickets, from \$13 to \$45, are available at the PAC Box Office, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202; or by calling (414) 273-7206. Tickets may also be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (414) 276-4545.

The Bold Calhouns Ride Into The Milwaukee Rep

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Repertory Theater presents *The Last Ride Of The Bold Calhouns: A Musical Saga Of The Old West*, through March 20 in the Stackner Cabaret.

From the creator and performers of *An Irish Reunion* and *Appalachian Voices* comes this comic saga of the Old West. The adventure begins when a wealthy young woman and three charismatic western showmen join together to form a traveling musical theater troupe. *The Last Ride Of The Bold Calhouns* is filled with music, laughter and surprises.

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Boulevard Stages Machiavelli's "The Mandrake."

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's spirited storefront theatre, will begin the new year by staging Niccolo Machiavelli's *Ribald*

Romantic raucous comedy of lust & intrigue *The Mandrake* through March 13 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Show times are at 8pm and tickets are \$9-10. Call 672-6019 for reservations or information.

Machiavelli's rarely-produced 16th century comedy of intrigue and deceit will be updated and will feature a set designed by Boulevard designer James Ross.

AUDITION...

The Boulevard will hold auditions for its early April production of John Murrell's wartime comedy *Waiting For The Parade*

on Saturday, February 26 and Sunday, February 27. Audition times will be from 2-6pm and will be held at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule a time or for further information, please call 672-6019.

Waiting For The Parade features a cast of five women, ranging in age from early 20's to late 50's. Director Mark Bucher is asking actresses to prepare two contrasting audition pieces, not exceeding two minutes total. Some singing will be featured, as well as cold readings.

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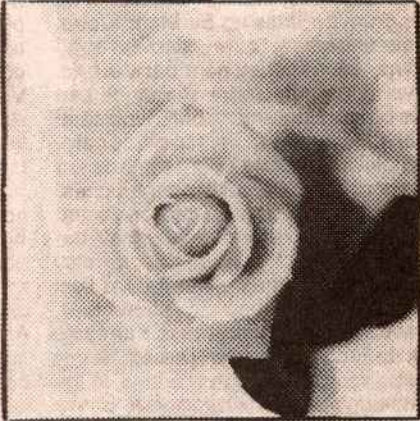
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Death And The Maiden

Milwaukee — With the issue of violence being one of our country's top concerns, **Milwaukee Chamber Theatre** has joined forces with several community organizations to more fully examine the issue and other related issues through its production of Ariel Dorfman's compelling political drama, *Death And The Maiden*. Other organizations that have become involved in the play are Amnesty International, the Milwaukee Women's Center, and the Hispanic Community.

On Friday March 4, the local Milwaukee chapters of Amnesty International will host "Amnesty Night" by featuring a reception prior to the performance and an audience talkback with the Deputy Executive Director for programs of Amnesty International, U.S.A. Marjory Byler. The group has begun to sell \$20 tickets for that night's production and Milwaukee Chamber Theatre will donate \$5 of each ticket sale directly to Amnesty International.

Maiden will be performed in Spanish featuring three local Hispanic actors from the United Community Center. The reading will be directed by Mark Fraire. The performance ticket price is "pay-what-you-can" and is open to the public. Tickets to this special performance can be reserved by calling the MCT office at 276-8842.

Following every performance, a talkback will be held between the actors, the audience, and after selected performances, special guests will join the actors to discuss the issues of the play and bring insight into their particular field of expertise.

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's production of *Death And The Maiden* is being performed through March 6 at the Chamber Theatre's new home in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward. The issues of oppression, violence, and healing are examined in the play through the story of three individuals who have been oppressed and tormented by the dictatorship rule of their country and must now face their past and deal with their present. Tickets range from \$5 to \$24 and are available through the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office at 291-7800.

Dancecircus and Guest Artists to Perform at Danceworks

Milwaukee — **Danceworks**, will present *Out of Our Bones*, a concert of dance, poetry, and music performed by **Betty Salamun's Dancecircus** and special guest artists March 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 8pm and March 6 at 3:30pm. The company will celebrate their 18th season with a premiere by Bob Eisen, winner of Chicago's 1993 Ruth Page Choreographer of the Year award, and

live music by the Joan Wildman Trio. All performances will be held at the Danceworks Studio Theater, 727 N. Milwaukee Street.

Bob Eisen, who has been active as a dancer, choreographer, and teacher in Chicago for the past fourteen years, created his new piece especially for Dancecircus. His work, strongly influenced by modern dance and the martial art of Aikido, is characterized by strong physicality and an offbeat sense of humor.

Special guest Joan Wildman, Madison's 1993 Jazz Personality of the Year, is returning to Milwaukee with her trio to renew her collaboration with Dancecircus. The **Joan Wildman Trio** will perform a new score, composed by Wildman, for Betty Salamun's *Artifact*, and will move center stage for a live set. An excellent opportunity for jazz lovers to hear Madison's Jazz Performer of the Year!

The program will also include works from the Dancecircus repertory. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Reservations are recommended. For further information and reservations, call Danceworks at 276-3191.

Matt on "Melrose Place" Finally Meets a Guy

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation reports that Matt Fielding (played by Doug Savant), the continuing Gay character on FOX-TV's *Melrose Place*, will finally get a potential love interest.

In the episode scheduled to air February 26, Matt meets a stranger over lunch. The two hit it off, flirt a bit, and eventually make plans for a dinner date. But Matt soon discovers that his new friend is a mystery man; he won't give Matt his phone number or reveal what he does for a living. By the episode's end, it is revealed that he is a closeted Naval officer who feels he must hide his sexuality from his family and from the Navy.

GLAAD wishes Matt's boyfriend could be an open and proud Gay man. But the group feels at least the show's producers are finally moving Matt's character in the right direction. Compared to the amorous heterosexuals on *Melrose Place*, Matt has been a virtual eunuch! As this new plot line develops, that could change.

GLAAD says letters of encouragement can be sent to Darren Starr, Executive Producer, *Melrose Place*, Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036, and to Lucie Salhany, President, FOX Broadcasting, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.



Lucie Blue Tremblay

Lucie Blue Tremblay in Milwaukee March 4

Milwaukee — Full Moon Productions is bringing Olivia recording artist Lucie Blue Tremblay to Milwaukee on Saturday, March 4. She will appear at the Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. at 8pm.

Lucie Blue's concert will center on her most recent album, *Transformations*. It's the third recording of romantic ballads by the French Canadian singer/songwriter, who accompanies

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herself on keyboards and guitar. She serenades audiences with a rich, warm voice that can soar from a throaty purr to strong crystal tones.

Tickets for Lucie Blue Tremblay's concert are \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at People's Books, Outpost Natural Foods and AfterWords.

Settlement Reached in Spender/Leavitt Literary Feud

New York, NY — The *New York Times* reports that a settlement has been reached in the lawsuit filed by British writer Stephen Spender against American writer David Leavitt. The case has gained wide attention because it pits two prominent Gay authors against each other. Spender, 85, is a venerated author who was a colleague of W.H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood. Leavitt, 32, is considered the darling of the American literary establishment.

Spender filed suit in Britain claiming that Leavitt's new book, *While England Slept*, plagiarizes and infringes on the copyright of Spender's earlier memoir, *World Within World*, published in 1951. In his book, Spender told the story of a love affair between two men during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930's. Leavitt's book tells a similar story, but in fiction form.

Spender claimed that whole sections of Leavitt's book were lifted, with few changes, from his work, and he was offended that the explicit sex in Leavitt's book "tend[s] to sensationalize and trivialize my work."

The settlement requires that all current editions of Leavitt's book be withdrawn from booksellers. Leavitt will be allowed to re-publish his book, but only after extensive revisions that meet with Spender's approval.

Same Sex Kiss on "Roseanne" May be Censored

Los Angeles, CA — Roseanne Arnold is battling with ABC once again, this time over the network's decision to censor the March 1 episode of her show in which Arnold, visiting a Gay bar, is kissed by another woman. Network censors claim the kissing scene "violates network standards," while Arnold insists it must be shown or she will take it to another network.

In the episode, Roseanne Conner goes to the bar with her bisexual friend Nancy, played by Sandra Bernhard. Roseanne dances with Nancy's new girlfriend, played by Mariel Hemingway, and the two women kiss. The show then focuses on Roseanne's reaction to the kiss. According to Producer Tom Arnold, "Roseanne finds out she's a bit of a hypocrite, that she wasn't comfortable, and she's not quite as cool as she thinks she is."

Roseanne and Tom Arnold have been feuding with ABC for two years. Their contracts end this spring and they are negotiating with other networks. Tune in March 1 to see who wins this latest battle. Letters can be sent to Ted Harbert, President, ABC Entertainment, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

National Women's Music Fest Set for June 2-5

Bloomington, IN — Mary Watkins, Kate Clinton, Ferron, Ginni Clemmens and the Topp Twins are among the performers headlining at the 20th annual National Women's Music Festival scheduled for June 2-5. A 4-day pass purchased by February 28 will cost just \$125.

To mark the historic occasion of the festival's 20th anniversary, this year's Fest is being dubbed *Celebrating the Past, Building for the Future*. An exhibit of memorabilia from the last 20 year's of the country's premiere women's music festival will be on display.

Other performers include Kristim

Lems, Pam Hall, the Axis Dance Troupe, Gwen Avery and Living on the Edge. All shows are indoors in concert halls on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. There will be dances, open mikes, workshops, a film and video series, a 5K run, cycling, theater productions, art exhibits and much more.

For a registration form, write to NWMF, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427.

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus

Chicago — Toddlin' Town Performing Arts will present the **Chicago Gay Men's Chorus** production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* aka *The Town of Titipu* on Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26 at the Anthanum Theatre, Southport and Lincoln. Each performance will begin at 8pm.

Set in 19th century Japan, *The Mikado* tells the convoluted story of Nanki Poo, a wandering minstrel hiding an important secret, and his love for Yum Yum, ward and fiancée of Titipu's Lord High Executioner, Ko Ko. Ko Ko is under sentence of beheading (at his own hand!) for flirting, a violation of Japanese law. Also included in this cast of characters is Katisha (the evil former love of Nanki Poo), Poo Bah (a Japanese noble who holds almost every appointed office in Titipu), the Mikado and assorted nobles, school girls, maidens and townspeople.

Tickets for *The Mikado* are \$15 (reserved seating) and may be ordered by calling (312) 275-7294; by sending a check payable to CGMC accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope to 1757 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago 60640; or by purchase at one of the following Chicago retail outlets: Pass the Salt and Pepper, Unabridged Books, Bad Boys (Clark Street) and City Flowers.

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Hidden Legacies/Sounds of Elegance will be performed Saturday, March 5, 8:07pm at Preston Bradley Center, 941 West Lawrence, Chicago.

Last year Chicago audiences witnessed an amazing evening when Windy City Gay Chorus presented the Midwest premiere of *Hidden Legacies*, the choral community's response to the AIDS crisis. If you missed this moving work last season, here is your chance. If you have already heard it, bring a friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member to help them understand the history and hope our Gay community has come to know. Let them hear in music what we cannot explain in words. The first half of our concert will provide you with many beautiful and inspiring choral settings of music you know (like Sondheim and Bernstein) along with some new gems by Bobby McFerrin, a new work from the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and new piece from *The Harvey Milk Show*.

Tickets are \$18, and all seats reserved. Call TicketMaster (312) 902-1500.

Women In The Director's Chair 18th International Film & Video Festival

Chicago — Women in the Director's Chair will present its Thirteenth International Film and Video Festival March 17-20, at the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, 1852 W. 19th St.; Randolph Street Gallery, 756 N. Milwaukee Ave.; and Chicago Filmmakers, 1543 Division St. in Chicago. Phone (312) 281-4988 for details.

This year's festival features the work of more than 100 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 that is not ordinarily accessible through mainstream media.

This year Women in the Director's Chair (WIDC), the largest and longest running women's festival in the country, will celebrate the work of Latina directors and producers working in the United States and throughout Latin America with *Espacios Nuevos/Nuevos Encuentros (New Spaces/New Encounters)*, four programs devoted exclusively to this work.

Fierce, a special program of videos featuring young performers and focusing on youth issues, is one of the highlights among the 25 programs in this year's

festival. A Youth Media Literacy and Production Workshop will also be presented, in which participants will engage in critical analysis of mass media, and in grassroots production techniques.

Festival will present *Homegirls*, Sunday March 13, a program honoring the work of three generations of Chicago video artists; Andrea Cross, Mindy Faber, and Janice Tanaka. The tapes in this program present each artist's exploration of the complexities of home and family.

Other programs address issues dealing with women's personal histories, reexamining and redefining cultural

identities, and sexual violence against women.

Women in the Director's Chair holds its festival every March in celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day. This year, as last year, the festival drew nearly 600 entries to this important and celebratory event.

Festival passes will be available at a special price, regular price tickets will be \$3 per program; tickets for students, seniors, and WIDC members are \$4 per program. There will be some free programs. Call WIDC at (312) 281-4988.

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Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

In the Gay and Lesbian media, and all across America there is increasing debate over the notion of a "Gay community." Spearheading this discussion in recent months has been Bruce Bawer's controversial **A Place At The Table**, in which Mr. Bawer argues for the mainstreaming of Gay men and Lesbians throughout the United States. What is becoming increasingly clear is that much of the national Gay media, publications like **the Advocate**, **Out**, and **Genre** and also books such as Bawer's and Michelangelo Signorile's **queer In America** have lost touch with the real way that Gay men and Lesbians live in the United States. In **Heartlands**, prominent New York City-based Gay activist Darrell Yates Rist took a journey throughout the United States seeking to determine the nature of the Gay and Lesbian community. Rist's observations are always fascinating, often enlightening and ultimately quite disturbing.

Rist begins the book and his journey with many preconceived notions of what is typical Gay life in America, realizing that Gay men who live in such Gay meccas as New York or San Francisco have substantially different options and opportunities yet clinging to the notion that Gay men in such diverse areas as the deep south, midwest, and the far west would nevertheless have certain similar characteristics and shared beliefs. I dare say many, if not all of us would share that opinion of such a "Gay brotherhood." What Rist found in actuality is something substantially different.

Utilizing a network of friends, acquaintances, and various Gay and AIDS activists, Rist was able to explore Gay life in the far corners of America. Beginning with a visit with longtime friends in San Francisco, Rist's journey took him to a Gay rodeo in Denver and a Gay utopia in Puerto Rico, to visiting black drag queens in Mississippi and an alligator trapper in Louisiana. In many of the places that Rist visited, being Gay was a difficult choice, where discovery of homosexual tendencies meant loss of job, alienation of family, and even threats of violence. While many Gay men identified themselves as such, what began to emerge is that very often Gay

men in mainstream America had far more in common with their heterosexual neighbors than they did with Gay activists from the coasts. Many men who engaged in same-sex relations did not or could not even identify themselves as Gay.

In **Heartlands**, Rist proves to have a keen and unflinching ear, choosing to allow people to speak for themselves, without editing or censorship. The results are both startling and disturbing. In interviewing individuals for the book, Rist allows expression of racism, sexism, and even homophobia, proving that the Gay community in fact mirrors heterosexual America. Particularly poignant in **Heartlands** is Rist's painful internal realization of the segregation of whites and blacks in the Gay community. This segregation being based on equal portions of active effort to oppose broadening racial representation within the Gay movement coupled with the simple insensitivity to unwittingly ignore the large black Gay and Lesbian population.

While Darrell Yates Rist had sought in **Heartlands** to define the Gay community in America, in reality his journey was ultimately internal and spiritual in nature, succeeding in defining his own unique "gayness" and not that of anyone else. For those of us that desire a similar journey but are unable to physically journey through America's many and varied Gay and Lesbian communities, Darrell Yates Rist's compelling and illuminating **Heartlands** proves to be an effective substitute. Highly recommended.

Gay & Lesbian Periodicals Directory

The number of Gay and Lesbian oriented publications has grown by leaps and bounds in the last few years. New Vista Publishing of Vista, California has just released a new community resource to help you discover what these publications have to offer.

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The **Gay & Lesbian Periodicals Directory** is available from New Vista Publishing, 770 Sycamore Ave., Suite J-437, Vista, CA 92083 at \$3.95 pre copy. Mention **Wisconsin's In Step Magazine** when ordering and receive \$1 off.

AfterWords Book & Writers Clubs

Milwaukee — Despite the worst the winter of 1994 can dish out, the AfterWords Book Club is thriving. The second Monday of the month is to be the usual meeting date, so as to not interfere with GAMMA's popular Book Club which meets on the third Monday of each month.

The next topic for the AfterWords Book Club is **Coming of Age Novels**: The two books selected are two classics titles, Rita Mae Brown's **Rubyfruit Jungle** and Edmund White's **A Boy's Own Story**. The date of the next AfterWords Books Club discussion is Monday, March 14th at 7pm. As a new Book Club, we are continuing to welcome new members. There is also a special AfterWords Book Club discount on featured titles. For further information about the AfterWords Book Club, please call 963-9089.

Gay and Lesbian writers have lacked a forum for discussion until the formation of the Gay and Lesbian Writers' group. All interested writers are encouraged to join the group's next meeting, on Thursday, March 10th at 7pm.

Both groups meet at After Words Bookstore & Espresso Bar at 2710 N. Murray Ave.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

We're in the middle of our first "thaw" this winter as I write this column, and thank God! It came just as most of us were ready to scream "Enough!" It was entirely too snowy, icy and cold this year and everybody was complaining (especially the bar owners who all suffered a big drop in business). The needed respite allowed us all to stop dressing like Nannook of The North, but you did need hip waders to get through all the slush puddles. I'll take slush puddles any day over artic-sized snow mounds!

The weather was clear (even if a bit chilly) for Mardi Gras at the Domes, however, once again, there was dismal attendance. This was the third year that Wisconsin Light and In Step co-sponsored Mardi Gras at the Domes as a benefit for the PrideFest Committee, and as far as I'm concerned, it was the last! I'd rather just write PrideFest a check for the amount of money that was "wasted". Costs include rental of the domes, catered food, assuring minimum sales for the bartenders, entertainment and sound system rental, guaranteeing \$300 in cash prizes, plus the cost of donated ads... all for under 75 people in attendance. (Three strike outs and I'm

outta there!) Thanks to those of you who did come, and to those who put a lot of creativity and time into some fine costumes. (Once again, some people thought Mardi Gras meant any old kind of costume — it's not Halloween, folks...)

Native "girl" and impressionist C.C. Rae, who's been on a tour of the USA, performed her show at Janesville's Runway 51 on February 5. She packs a bundle of characters into her act, and does them all quite well. The Napalese Lounge in Green Bay has her booked for February 26.

That same night in Kenosha, Club 94's Follies Girls performed a "farewell show" to one of their own, Tamara, who is off to other parts of the country. Tamara was also a member of The Helens and toured with their "Drag-A-Rama" extravaganza.

Your Place hosted the Miss Gay Milwaukee pageant, a preliminary for the Wisconsin-USA pageant. Two contestants vied for the title with Billie Blaze capturing the crown and K.C. Raye 1st runner up. There was a nice crowd for the show, at the YP staff did itself proud, according to King representative Michael Westlake. Both Billie and K.C. are now eligible to move onto the state finals, tentatively set for sometime in late September or October at Appleton's Paper Valley Hotel.

During Janet Jackson's recent Milwaukee concert, a member of the

Gay black men's dance group, Spanky and the Gay, was plucked out of the audience and brought on stage. Once there, he was "used" unmercilessly as a toy by Miss Jackson who crooned a song to him while fondling his body. The dancer (I think his name is Bentrus) surprised Jackson by doing just the right things at the right times — to the point that the Milwaukee Journal's Tina Maples in her review of the concert commented that he was "planted" in the audience. Not true... he just knew the moves!

The weekend of February 11-13 saw two bars in different parts of the state celebrate their anniversary. In Janesville, Al & his crew celebrated Runway 51's 1st anniversary; while in Appleton Gordon, John & their staff celebrated the Pivot's 8th anniversary. Both bars celebrated with a plethora of events.

Runway 51 kicked things off on Friday with a February Baby Birthday Party, where anyone born in February was treated to cake, snacks, and free tap beer. On Saturday, despite a nasty afternoon snowfall, they hosted Chicago's Roski with her Chi-Town Revue who joined in with the "house show troupe" Pat DeRoma's Prettiest Boys in Town Revue for a real dragathon. The evening also featured a buffet. Sunday they hosted a Valentine's Dance Party with red drink specials. Phewww! what a weekend!

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Congratulations to Al, Pat and all the rest of the staff — here's to many more such celebrations. Thanks to Al for providing us with photos — my photographer Jamie couldn't make it due to the snow.

My "Aide DeCamp", Joe and I, travelled to Appleton for the weekend to enjoy the Pivot Club's festivities. They kicked things off on Friday with *LaTour Munro*, also known as Miss Continental Monica Munro with her two hunky back up dancers. Their show featured song and dance, and quite a bit of skin — they all knew how to really work the crowd. The Saturday snow that dumped near 10 inches on South Eastern

Wisconsin only brought about 2 inches to Appleton, but it still caused problems for the Saturday night feature entertainment by dance music artist Lonnie Gordon. Seems that snow snarled everything in the air over Chicago, and Lonnie's plane couldn't land because of conditions. Her plane was diverted to Detroit, twice, but she still couldn't make her Appleton connection out of Chicago. Pivot Club owner Gordon, manager John and staff were all more than a little disappointed, but that's Winter in Wisconsin!

The Sunday night feature was the annual **Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant**. It's become a tradition to hold the pageant on the Pivot's anniversary weekend, and as usual, it was a big draw. Six contestants (all Wisconsin girls for the first time) vied for the title with Shannon Dupree taking the top spot and Sage LaRue as first runner up. Both of them are now eligible to compete in the USA nationals, set for Memorial Day Weekend in St. Louis. Competition was close, especially in the evening gown category, but the other four contestants, Gloria, Billie, Sasha and D.D. couldn't capture enough points to beat out Sage and Shannon. Special guests included King's Wisconsin-USA titleholders, Jamie Hunter, Blake Adams, and Miss Gay USA Sweet Savage, who flew in for the pageant.

My best wishes to Gordon and his large and savvy Pivot staff for many more anniversary celebrations. You guys do it up right!

Valentine's Day became Valentine's Weekend since VD fell on a Monday this year. Lots of special VD events were held including the *Swaggering Sweethearts* show at **BoysTown**, *King's Valentine's Revue* before a big crowd at



The newly crowned Miss Gay Great Lakes '94 Shannon DuPree.

Za's (including King's Wisconsin titleholders plus special guests, Jamie Hunter (Miss Gay Indiana-USA) and Blake Adams (Miss Indiana At-Large). *Singsational Productions* performance at **M&M Club**, *Drag A Rama* Spring '94 Tour stop at **Club 94**, *Soul Mate Inc.*'s Valentine's party at **3 B's Bar**, and Dan O'Leary's VD show at **The New Bar**.

The **Blue Lite's** "Wouldn't You Give Your Heart To a Friend?" fundraiser Feb. 12 raised \$652 for Synergy, their local AIDS group. Last year, they raised \$514, so it was a substantial increase.

On Monday the 14th, the **Ballgame** offered drink specials and hors d'oeuvres. **Your Place** gave out a free drink to anyone wearing something with

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a Heart on, the Triangle had a "heart attack" party with drinks and pizza, Rod's poured \$1 "Stupid Cupid" shots, and Club 3054 went red — free red roses to the first 50 customers, and free red tap beer. Of course, all the restaurants, cafes and grills that serve food to our community also offered Valentine's and "Two-For" specials all weekend long.

LaGrill operator Mike Westley must have had him crystal ball working overtime to have known we were going to have a February Thaw last week when they did "Time Out From Winter" specials from the 16th-20th. Summer Picnic foods and tropical drink specials provided a nice winter break to all who wanted to partake.

Starting last Thursday, and continuing every Thursday, 3B's now offers Bingo, with prizes from 8-10pm. Chances are probably better winning at the 3B's than at Potawatami, so try your luck! Club 219's new manager, Chuck from the old Factory, has changed the bar specials and cocktail hour, check out their ad for details. The Ballgame has also made a change and now offers "the longest cocktail hour in town".

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I haven't seen the film *Philadelphia*. Why you may ask? Because I don't need AIDS 101, and I've seen enough friends succumb to the disease. I don't need to see it on the big screen, especially in an often unrealistic portrayal. But, obviously, many people have gone to see the film, Gay and non-Gay, AIDS affected and the just curious. *Philadelphia* is making good money, and I guess I'm glad of that, because it may pave the path for more realistic AIDS and Gay themed movies from Hollywood.

Some Gays have questioned *Philadelphia* on its accuracy and wonder if it's "good" for Gays, but hopefully with its box office success, doors will be opened for more Gay-friendly cinema.

With Gay themed plays making it big on Broadway, and Gay literature running off with numerous book awards, isn't it about time Hollywood (where Gay men run production companies, direct big budget movies and star in films) came across with more solid Gay positive films? Niche marketing has worked for blacks, kids and older women. Gay themes thrive in the independent (read small) film movement, Broadway, and book industry, so why not on the Hollywood Big Screen?

Films made for the Gay community, ones that are real and that we can identify with, are in the works, so we shall see. Earlier this month, activist/playwright Larry Kramer was in Hollywood to begin work with Barbra Streisand on her long-deferred film of his AIDS play, *The Normal Heart*. Word is Roger Altman will direct the film

version of the Broadway hit sensation *Angels in America*. Screenwriter John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*, *Sunday Bloody Sunday*) is developing *Good Days* a Gay coming of age story. Director Oliver Stone is working with HBO on an adaptation of Randy Shilts' *Conduct Unbecoming*.

There are even two films in the works featuring drag queens (thank you Ru Paul!). Harvey Fierstein will star in *Plucked*, and according to the *Chicago Tribune's* Inc. column, *To Wong Foo With Love*, *Julie Newmar* will feature three drag queens on a cross country car trip to compete in a drag contest. Word is that Wesley Snipes (!) is the

first actor signed to play one of the roles in drag!

Most of these projects got rolling after the success of *Philadelphia* became apparent. Maybe now Hollywood can start to play catch-up to Broadway and the publishing industry and offer our community something more than the chaste kiss between Tom Hanks character and his screen lover played by Antonio Banderas in *Philadelphia*. Won't it be nice to see real, honest representations of Gays on screen other than the low budget films screened during Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals?

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Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine hosted the 3rd annual Mardi Gras at The Domes as a benefit for PrideFest.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

Club 219: Miss South Eastern Gay Wisconsin Pageant, 11pm, King Productions, contestants compete in interview, talent & evening gown. Applications at 219 or from Jason (414) 224-9483.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

Wings (Madison): Underwear Party.
Club 219/Plus: Premiere of new weekly Thurs. Night special, \$1.50 rail drinks, \$1.50 domestic beer & \$1 taps, 10-close with pizza.

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

Runway 51 (Janesville): Miss Gay Runway 51 contest, 1st prize is \$50 plus sponsorship for Miss Southern-WI USA pagenat coming up March 26 (\$10 entry fee for contestants).

Club 219 Plus: Basement bar has alternative music with Rodney & Chris, 9-close.

Madison Gay Video Club: *The Living End & Hologram*, 8:30pm, (608) 244-8675.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

M&M Club: Singational Productions Singing Machine performs.

Frontiers (Madison): Chicago Weekend. Call Dave at (608) 241-2500 for more info & reservations.

Club 219 Plus: Premiere of new weekly Saturday special, \$3 tap beer bust, 3 & 8pm. And, downstairs bar opens at 9 with alternative music.

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Cafe Phyllis: Jerry Grillo Trio, 8-11pm, no cover.

Ice Skating: Meet at Petit Natl. Ice Center at 1:15pm & enjoy the ice with the GAMMA Gang. \$4 plus \$1.50 skate rental. For info call (414) 963-9833.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): The C.C. Rae show, 10:30pm.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

M&M Club: Fallen Angels perform.
Madison Country Two Step Dancing: At Apple Island, 849 E. Washington, 4-6pm in conjunction with Dairyland Cowboys, \$3 door.

Rod's (Madison): Locker Room Party, starts 10pm, live DJ & dancing, dress code enforced.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: Topic "Gay Men's Sexual Health," Beyond Safer Sex. Discussion facilitated by Jeff Miller, R.N. The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. 6-8pm. \$2 donation. call Bill at 271-2565 for more info.

Club 3054 (Madison): Glamour Girls Show, 10:30pm.

Club 219 Plus: Premiere of new weekly Sunday special, \$3 tap beer bust 3-8pm.

Women's Pot luck (Madison): Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave., 3pm, Main Room. Premiere of 4th Sunday of the month pot luck. BYO dish to pass & beverage. Meet your neighbors.

SSBL Meeting: Saturday Softball Beer League '94 season organizational meeting at Club 219, 3pm. See Jock Shorts for more info.

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MONDAY, FEB. 28

Cafe Melange: Poet's Monday with Doug Radtke, poetry & performance art.

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Eddie's birthday celebration.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Club 219 Plus: Premiere of weekly Wednesday night special, 10-close. \$1.50 rail, \$1.50 domestic beer, \$1 tap.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Runway 51 (Janesville): Karaoke & Beer Bash.

Milw. Area Health Education Council: Special presentation at UW Milw. Fireside Lounge, Student Union, 6pm. See ad this issue for details. Free & open to public.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Milw. Area Health Education Council: Special presentation at Medical College of Wisconsin Alumni Center, noon. Free & open to the public. See ad this issue for details.

Club 219 Plus: ABBA promo party, CD's, cassettes, posters, 12" Disco single give-aways to salute ABBA's *ABBA Gold Greatest Hits*. Absolute drink specials \$2 all night.
Pivot Club (Appleton): WI-USA Benefit Show.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Runway 51 (Janesville): The Helen's return with Spring '94 Drag-A-Rama

Benefit Show for AIDS Support Network.

ZA's (Green Bay): La Tour Munro, a dance extravaganza featuring Miss Continental Monica Munro. 10:30 showtime.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Club 3054 (Madison): *Glamour Slam*, 10:30pm showtime. Watch the Glamour Girls impersonate other well known queens. Special guest BJ Daniels. All door charges go to children's AIDS care.

Gay Men's Discussion Group Movie Night: *Making Love*, Counseling Center, \$2 donation, popcorn & soda provided, meet in room 100.
Your Place: WI-USA Benefit Show.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Club 219 Plus: *I Remember You III* Ginger Spice memorial, a MAP Benefit. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 door. Featuring the Baton's Mimi Marks, Cezanne, Ginger Grant, Sherri Payne & other special guests. 11pm showtime.
Cafe Melange: Poet's Monday features Jay Hansen, 8:30, preceded by open mic.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

The United (Madison): General information Training Session for new volunteers, 7pm. Call (608) 255-8582 for more info.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

AfterWords: Gay & Lesbian Writer's group meeting, 7pm.

Rod's (Madison): "69" Party, 69th day of the year, 69 cent drink specials. Have your Rod's Card punched & get a fee drink.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Madison Gay Video Club: *Getting It Right, Billy's Tale*; 8:30pm, (608) 244-8675.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Club 219 Plus: Hot Rodz Male Dance Review, 11:30 showtime.
ZA's (Green Bay): Beach Party!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Dairyland Cowboys Country Dance (Madison): Apple Island, 849 E. Washington. 2 Step & Line dancing, 3:30-6pm. Instruction available, \$3 at the door.

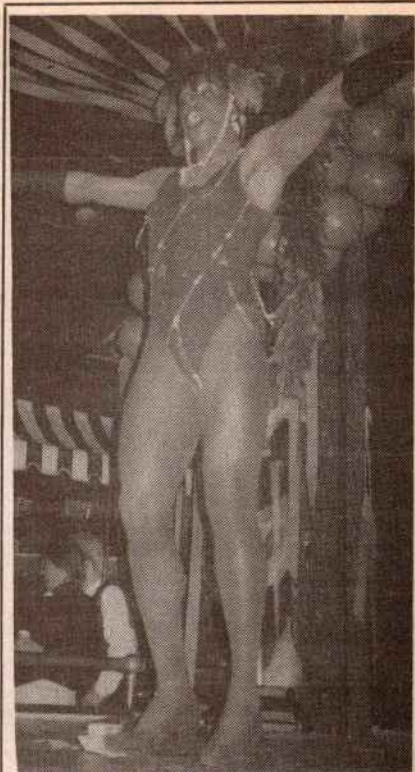
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Miss Gay Milwaukee-WI USA pageant at Your Place saw Billie Blaze (left) capture the crown with K.C. Raye taking 1st runner up. Both are now eligible to enter the Miss Gay WI-USA pageant.



The Club 94 Follies Girls show to send off Tamara.

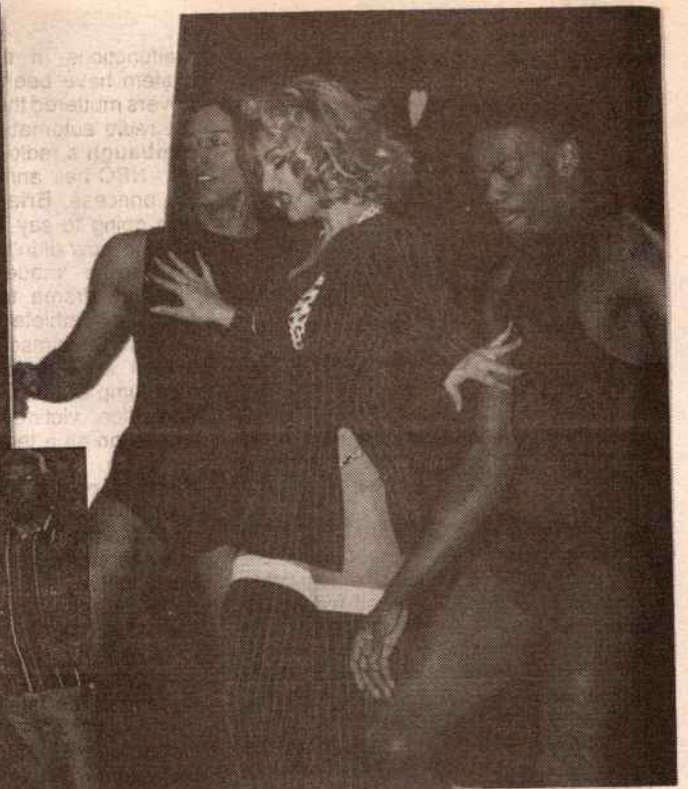


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The Pivot Club recently celebrated its 8th anniversary with a weekend of events.



Runway 51 Show Director Pat DeRoma.



**Guest performer Roski
from Chicago.**



The Runway 51 Staff.

Runway 51 recently celebrated its 1st anniversary with a weekend of festivities including a big show.

Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

The Hollywood Grapevine

For the latest in steamy, sweaty celebrity gossip, tantalizing Tinseltown tidbits and fascinating glimpses into the word of fame and fortune, I suggest about an hour's worth of *Entertainment Tonight* or a subscription to *Entertainment Weekly*. For the most scandalous in scandal, I recommend you check out what I've heard on the *Hollywood Grapevine*.

HBO and The Betty Ford Clinic have joined forces with the announcement they will begin production of a new cable program specifically targeted for people suffering from eating disorders and bulimia. The ground breaking program will be hosted by swivel headed Exorcist star, **Linda Blair** and is billed as the world's first, "Pay-Per-Spew Special."

General Motors has announced the largest recall in automotive history when testing reveals a defect in its new voice activated stereo system, which automatically tunes a cars radio using only the driver's voice. According to a company spokesman, widespread

malfunctions in the state of the art system have been reported when irate drivers muttered the word, "asshole," and the radio automatically tunes into **Rush Limbaugh's** radio program.

NBC has announced that Olympic ice princess, **Brian Boitano** (thought I was going to say **Tonya Harding** for a second now didn't you?) has signed to star in a made-for-TV move. The touching drama follows the life of an Olympic athlete who accidentally circumcises himself with his razor sharp skates while performing a tricky triple axle jump at the Winter Olympics. Slice and dice victim, **John Bobbit**, has signed on as a technical advisor.

The California Center for Stereotypes has announced that "hip, Lesbian comedian" will be officially added to the list of recognized Gay and Lesbian stereotypes. To make room for the addition, the stereotype, "prancing, nellie florist" will be eliminated. the **FTD Florist** quickly filed suit in Federal Court to block the move.

Despite her claims that she's merely a friend of the family, **Janet Jackson** is slated to perform at the *Jackson Family Honors* special scheduled for taping later this month. Meanwhile, **La Toya** has announced she wants to perform her exotic nude snake dance and **Michael** has stated he will attempt to set a new world record by grabbing his crotch 379 times during the hour long tribute to

America's most dysfunctional family. Parental discretion is advised.

Nickelodeon has announced that it will air lost episodes of the TV classic, *I Love Lucy* including never before seen footage. In the first never aired episode, Lucy launches another hairbrained scheme to break into show business when she undergoes gender reassignment surgery in order to become a Chippendale Dancer. Ricky furious.

A recent study by *The National Institute of Science* has determined that overexposed songstress, **Whitney Houston** has become a parody of herself and is in imminent danger of becoming the 90's version of **Diana Ross**.

President Clinton recently launched the first salvo in a trade war with Japan when he announced sanctions against the import of Japanese-made cellular telephones. The Japanese Prime Minister angrily responded to the move with the declaration he was removing **Clinton's** name from his *Friends and Family Calling Plan*.

A spokesman for toy giant, Mattel confirmed the development of a new **Michael Jackson** doll. Mattel will begin marketing the new doll next month with the commercial catch phrase, "Wind it up and it plays with your kids."

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

Les be Friends

I have a real Lesbian dilemma maybe you can help me with.

How does a Lesbian have best friends?

"Well," you're probably saying to yourself, "Easy. You just marry them."

Right, that's the problem.

That's, as far as I'm concerned, the absolute, bottom-line, defacto, ultimate, perfect definition of "Lesbian." We marry our best friends.

I know that there are many non-Gay people who believe that they marry their best friends. *Hah!* They don't. Oh, sure, *detente*, maybe, but best friends between genus masculinus and phylum femininus? Preposter-us! I know for a fact, and have always firmly adhered to the abiding principle that it is against the laws of nature and the traveled universes to marry outside of one's own species.

I mean, really! On the one hand you've got a subset of Sapiens who believes that deep and significant sharing is caringly expressed through passing the peanuts at post time. And on the other, you've got an entire classification of sentient beings whose basic assumptions are built upon the unshakable theory that Martha Stewart actually has an entire magazine's worth of important things to tell them about living. Monthly. Where's the commonality? The crossed thresholds? The breastbone to breastbone connection you get from being amongst your own kind in perfect society.

Heterosexual best friends? I think not.

But same sex friendships. Now that does make perfect sense. Humungo hulks smashing beer cans on each other's foreheads in hetero-harmony? Hey, who could argue with that? Seems right to me. Straight Sally's sharing intimate diet secrets. I can get behind that too.

But where does that leave us? Lesbians?

We usually gain our initiation with a best friend connection that somehow gets to the gonads. And when it does—*violá!* Lesbians. (Any women who don't think they qualify as Lesbians just because they are *only* sleeping with their best friend, and it's not like they're, uh, you know, dykes or anything, should please and promptly hie yourselves to a Webster's New Collegiate, and look up just exactly whose pictures you'll find next to that dyke definition: Lady who

sleeps with other lady: **Lesbian**. duh. (denial is such a wonderful thing.))

Lianna and the professor felt the best friend connection, and look what happened.

So, more than likely, did Patience and Sarah. Not to mention the rest of us. Some extraordinary kinship that, barriers broken, gets turned into extraordinary intimacy, not to mention extraordinary sex, with the person you have this connection to.

And a result, we accomplish a set of best friends a) we are currently married to. Or b) we *used to be* currently married to.

Not much room in there for just plain best friends who we'll *never* be married to.

Not buddies, you understand. I'm not talking philosophical softball sisters here. Or others of our equal femmelluminance or butch-iosity, whose pheromones will never get past our gastro-intestinal track. I'm talking about people you'd might marry under other circumstances, but when the circumstances are other, there doesn't seem to be a comfortable category to put them into.

I mean, where's the room?

I have one at the moment, and frankly, I can't figure out what to do with her. I mean, of course, I know what to do with her. Have dinner. See movies. Attend social functions. Wash the cars. Saltillo Mexican tile the spare rooms. Stuff like that. But, ah, my friends, and, oh, my foes, it sheds an awkward light.

You see, she's secretly engaged with (see how different that is for Lesbians than for straight ladies who get engaged to! Ooops! Sorry, I get easily distracted when it comes to us and our place on the planet). Someone who may or may not become fully available in many months forward. And my friend is happy as a clam in garlic-butter about it. (No, not the wait. But the impending wed, for which she's willing to wait.) Since I'm in a waiting mode too, having a close significant who has taken consulting status in other regions, and, unfortunately, isn't so close nay more. Geographically speaking.

So my best friend and I spend our hang time together, patiently scratching daily lines on the walls.

And, my dears, you'd think adultery were illegal in the Lesbian community!

And that we were willfully committing it. I understand somewhat, of course, since she can't tell anyone what, or more accurately who she's doing these days without risking 38 caliber maximum magnum harm to herself and her posterity. And, then, just everybody here knows that Judi's left the state for a few more months or two. So everybody's busy putting too and two together and coming up with the very next chapter of the Lesbian soap opera.

So I ask you, what do I do? Sit lonely in my room, pining for the presence of my absent other? Or hang out with my best friend. With whom I laugh at the same things, and who keeps me from sitting in my lonely room pining away, which keeps her similarly occupied? Tell me.

I got to have best friends when I was chained to Whatisname. It seems to be a perfectly acceptable heterosexual custom (except, of course, when she runs off with her best friend instead of his) probably crafted in self defense — see *Robert's pet theory about same species marriages above*. But now, apparently, according to the Official Guidebook to Lesbian Etiquette, it's a highly questionable practice. Even if we aren't doing anything untoward. Odd.

Anyway, I thought maybe you had some thoughts on just why this is. Why is it that Lesbians are not allowed to have best friends that they aren't now, or in the future or past, planning to be married to. I'll be anxiously awaiting your answer. In the meantime, as long as I'm waiting, anyway, I think my best friend and I will go to a movie.

I guess you think going to A dance together would be out of the question, huh?

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Reason #2,035 to Be a Lesbian

February: the month of African Americans, dead presidents, furry weather predictors, and love. It's an odd combination of celebratory events, but hey: variety is the spice of life — a cliché that I like to think lends some rationality to my more incomprehensible choices of lovers over the years. In fact, however, it is probably just this type of reasoning that got me in trouble in the first place. The wacky nature of love never ceases to engage me. And thus it is that I find myself lingering on the last of the celebratory events cataloged above.

I am talking, of course, about Valentine's Day — a day traditionally set aside to celebrate romance, to pay homage to a chubby kid in a diaper bearing a dangerous weapon, to reaffirm the love we feel for our boon companions. In actual practice, though, Valentine's Day is often something quite less than a mini-love fest. With this cynical thought in mind, my ruminations on love turned toward bad-Valentines'-Days-I-have-known. I thought, in a fit of gleeful masochism, that with my shaky history as a lover of ill-chosen others I would have no difficulty in churning up one bad Valentine's Day memory after another. But in truth, as it turns out, the bad ones have all blended together into an indistinguishable lumpy mush.

By the same token, I cannot bring to mind a single outstandingly terrific Valentine's Day either. This is not a good sign: either I have a terrible memory or a terrible life. I seem pretty happy, though, so I'm guessing it's the former. The truth is, my girlfriend Kath and I have never put all of our romance eggs into a single basket, i.e., Valentine's Day. Instead, we tend to spread that stuff around.

In fact, it was just my last birthday that Kath outdid herself in the romance department. I was away at school on the actual day, and Kathy wanted to do something extra special for me. So she sent me a birthday card — one for every year old I am, that is. And let me tell you, that's a sizable stack of cards! I was the envy of all my peers. The gals in my dorm began referring to the cards, which I had set up on my desk for the visual effect, as "the shrine." R. (a hetero) took one look at the cards and said, "Tell your girlfriend we're all in love with her — does she have a sister?" Almost to a person, my pals, upon visiting the shrine,

would ask (1) how long we'd been together and (2) to see a picture of Kathy, as if they could not possibly envision what someone with that much romance in her soul would look like.

But my favorite response was when J. (also a hetero) told E. (a Lesbian) about the cards: "E., you wouldn't believe all these cards. I have never gotten so many cards." To which E. responded, "That's because you're not a Lesbian, J." "The most I've ever gotten," the conversation continued, "is one card and a bunch of flowers." "No," corrected E., "a card and some flowers that his secretary brought!" Yep: once again Lesbians way rule.

But sure, that was my birthday — a day on which you might be more likely to expect your lover to romance you — but what about more ordinary dates on the calendar? What — pulling a hairball out of the drain together isn't romantic to you? Okay, so we're not oozing with romance on a daily basis — which sounds like something you should get treatment for in any case. But I am not lying to you when I say that I get swept off my feet regularly — and always by the same gal: Kathy. And, without boasting about my own romantic prowess too much, I think I can safely say I do the same for her.

That's why more and more I am coming to think that Valentine's Day is a hetero holiday. Duh, Yvonne — no kidding. No, what I mean is, I know Valentine's Day has always been hyped as a hetero event, but now I know there's a good reason for it. Valentine's Day — along with Sweetest Day — is a metaphorical kick in the butt for all those straight guys out there who need to be reminded that it would be nice if they turned off ESPN once in awhile and stopped belching long enough to say "I love you" to the women they once passed themselves off to as a veritable Sir Walter Raleighs. Presumably, they cannot remember to reiterate those three little words on their own without prompts on the calendar and from the greeting card people. Running neck-and-neck with the Hallmark ads, of course, are the ads from jewelers: "Show her you love her; sell your kidneys and buy her an eye-popping hunk of highly squashed carbon." That I, and most other Lesbians that I know, have not yet been sucked into the vortex of carat envy leads me to believe that this is a genetically linked trait: just a little squiggle on the ol' X chromosome indicating diamond lover = straight gal.

Of course, I simplify the equation for those not blessed with my acute scientific mind. Or perhaps, you might

say, I stereotype. In fact, I'm quite certain this entire diatribe is sprinkled liberally with stereotypes. But I don't want you to think that I don't know that there are some genuinely romantic straight guys and some genuinely unromantic Lesbians. Still, for my money, I'd have to say I gotta go with the Lesbians. Romance *must* be in our souls — why else would we buy all those Lesbian pot-boilers, brimming with romantic phrases like, "I gripped her sweaty, undulating hips"?

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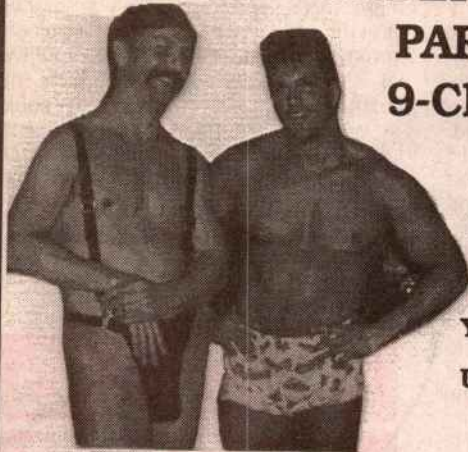


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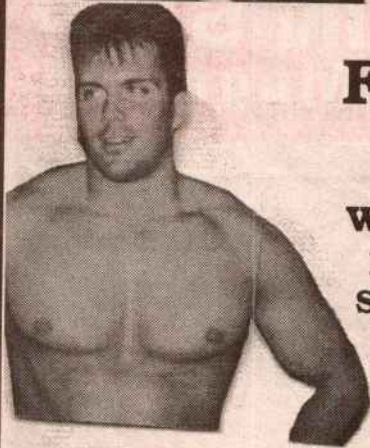
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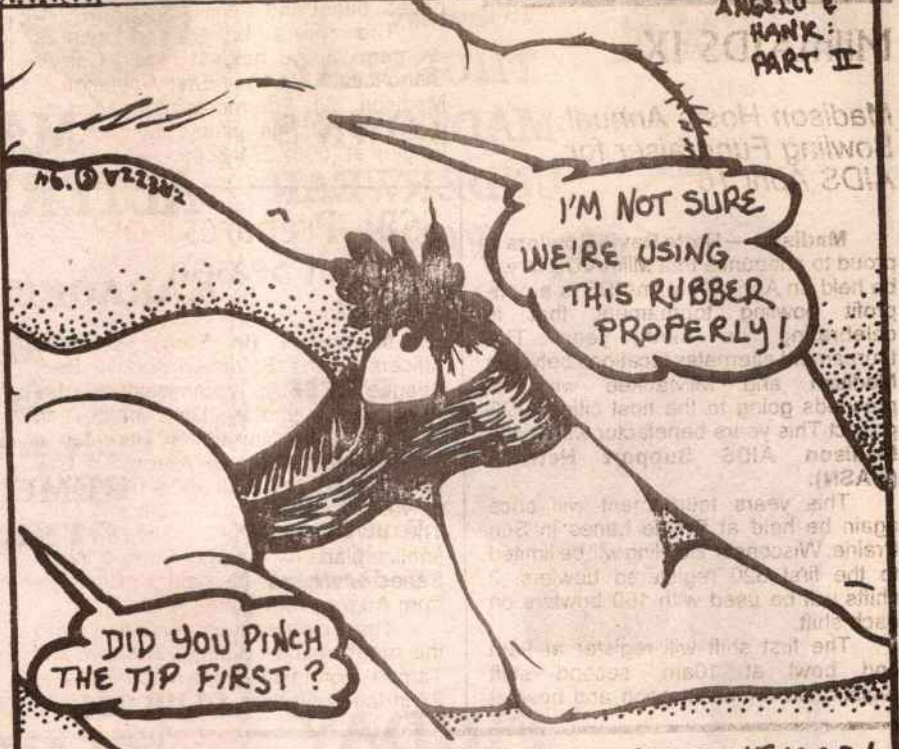
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This year's tournament will once again be held at Prairie Lanes in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Bowling will be limited to the first 320 registered bowlers. 2 shifts will be used with 160 bowlers on each shift.

The first shift will register at 9am and bowl at 10am, second shift registration will be at noon and bowl at

1pm. Registration fee will be \$25, payable in advance and will include: cost of bowling, donation to MASN, door prizes, buffet and awards program.

This year's buffet and awards program will be held at Fyfe's Corner Bistro located at 1344 East Washington, Madison, WI. For more information or registration forms please contact Joe Feigley at (608) 271-8889.

SSBL Prepares For Softball Season

Milwaukee (In Step) — Three officers of the Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL); commissioner Joe Appleman, secretary Dion Haith, and treasurer Tom Salzsieder, attended a meeting of the **North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA)** in Nashville on February 12th and 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize plans for the Gay Softball World Series which will be held in Nashville from August 16th-20th.

Three new leagues were admitted to the organization Buffalo, Phoenix and Tampa—bringing league membership to 27 in the open division.

World Series play consists of an A, B and C division, and each league may send up to 3 teams. Last year, Milwaukee sent one team to Philadelphia, league champion Club 219.

SSBL MEETING FEB. 27

An organizational meeting of the team managers of the Saturday Softball Beer League for 1994 will be held on Sunday, February 27th at 3pm at Club 219. Anyone wishing to sponsor a softball team this year is invited to the meeting.

For more information about the league, call commissioner Joe Appleman at 224-0627.

The Milwaukee County Parks Department has informed the SSBL that the upper diamond at Mitchell Park will be converted to a soccer field, so the league is looking at different sites for their games. A final decision on the field location for the league games will be made at this meeting.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIC MAY 28-29

The SSBL will again hold the Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend, May 28th and 29th. Approximately 50 teams are expected to participate in this year's classic.

Leather Worlds

By Tony Terry

Safe-Words

In exploring Leathersex, we need to remember that not all people enjoy the same things; the type of scene that one person may fantasize endlessly about may be a complete turn-off to someone else. There are also different levels of sensation that appeal to different people: one person who enjoys being spanked may only want a hand used, while another prefers a wooden paddle or a leather belt. These likes and dislikes fall into two categories: preferences — what you would ideally like, and limits — those activities or levels of play which you do not wish to engage in. It's important to remember that both tops and bottoms have limits, and both should be equally respected.

The easiest way to insure that your personal limits are respected is to discuss them openly and honestly before the scene begins. However, many people find this level of exchange difficult to engage in — especially early on in a relationship. Others enjoy 'feeling out' a

new partner, allowing their play to be more spontaneous. Even when partners discuss what they do and don't want, it's almost impossible to cover all the bases. Situations and activities can come up that were not originally considered.

So how do we prepare for every possibility and still allow for the creativity and spontaneity we may wish to experience in leatherplay? The most common solution is the use of "safe-words."

Safe-words are terms that can be uttered at any point by any person involved in a scene. The words themselves are a code that expresses the physical and mental condition of the person and helps give direction to their partner(s).

The choice of safe-words is an individual one, and most experienced players have their own favorites. The most important thing to remember is that the words chosen should not be words that are likely to come up in the normal course of the scene; for example — someone may say "No...no...no," while in the throes of sexual pleasure when what they really mean is "This is great, keep doing exactly what you're doing," or "Mmmmm..oh," may be mistaken for "No" by the top in the scene.

May favorite safe-words are very simple: "Slow" means that what's happening is fine but needs to slow down; "Easy" means lighten up or back off — take it easy; "Stop" means stop where you are — don't move; and "Break" means stop everything and take

a break. This last one can be especially useful in a prolonged scene, giving all participants a chance to catch their breath, collect themselves and decide how they want the scene to continue. Another common set of safe-words are based on traffic lights: "Green" means everything is great; "Yellow" means caution — slow down or ease up; and "Red" means stop. I also know people who use words like "Pumpkin" or "Pickle," words that are completely unlikely to be uttered in the normal conversation of a scene.

If your play involves the use of a gag, or if you or your partner are speech or hearing impaired, hand signals or some other form of body language can be used as safe-words.

Whatever safe-words you choose, they are worthless unless you discuss with your partner what they are and what they mean. In leatherplay, safe-words should be viewed as necessary means of communication.

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Ask Billy Holliday

Off-key advice from an off-color life

Dear Billy, I love to travel and often do so with a boyfriend or with plans to go out looking. But when you make a reservation for two, you always end up with double beds. It made me uncomfortable to request a room with just one bed. Do you have any hints?

J.S., Milwaukee, WI

Firstly, get over it. Why do you think they put so many queens beds in hotels? They're there for us girls! When you check in, just ask the guy at the front desk if it's a queen or king bed. Most of them are one of us anyway. They don't mind. Besides, you're paying for it — get what you want. If the waiter brought you meatloaf when you ordered sweet meats, you'd tell the girl to take it back, wouldn't you?

Dear Billy, I met a guy, a real hunk, I really liked on Saturday night and went home with him, but all we did was just play around. Now I don't know what to do. Suppose he doesn't call me? How long should I wait?

K.H., Chicago, IL

To do what? Kill yourself? Go out alone? Call an escort service? I mean, really, if you wouldn't sleep with him, then why should he call? To have another fun sexless night with you? Look in the mirror and decide if you would go out with you again under those circumstances. If the answer is truly yes, then why worry about this guy — call me!

Dear Billy, The guy I met last week turns out to have a lot of money, definitely more money than I. He wants to take me on vacation with him — a nice vacation. I told him I cannot afford to pay my share but he doesn't care. Somehow I feel a little cheap. What can I do? I don't like feeling cheap.

W.R., NYC, NY

Then ask for more than just a vacation. Jeez girl, do you have a sister in Chicago? I mean what's with this crowd? Honey, if he wants to take you to the moon, go. Let him feel cheap if it ain't expensive enough for you. Whatever you do, don't stare and feel the material. If you must, frown slightly. Look slightly disappointed. Sigh and artfully and significantly shrug your shoulders and say quietly, "Not what it used to be."

But don't you just love these people who don't want to feel cheap? My

goodness, if the trip or the gift doesn't cost enough, then the bastard who gave it to you ought to feel cheap. You can only feel cheap if you've sold yourself short. But if you insist on worrying about cheap, then introduce me to your rich boyfriend and he and I and the hunk

from Chicago can do the little dirty thing on a Saturday on a first date in an expensive hotel. Don't you just love cheap!!

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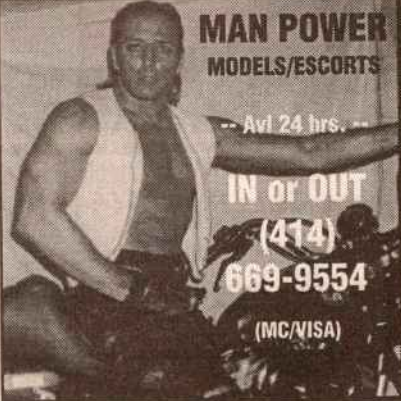
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One 35+ GW or HM desired. Must be professional and reasonable income. I'm not desperate, just eager. Own my own business. No 1-niters. No phone sex. Only serious call. (414) 792-1690.

Bottom Seeks Top, 41 year old GWM, tall, slender, bottom needs to have emptiness filled by well hung top, over 35, any race. Write to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 311, Appleton, WI 54912.

Slender, Slim & Horny? Wheelchair bound GWM 61, would like to pleasure you. Very oral. Call anytime till 3am (414) 633-2521, Frank.

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Appleton WBIM seeks trusting friend. 6'1", 165 lb., 35, professional, non-smoker, enjoys downhill skiing, tennis, arts & travel. Seeking discrete, compassionate, straight-acting G/BI for camaraderie/guidance in 'coming to terms.' Please write descriptive letter to Box 132, Greenville, WI 54942.

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Gay White Male: Enjoys spending time with special friend. Looking for BI/Gay male for honest relationship. Please send photo and phone. Write: Kenneth, Box 2831, Appleton, WI 54911.

GWM 42, 6'2", Shy-Passive. Seeks friend & more. Will answer all. I am just an obedient average guy. Box 17333, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

Graffiti

Gill Tech Superstud: Take a little more off! **Mr. Vain Janet Fan:** Let's get together "again." **Sad Puppy Dog Mariah Caleb:** If you are such a cut above the rest, then why do you still have your hood?!! Maybe Lorena Bobbitt can help you out! (ouch!) Besides, we all know you are really Michael Bolton in drag!!

Legend for life, Madonna Nick Rhodes: Mariah Caleb needs to get a grip! I may generate some heat, but that girl sets off the sprinklers and melts the wallpaper right off the wall. When she was born, the doctor delivered her wearing oven mitts so he wouldn't scorch his fingers!! My whip will cure Mariah of her attitude problem and remind her that I'm the boss around here!

Keep It Together, Madonna Madonna Wanna: Why don't you do the world a favor and "Justify You're Love" elsewhere? Take a shower with a toaster and lets hope you don't "Live To Tell" about it. You might as well since the queen of pop will soon be losing her throne to me. However, the only throne you will ever see is your toilet, so see how far your head will fit... then flush!

Love, Mariah Caleb
RAS: Estoy contento' que errez Parte' de vida.
Te amo, JME
Jim: Thanks for being there. **JME**

The Guide

MW	1/2 Men, 1/2 Women
M	Prefer Men Only
Mw	Mostly Men, Women Welcome
W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
G/S	Gay & Straight Mixed
LL	Levi/Leather
D	Dancing
DJ	Disk Jockey, Dancing
V	Video
F	Food Service

FOX VALLEY (414)

BARS

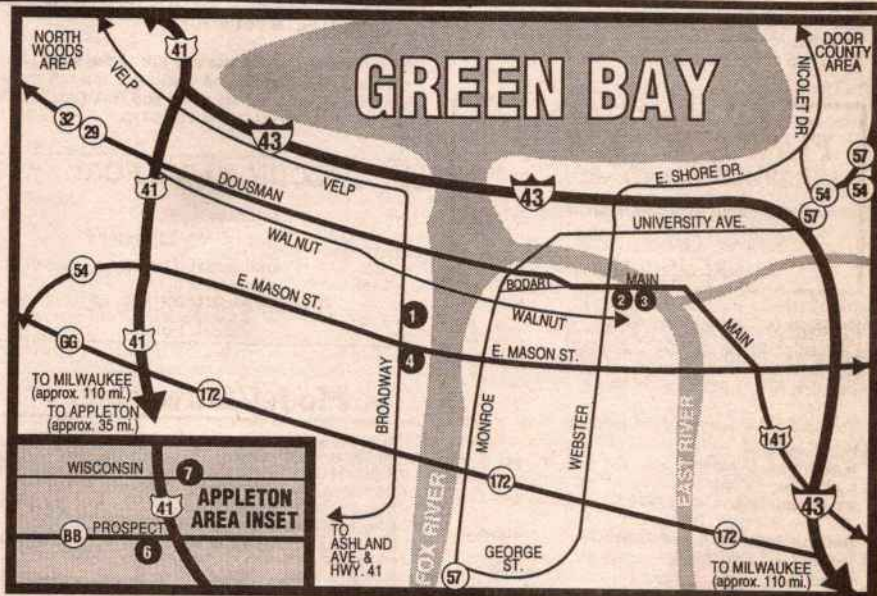
- 6 Pivot Club** (MW, DJ, V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB) Appleton 54915 730-0440
7 Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F) 702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 954-9262

ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)**
 725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 (414)235-5100
PFLAG Fox Cities
 Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629
Fox Valley AIDS Project
 120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2068
UW-Oshkosh 10% Society
 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
Gay AA/Anon 494-9904
G.W.E.E.D.A. (Greater Wis. Education & Economic Development Alliance) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
 PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
Fox Valley G/L Parents 727-1975
Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, BI Group
 (Lawrence University InfoDesk)
 Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Jessica) 832-7563

NORTH EAST WI

- Alexander's Guest House**
 5371 Beech, Laona, 54541 (715)674-2615
Chanticleer Guest House
 4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay, 54234 (414)746-0334



GREEN BAY (414)

BARS

- 3 Brandy's II** (Mw, L/L) 1126 Main St. 54301 432-3917
1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ) 515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646
2 Java's (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
4 Sass (WM) 840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope** (MCC Church) PO Box 672, 54305 496-8688
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club) PO Box 22096, 54305 494-9904
Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly) 494-5029
Bay City Chorus PO Box 1901, 54305
Center Project, Inc. (CPI) (HIV Test/Counsel) 824 S Broadway, 54305 437-7400 or (800)675-9400
Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-BG 465-2343
HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Ric 468-6316
Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/social Group) Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
Parents & Friends of G/L 499-7080
Positive Voice P. O. Box 1381, 54305 499-5533

MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

- Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)**
 HIV/AIDS Service Organization
 PO Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.) 238-MASN
Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)
 1552 University Avenue 53705 262-7330

ORGANIZATIONS

- AASPIN Foundation** (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWAs) 2828 Marshall Ct, Ste 210, 53705 273-4501
Apple Island (Womens Cultural Center/Hall Rental) 849 E Washington 258-9777
Bette Davis Bowlers (G/L Bowling League)
 PO Box 321, 53701
Bi? Shy? Why? (Bisexual Support)
 PO Box 321, 53701 Susan, 251-3886
Campus Women's Center
 710 University Ave, #202, 53715 262-8093
Different Spokes (G/L/B bicycling club) 241-8184
18-21 Yr Old Social Group for LesBiGays 256-2667
Frontiers (Gay/Bi Men's Activities Organ.) 14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703 251-7424
Gay/Lesbian Phone Line 255-4297

MADISON (608) ORGANIZATIONS

Gay/Lesbian Information Recording (ask for tape #3333)	263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center PO Box 1722, 53701	
G/L Educational Employees c/o The United	255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United	255-8582
Gay Men's Video Club PO Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
GALVANize (Increasing G/L awareness) PO Box 1403, 53701	256-4289
Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events) PO Box 6091, 53716	
Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)	255-7447
LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) 336 W Dayton 53703	265-3344
LesGayBi Teen Support Group (Briarpatch & Picada Sponsored)	251-1126/246-7606
Lesbian Parents Network PO Box 572, 53701	255-8582
Madison Volleyball Group Jeff, 251-8716	
Madison Wrestling Club PO Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
MAGIC Picnic Comm. 636 W Washington 53703	256-3404 (EXT 220)
Men's Alanon	255-8582
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) PO Box 1786, 53701	
Nothing to Hide (Gay cable)	241-2500
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians PO Box 1722, 53701	
10% Society (student organization) Box 614, UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706	262-7365
Unicorns of Madison (L/L club) PO Box 536, 53701	
The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy) 14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103, 53703	255-8582
Womansong (Women's Choral Group)	246-2681

BULLETIN BOARDS

The Party BBS (msgs, files, echo mail) (608) 258-9555

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701	836-8886
Affirmation (L/G United Methodists) University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705	256-2353
Metropolitan Community Church/Madison	251-7636

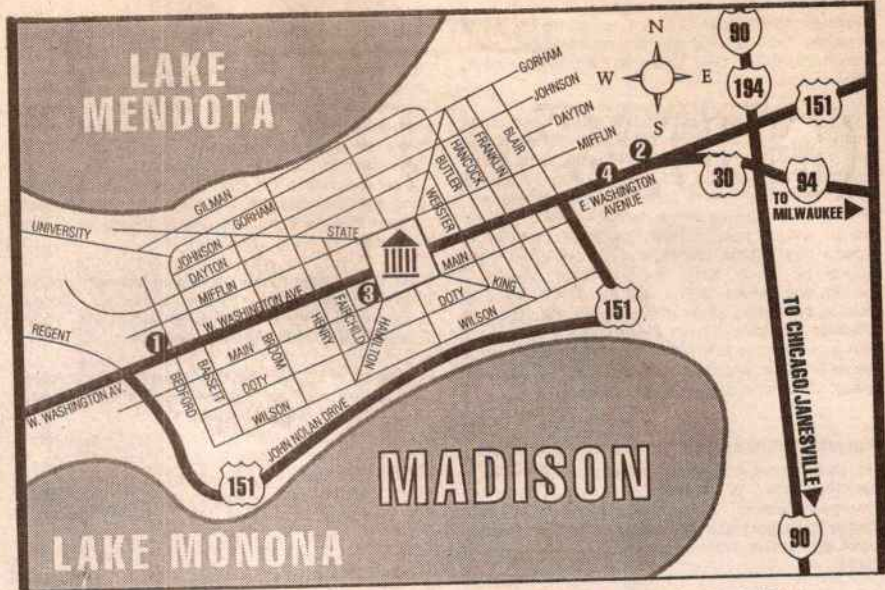
BARS

2 Club 3054 (MW, DJ, V) 3054 E. Washington 53714	241-4977
1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D) 636 W. Washington (rear) 53703	255-0609
1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V) 636 W. Washington (upstairs) 53703	256-8765
3 Phase II (GS, MW, F, D) 117 W. Main St, 53703	255-5029
4 Ray's Bar & Grill (MW, F) 2415 Winnebago 53704	246-3949
2 Wings 3054 (MW, L/L) 3054 E. Washington 53714	244-8870

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP Milwaukee PO Box 1707, 53201	769-8708
Alcoholics Anonymous (req. Gay meetings)	272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club) PO Box 840, 53201	
Paul Bunyon Society (Social group for Big & Bear Men) PO Box 1252, 53201	933-2136
Black Gay Consciousness Raising Imani (Support/Social Group for Lesbians of Color) PO Box 92146, 53202	521-4555
Queer Program (Cable TV Show) PO Box 93951, 53203	964-8423
Brothers Loving Brothers (Gay male support) 1330 N. 22nd St., 53205	
By Any Means Necessary Community Development Coalition Rodney	277-7671
Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club) PO Box 1697, 53202-1697	
Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support & discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202	271-2565
Cream City Chorus P. O. Box 1488, 53201	344-9222



Cream City Foundation (CCF) 2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201	265-0880
Cream City Squares (G/L Square Dancing Club)	542-6717/963-1436
DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression) PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201	
Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L TheatreCo) PO Box 92756, 53202	347-0673
Fest City Singers (Gay choral group) PO Box 11428, 53211	263-SING
Front Runners/Walkers PO Box 11428, 53211	774-2668
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell	276-6936
GayLaxians (G/L sci-fi group) c/o Emory Churness, 2705 N. Shepard 53211	
GAMMA (sports/social) PO Box 1900, 53201	963-9833
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555
Gay/Les/Bi Veterans of American (S.E., WI chapter) c/o 3036 N. Booth, 53212	562-4191
Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201	562-7010
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings) PO Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion Group (Bill)	271-2565
Gay Men's Support Group (Bill)	271-2565
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862	
Great Lakes Harley Riders PO Box 341611, 53234-1611	
Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMA) (Boating/social) PO Box 1768, 53201	259-0500
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) PO Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	871-4839
LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) PO Box 93323, 53203	264-2600
Lesbian, Gay and Bi People in Medicine (LGBPM) 1017 N 23, 53233	933-6581
LOC/Women of Color MACT (Men of All Colors Together) PO Box 12292, 53212 Dave 527-4296	Verbal 347-0580
MGALA (MU Graduates) PO Box 92722, 53202	
Milwaukee Bondage Club (SM/BD) 3109 W National #805, 53215	669-BDSM
Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.)	543-4850
Outdoors PO Box 92605, 53202	771-0326
People Living With AIDS Coalition 315 W. Court, 53212	273-1991
Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207	
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) (Support, meets monthly, call Sandy)	962-9320
PrideFest (Pride Committee) PO Box 93852, 53203	272-FEST
Queer Nation (Queer Action) PO Box 93951, 53203	
SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays) PO Box 92482, 53202	after 4pm 271-0378
Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) PO Box 92605, 53202	
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) PO Box 78115, 53216	276-6936
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc. PO Box 92273, 53202	272-0273
Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273	
Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians) PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122	271-2565
S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery)	442-1132

Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric)
PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202 277-7671

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ) 1821 N. 16th St.	344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church) PO Box 597, 53102	444-7177
Lutherans Concerned PO Box 11864, 53211	481-9663
MAP Spiritual Care PO Box 92505, 53202	273-1991
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church UFMCC PO Box 1421, 53201-1421	332-9995
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming) 2717 E. Hampshire	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational) 1636 W. National	647-9199
St. James Episcopal Church 833 W. Wisconsin Ave	271-1340
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church) 1342 N Astor	273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ) 130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617

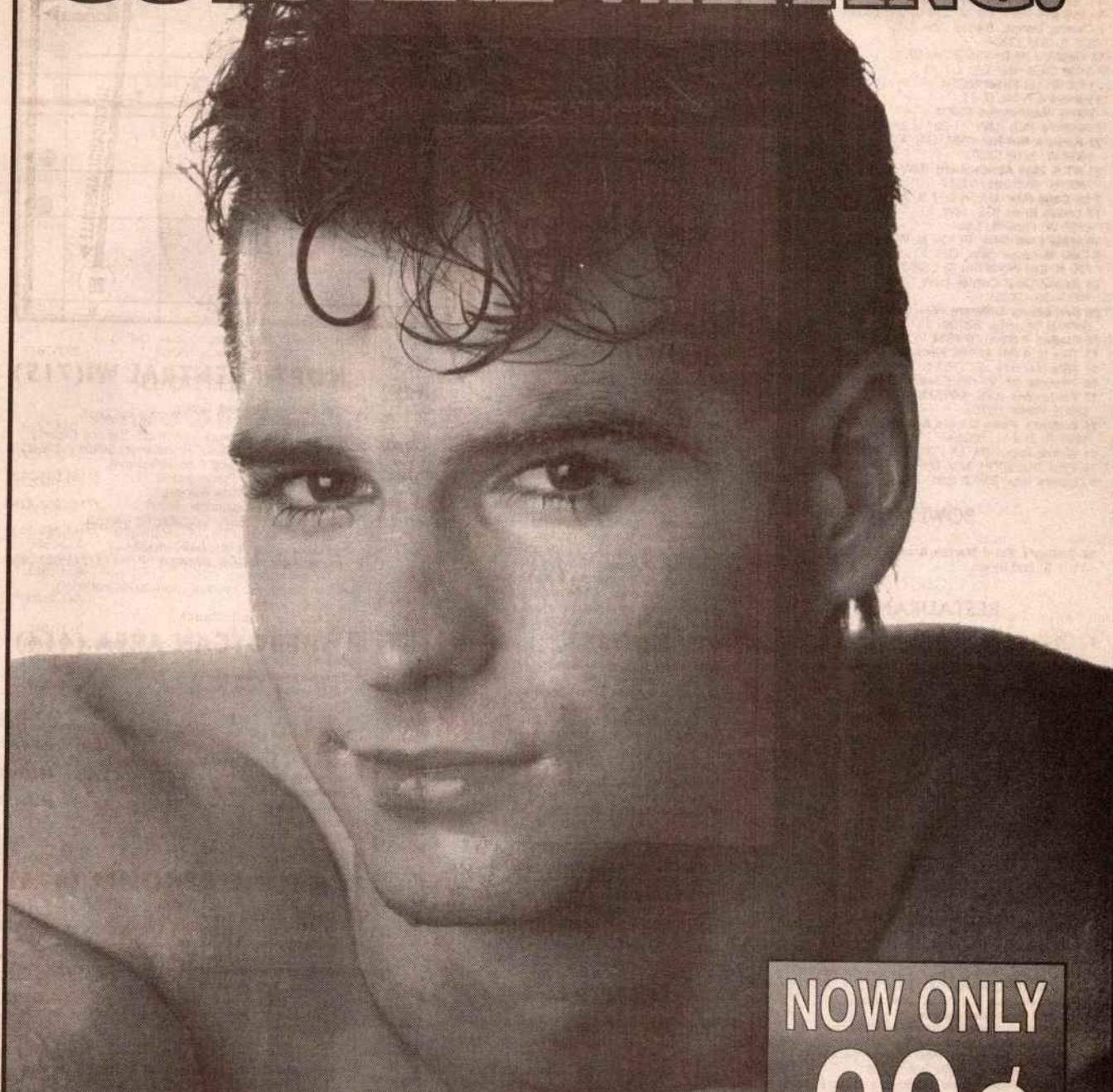
MEDICAL

Dr. Kelly Balliet (Internal/Infectious Diseases) Medical Center Specialties Clinic 945 N 12, 53233	283-7837
Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care) Family Care Center, 1834 W Wisc., 53233	933-3600
Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing, hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202	272-2144
Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group BESTD Clinic	272-2144
Partners & Lovers of HIV+ Gay Men Support BESTD Clinic	272-2144
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) HIV/AIDS Service Organization 315 W. Court St 53202 Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437	
Stein Medical/Home Health Care 3724 W Wisc. Ave, 53208 432-7755; (800)472-2256	
Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program) 315 W. Court St., 53212	273-1991
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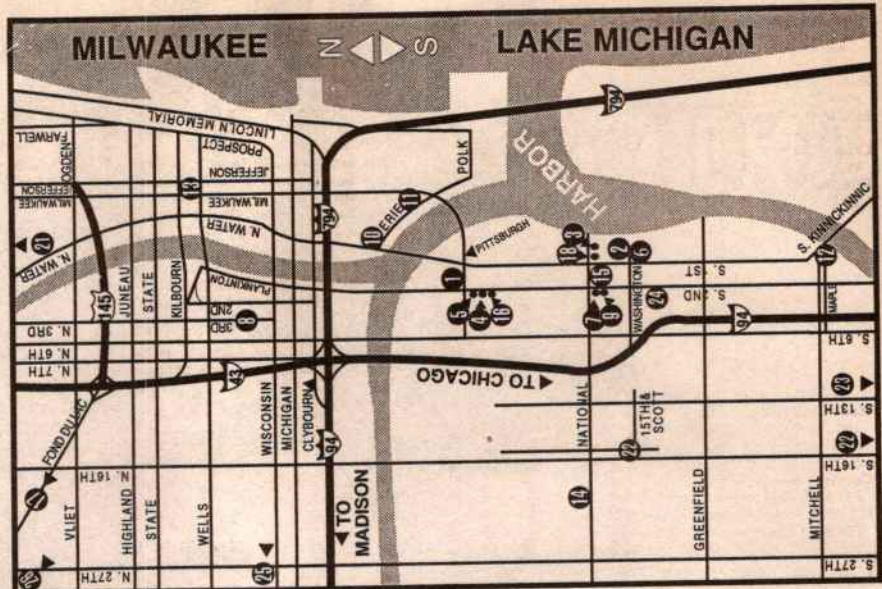
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Milwaukee **ENERGETIC, HONEST ROMANTIC:** gwm, 26, 5'9, med build, enjoy movies, C & W dancing, looking for someone 18-30 for quality times. #7654

Milwaukee **HEY NINETEEN!** 19 y/o, 180lbs, Builder, enjoy having good times getting to know people & just staying home cuddling. #7868

Milwaukee **EITHER WAY:** black bi-male, seeking tp, for casual or long term rel. #8231

Green Bay **ACTIVE:** 5'9, blond, blue, positive, 150lbs, med. build, good person to know, call me sometime. #4051

Wisconsin **V.GOODLKG:** 30, 5'11, 160lbs, btm, blond, blue eyes, seeks agrees tp. (prefer blond, blue & under 30). #8281

Kenosha **ASIANS WANTED:** goodlkg bi-wm, 35, looking for asian guys for fun /etc., #1329

Milwaukee **TOP FLIGHT:** looking for tp guys, 5'10, 160lbs, light brw hair, enjoy movies, outdoors, leave msg. #5441

Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** 24 y/o, brw hair & eyes, stacked, 5'11, 190lbs, looking to meet masc. acting guys, looking for friends first. #8750

Milwaukee **COACH ME:** I enjoy leather & water sports, looking for tall, musclr, builder or leather tp man for discreet calls. #2077

414 Area Code **FASHION FRENZY:** 35 y/o, x-dresser seeks simlr. #2716

FRESHMAN: 18 YR OLD: 5'9, brw hair/eyes, interested in hiking, biking, nature trail walks, horseback riding, canoeing seeking any guy 18-25 for rel. #2792

WILD IN WISCONSIN: 24 y/o, blond, green eyes, 5'10, 120lbs, seeking someone in my age & area. #4630



Kenosha **DOUBLE DARE:** 2 bi-men in their 40s seeks other fun guys. Call if you dare! #6858

Madison **TENNIS ANYONE?** 38, 5'8, 150lbs, med. build, clean cut, masc. new to area. Looking for athletic ynger guy. #8897

414 Area Code **HURRY:** 19 y/o, looking for tp guy 19-24. #3967

Milwaukee **GOLDEN TONE SKIN:** gbm, 19, 6'2, looking for man any race to call me day or night! #7373

Milwaukee **VERY GOODLKG:** in shape, 26, seeking friends 18-25. #6280

Kenosha **SEEKING STRONG PERSONALITY:** 48 y/o, prof. w/ 2 children, Seeking active adult w/strong personality for relationship. #8434

Fox Valley **21 YR OLD:** 6'2, 170lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, seeking gwm 18-30 for friendship maybe more, I like movies & social get togethers. #8435

Milwaukee **LOVE MALE CLOTHING:** ht btm, N2 boots, straps, get the picture, call for more info. #6423

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** gwm, 25, 5'10, 160lbs, enjoy dining out, water sports, seeking tp man, leave msg in my box to get together. #1991

Milwaukee **AMATEUR KICK BOXER:** 5'8, 165lbs, great shape, love latin or white cross dressers that look good for intimate private encounters, if this is you, leave me a msg, I will call you. #4038

Milwaukee **SINCERE:** brw hair 22, 6'2, 145lbs, green eyes, enjoy movies & music seeking smlr aged for rel. #4699

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 25 y/o, 5'10, blond, blue eyed, 160lbs, like outdoors, reading, movies, dinner, dancing, looking for simlr attrac. tp man under 40, hope to hear from you soon. #5441

Milwaukee **VERSATILE GBM:** 6'2, hazel eyes, golden skin, enjoy anything, call me day or nite. #7911

Milwaukee **VERY AFFECTIONATE:** 38, 5'9, real cute, would like to meet someone real soon to date, call for hm number if interested. #7978

WI **COLLEGE DUDE: 20 YRS OLD:** 6'1, 200lbs, very romantic, seeks smlr for off campus fun times. #8037

414 Area Code **YOUNG 20 YR OLD:** w/ dark hair brw eyes, in need of companionship, all calls get mine. #8518

Milwaukee **BI-WHITE X-DRESSER:** seeks 35-45 y/o bi-wm to share tender moments together, call soon. #8544

Wisconsin **SLOW TALKIN:** wm, 6'5, 210lbs, 43, would like to meet guy my age or older for back rubs. #4637

Milwaukee **CUTE 18 YR OLD:** w/ wavy short brw hair/eyes, 150lbs, like hiking, biking, walking, swimming, wrestling, seeking guy 18-24+ for good times/maybe more. #5646

Cent. Wisconsin **HANDSOME ITALIAN:** 38, 5'10, 155lbs, (feeling a bit alone on weekends) seeking soulmate to share & grow with, if you enjoy opera, ethnic foods. Call & let's connect. #6026

Wisconsin **CUTE** 19 y/o, college student, 5'10, 150lbs, call. #6374

Milwaukee **MEET YOUR MATCH: HARD CORE** body builder seeks simlr for relationship. #7181

Milwaukee **COUNTRY MUSIC FAN:** 34, also into sports, prefer someone for friendship first building toward relationship. #7649

Milwaukee **GOODLKG:** gwm, 32, into feet & socks would like to meet simlr up to 38. #7851

Milwaukee **BLUE EYED BLOND:** 24 y/o, 5'10, 160lbs, into classical music seeking guys my age. #1912

Milwaukee **YOUNG VERSATILE:** 5'10, 145lb, 29, seriously into school seeking fun times w/stable 25-35 y/o. #1937

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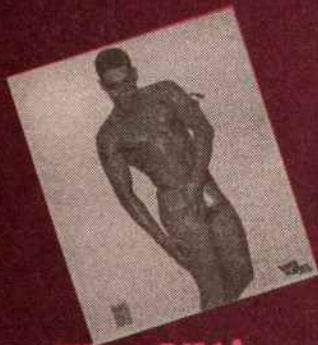
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