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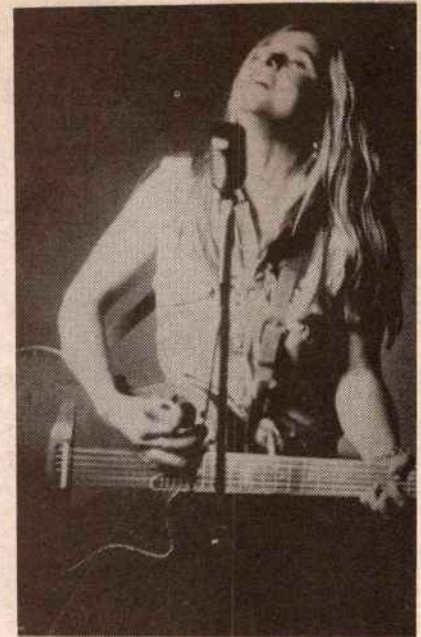


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News

Medical College Named One of Four National AIDS Research Centers

\$4 Million Grant Will Expand Staff & Studies

Milwaukee — The Medical College of Wisconsin has been awarded \$4 million by the National Institute of Mental Health to establish a new Center for AIDS Intervention Research. The award, announced by Wisconsin Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and Congressman Tom Barrett, will create an AIDS Research Center focussed on the development of improved HIV prevention, mental health and health behavior interventions.

The Medical College is one of just four institutions nationwide to receive the special grant. It will be the only AIDS Research Center of its kind in the Midwest, and will establish Milwaukee and the Medical College of Wisconsin as one of the country's leaders in research on AIDS prevention. The Center will coordinate AIDS prevention and mental health research efforts and attract leading AIDS researchers to Milwaukee.

According to Dr. Harry Prosen, chairman of the College's Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences: "It will support the rapid development of innovative new research programs in such areas as HIV prevention for disenfranchised communities, evaluation of mental health services for those

affected by HIV, and behavioral medicine interventions intended to improve the health of persons with HIV disease."

The Center will work to more quickly develop improved HIV/AIDS prevention programs and to accelerate research on ways to meet the mental health needs of patients.

Jeffrey A. Kelly, a Psychologist and the Center's Director, has received nearly \$18 million in grant support since 1990 to conduct prevention and mental health research on AIDS.

"We are very excited because the Center offers us a means to coordinate the efforts of HIV researchers with the efforts of community and public health agencies," said Dr. Kelly.

"It is important that key HIV research results quickly be communicated to community-based and health organizations so they can use research findings, and also that community input can help define questions that HIV researchers should investigate," said Kelly. "The Center will now have the resources to facilitate this communication."

Most importantly, scientists from a range of disciplines, including psychologists and psychiatrists, medical specialists in infectious diseases and internal medicine, social scientists, experts in HIV epidemiology and research personnel familiar with the needs of communities affected by HIV/AIDS will be brought together as a single team.

"Because it will be the only Center of its kind between New York and California, we anticipate it will become the focal point for HIV behavioral research in the entire region," said Dr. Kelly.

The other three centers are Columbia University Health Sciences Center in New York, the University of California-San Francisco, and the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine.

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research will replace the former Community Health Behavior Program. In addition to Dr. Kelly, the Center will be comprised of eight Medical College faculty members who will devote their full efforts to HIV research, ten faculty members who will devote partial effort to the new Center, and about 25 other community research personnel who conduct AIDS prevention and mental health projects.

The present focus of the Center's research includes HIV prevention efforts focused on Gay men, inner city women, the chronic mentally ill and the homeless, as well as research to improve mental health services for persons with HIV disease and their loved ones.

The new funding will allow for expansion of all these areas as well as new clinical research studies on behavioral treatments for nutritional disorders, pain and other health disorders of persons with HIV disease.

Shalala Announces Big Boost in Ryan White AIDS Funds

Wisconsin to Get More than \$1 Million

Washington DC — On March 24, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala announced the award of an additional \$322.6 million in grants to cities and states under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. Wisconsin will get just over \$1 million. Ryan White is the teenaged AIDS activist who became a spokesman for the cause and who died in 1990.

"Total Ryan White funding for 1994, including the grants announced today, will be \$579.4 million, up 66% from last year," said Shalala, "and President Clinton's budget calls for another 16%

increase in 1995."

"These funds will be used to provide health services for people who desperately need them — people with AIDS who have nowhere else to turn. Ryan White funds will also provide relief to hard-pressed city and state governments across the country."

The total includes \$160 million in supplemental grants to hard-hit cities, up 76% from last year, and \$162.7 million in Title II formula grants, up 60%.

Title I supplemental grants were awarded to the 34 US cities with the highest reported cases of AIDS. No Wisconsin city qualified for these funds. The largest Title I grants went to New York City, \$54.2 million, San Francisco, \$20.1 million, and Los Angeles, \$12.8 million.

Title II formula grants were awarded to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and US Territories. These grants were awarded based on the number of AIDS cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the 2-year period October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1993. The state of Wisconsin, which recorded 924 cases during that time, is slated to receive \$1,069,752.

California, with the largest number of reported cases, got the largest Title II grant of \$28 million, followed by New York, with \$26 million. Six states that reported the fewest AIDS cases received the minimum grant of \$100,000 each.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, said of the

Steve Gunderson Gay-Baited on House Floor

Gunderson, Barney Frank Shine During Debate on Education Bill

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — During Congressional debate on a major education appropriations bill March 24, Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA) taunted Wisconsin Rep. Steve Gunderson about whether or not he is a Gay man.

Gunderson had spoken against the wording of an amendment sponsored by Rep. Mel Hancock (R-MO) that would have prohibited federal funds from being used in any education program "that has either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

During his speech, Hancock held up as examples brochures on AIDS prevention produced by New York City's Gay Men's Health Crisis, which he claimed had been distributed at high schools. He said taxpayers were tired of "their hard-earned money being used to bombard their children" with allegedly pro-Gay propaganda.

Gunderson expressed concern the Hancock amendment would have "the

effect of prohibiting school counseling and guidance. It has the effect of prohibiting AIDS education."

Dornan rose to condemn children's books that include Gay parents and any discussion of Gay issues in the schools. He then lashed out at Gunderson whom, he said, has "a revolving door on his closet...He's in, he's out, he's in, he's out, he's in. I guess you're out because you went up and spoke to a huge homosexual dinner, Mr. Gunderson."

Dornan was referring to a speech Gunderson delivered March 12 to a fundraising dinner for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national Gay rights group. (In Step carried extensive excerpts of Gunderson's HRCF speech in the last issue.)

As Dornan finished his comments, bedlam broke out on the floor of the House of Representatives, with some members yelling at Dornan to sit down and shut up. When several Congressmen threatened to censure Dornan, which means he would be prohibited from speaking for the rest of the day, Dornan agreed to withdraw his remarks so they would not be included in the Congressional Record. But he did not apologize.

Dornan later told reporters: "We have a rep on our side who is a homo who goes in and out of the closet. I have just had it with him saying he takes second place to no one in this House...[in] upholding Christian principles."

APPLAUSE FOR BARNEY FRANK

Gunderson did not respond directly to Dornan's outburst. He also declined to talk to the press about the incident. But openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) elicited applause for comments he made in response to Dornan and the potential impact of the Hancock amendment.

Responding to another member of Congress who said that public school counselors had no business talking to students about their sexual orientation, Frank bellowed "How dare you not support that kid! How dare you tell her she's worthless!"

To the charge that homosexuals were attempting to use the schools to "promote" their "lifestyle," Frank argued passionately: "If you paid me to promote homosexuality, I don't know what I'd do!"

Frank said the idea that anyone can "promote" homosexuality is ridiculous. "What do you think it is, a taste for food?" he asked rhetorically.

The Hancock Amendment, which was heavily promoted by the Rev. Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition, passed on a 301-120 vote.

However, immediately afterward, a

secondary amendment introduced by Rep. Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA) was passed, 224-194. Unsoeld's measure undercut the Hancock Amendment by stating clearly that the federal government could not intervene in local school district's decisions about their curricula. Local control has always been the hallmark of American education. Gay leaders observed that a reiteration of that policy could have the effect of ensuring protection for programs like the Harvey Milk High School for Gays and Lesbians in New York City.

The \$12.7 billion education bill now moves to the Senate where more controversy is likely. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) recently engaged in a filibuster to require voluntary prayer in the public schools. Outmaneuvered by colleagues, his campaign failed. But amendments regarding school-based health clinics and licensure for home schooling have also raised conservatives' ire.

This appropriations bill is different from the Goals 2000 education reform bill just signed by President Clinton.

LOG CABIN CLUB PROTESTS

Meanwhile, the head of the National Log Cabin Republican Clubs has called on Republican Party chairman Haley Barbour to "take a stand against the spirit and tenor of Congressman Dornan's statements" against Rep. Gunderson, "and to do so publicly so that there will be no doubt about where the Republican Party stands on this matter."

"I think you would agree that the term 'homo' is a slur," Log Cabin Director Rich Tafel wrote Barbour, "and that it is not fit for decent discourse."

Tafel called on Barbour to express his support for Gunderson: "We must hear from within the GOP. Congressman Gunderson deserves at least that level of commitment from his own party which he has served so well."

"The Republican Party is trying to move away from an image that tolerates slurs and bigotry," Tafel wrote. "We cannot hope for this to happen without making clear that Bob Dornan has crossed the line."

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increase in funds: "The Clinton Presidency immediately made a big difference in the federal government's financial commitment on AIDS, and the Ryan White CARE Act is symbolic of that."

Nelson said 1994 grants represent a 100% increase over funds offered during the final year of the Bush administration. Milwaukee's share of Ryan White funding alone doubled from about \$250,000 to \$500,000.

But Nelson said the proposed increase of just 16% for 1995 was problematic: "Unfortunately, we won't do nearly as well next year with just a 16% increase in Ryan White funds, and the fact that the proposed budget for the CDC's AIDS prevention program does not increase at all is very troubling. The country needs a much more aggressive AIDS prevention effort."

Nelson encouraged people to contact Wisconsin Sens. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold to urge them to support greater funding. Congressman David Obey, who was just named to head the House Appropriations Committee, will have a powerful influence on the shaping of next year's budget and should also be lobbied.

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Statewide Network Meets, moves Forward

Adopts Interim Name & Operating Principles

By John Cain

Madison — About 40 people gathered in Madison on March 19 for the latest meeting of Wisconsin's new statewide Gay organization. The group adopted a temporary name and adopted in principle a temporary "governance document." The organization will be known as the **Statewide Advocacy Network (SWAN)** during its "interim" period, which is expected to last six months.

The interim governance document was created and presented to the Network by members of the Structure committee. The document contains the basic operating principles for the organization and detailed the privileges and responsibilities associated with membership.

The Network will use modified consensus as its decision-making process. An effort will be made to reach complete agreement on all courses of action the organization takes. If this is not possible after reasonable discussion, the Honorary Chair or the meeting facilitator may call for a vote. This method was chosen to maximize the voice given to each member's point of view and to reduce hierarchy.

The governance document established a Steering Committee and several standing committees. The standing committees are: Communications/ Public Relations; Resource Assessment; Structure/ By-laws; Conference/ Education; and Fundraising. Also established was an ad hoc "Issues Monitor Group." The responsibilities of each committee were also outlined.

SOME CONTROVERSY

Two points of the document generated some controversy. The first was the issue of dues. It was agreed to establish dues as a means of fundraising, and to tie voting privileges to dues paying. Disagreement surfaced when it was proposed that the Network create a "family" or "partnership" dues rate. Those in favor of the idea cited the importance of recognizing same-sex relationships. Those opposed claimed that such a rate would discriminate in the same way that marriage laws discriminate. It was decided that during the interim phase, a flat \$10 per person dues structure would be adopted. The issue will be revisited at future meetings, as will the possibility of offering other classes of membership, such as "organizational" or "sponsoring."

Another minor point arose at the idea of State Representative Tammy

Baldwin's serving as Honorary Chair during the interim period. One member "played devil's advocate" and suggested that Baldwin's participation in such a visible leadership position could lead to the wrong perception among Network opponents or the public that the Network was a Baldwin political organization.

Baldwin responded, "The creation of a statewide network has been a long-term dream of mine. I am honored to fill a role in its early stages until the creation of a permanent governing structure."

"These issues have wide and dramatic impact and can not be characterized as a personal agenda," she continued.

The Network will also examine the idea of having one co-chair of each gender in response to concerns about polarization along gender lines.

After the governance document was approved in principle, the meeting broke into meetings of the standing committees. Nine members present volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee.

PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

The Network continues to attract participants from a wider and wider

swath of Wisconsin's landscape. In addition to the standard Madison-Milwaukee axis, representatives attended the latest meeting from Whitewater, Menominee, Evansville and Rockford, Illinois. The March meeting also saw its first attendant from Superior in the person of David St. John, a police officer who serves as the Superior Police Department's Liaison officer to that region's Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual communities.

St. John spoke near the top of the meeting about his activities as liaison officer, which include conducting trainings for his department and other agencies, such as the National Park Service. His presence challenged many of the stereotypes the L/G/B communities have of the police.

The L/G/B communities' political landscape was also widely represented. Those in attendance ranged from radical queer activists to a member of Wisconsin's Log Cabin Club, an organization for Gay Republicans.

The next meeting of the Network is scheduled for April 23 at 2pm in the North Hearing Room. For more information, contact Tammy Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.



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Philadelphia Settles Important AIDS Discrimination Case

Other Cities and Emergency Workers Will Feel Impact

Philadelphia, PA — The City of Philadelphia has reached an out-of-court settlement with the Justice Department in the first-ever AIDS discrimination case filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although the monetary compensation to the victim is relatively small, the case is expected to have a major impact on how cities, other institutions and all health workers treat people with HIV/AIDS.

The case arose out of an incident in January, 1993 when an emergency medical technician refused to help a man suffering from chest pains after the man indicated he was taking AZT for his HIV infection. The helpless man, lying on the ground in pain, was told to get on the stretcher himself. He was only conveyed to the hospital after a passer-by helped him into the ambulance.

When the city failed to atone for its mistreatment of the victim, the AIDS Law Project of Philadelphia filed a complaint on his behalf with the Justice Department last October. In no time at all, city officials began responding to Justice Department lawyers, seeking a settlement.

The 28-year old man, who used the pseudonym John Smith in the lawsuit, was awarded \$10,000 and a written apology from the city.

What is most remarkable about the settlement, however, is the swiftness with which the Clinton Justice Department pursued the case and the requirements for major reforms in Philadelphia's Fire and Police Department procedures, including the re-training of all emergency personnel.

In what is likely to become a model for other cities nationwide, Philadelphia agreed to develop, in cooperation with AIDS service groups, a model AIDS awareness training program to teach its 1,400 firefighters and 900 emergency medical technicians how to prevent transmission of HIV, how to respect the patient's privacy and to respond to the special needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

"It's clear that in 1994 if you are a fireman or policeman or a paramedic, and you choose not to deal with those who have AIDS, then you have to find a new line of work," Bruce Flannery of Philadelphia Action AIDS told the press.

And just so the point was not missed on a national scale, National AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine Gebbie issued the following statement:

"This settlement addresses the fact that HIV cannot be transmitted through casual contact. For those individuals

working in a medical environment, where risk to exposure of HIV may be greater, the use of universal precautions greatly lessens the risk of becoming infected with the virus. By following these precautions, health care providers can protect themselves and other patients.

"There are still many people in America that are ignorant to the needs of people living with AIDS, and many local governments in the US that have not educated their employees and

people about the issues of HIV transmission and sensitivities.

"This action by the Justice Department sends a very clear message to the nation that discrimination by anyone to a person living with HIV or AIDS will not be tolerated. There is no reason that a person should be denied services because of their HIV status. This message is a consistent one throughout the entire administration."



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Alison Cunningham owns a bookstore in New Haven, is on the board of directors of a homeless shelter, and has been a driving force behind Team Connecticut.

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"Make A Promise" Nets \$95,000 for AIDS Care

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The evening included fine dining and entertainment by David Sarkis, Don Linke, Janet Planet, Jack Forbes Wilson and Kay Stiefel. Attendees bid on more than 200 auction items donated by local individuals and businesses.

The Congregation of Blessed Trinity was presented with the 3rd annual Sterling Rose Award. The award was given in recognition of the Congregation's leadership in converting a former convent into the Wisconsin House, a 33-unit residence for people with HIV and AIDS.

The recipients of Red Rose Awards for their commitment to fighting the AIDS epidemic were State Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and Today's TMJ4 TV station.

Rodney Johnson to Head MAP's Outreach to Gay Community

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project has hired longtime activist Rodney Johnson to coordinate AIDS prevention programming in the Gay and Lesbian community. He started the job in March.

Initially, Johnson plans to create an advisory committee of community leaders, groups and volunteers to help in assessing community needs and designing appropriate prevention strategies.

"Among the areas that we will be dealing with will be prevention education directed at Gay youth, women, people of color, and the Gay bars," said Johnson. "Our new focus will include issues such as grieving, HIV-negative support, relationships, sexuality, self-esteem and other emotional factors that contribute to a person's disregard for their own health, safety and well-being."

Johnson should get a good reception in the Gay community, where he has been active for many years. He has helped develop programs for the Gay and Lesbian Cable Network, lectured on diversity issues, and co-founded UJIMA, Inc., a non-profit group that is developing the city's first HIV prevention project for African American Gays and Lesbians.

LAMM's Kitty Barber Addresses Tolerance Rally

Event in Synagogue Held to Counter Nation of Islam Speaker

Milwaukee — Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee spoke at a "Rally for Tolerance and Understanding" held at Congregation Emanu-El B'Ne Jeshurun on March 23. The event was organized by a coalition of Jewish, African American and other community groups as an alternative to a speech given by Khalid Abdul Muhammad at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union that night.

Muhammad's appearance garnered massive publicity because of a speech he delivered last year at Kean College in New Jersey in which he called for the murder of Jews, Catholics, "faggots" and the disabled, among others. He called the Pope a "no-good cracker" and accused Jewish leaders of a conspiracy against the African American community.

As it turned out, in his speech at UW-M, Muhammad steered clear of the harsh rhetoric which led Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to demote him.

"I didn't come here to teach you to hate white people. I didn't come here to teach you to hate white Jews," said Muhammad. "I came here to teach you to love your black selves."

Muhammad received a tumultuous welcome from an audience of 1,500, who cheered his message of self-empowerment. Muhammad urged his listeners, mostly African American and primarily students, to work hard in

the most challenging areas of study like Mathematics, Chemistry and Engineering. He also attacked the City of Milwaukee for its racist practices: its high black unemployment rate, its deteriorating inner city and its segregated housing.

Mordecai Lee of the Milwaukee Jewish Council helped organize the Tolerance rally and invited Kitty Barber to speak. Other speakers included Brother Booker Ashe of the House of Peace, Robert Ashmore of the Arab Americans of Wisconsin, Elnar Tangen of the Wisconsin Association for Asian Americans and Paul Jordan of the Milwaukee Minority Chamber of Commerce. Barber was the only one to speak primarily about Gays and Lesbians.

Barber said, in part: "While we must be aware of history, and know the truth about the crimes committed against Africans and African Americans, against Jews, against other people of color, and against Lesbians and Gay men, we must not allow ourselves to be caught up in a game of 'my oppression is greater than yours.'" For while we are busy playing it, the KKK and the skinheads and the neo-Nazis are laughing, happy that we are preoccupied, happy to see us divided.

"But we cannot be divided.

"For among us and standing with us here tonight are Gay and Lesbian African Americans, Jews of all races, all orientations, white people who fight racism, Christians who really do love their neighbors.

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NATIONAL News Briefs

Appeals Court Says Boy Scouts Can Exclude Gays

Los Angeles, CA — In a 2-1 decision in late March, a California Appeals Court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America has the right to prohibit Gay men from becoming Scout leaders. The ruling came in the case of Timothy Curran, a former Eagle Scout who was denied a job as assistant Scoutmaster after the Boy Scouts learned of his homosexuality.

The court ruled that forcing the Boy Scouts to accept Gays would violate the group's First Amendment rights to free speech and association. "Unless scouting can determine its own standards of morality, it will be disabled as a teacher of moral views on any subject," the court said.

Contradicting another recent court decision, the Appeals Court said that as a non-profit charitable organization, the Boy Scouts did not fall under the requirements of a state law forbidding employment discrimination. Just last month, a lower court in Orange County had ruled that the Boy Scouts were a business and, as such, were indeed governed by the state's non-discrimination law.

"Many charitable organizations direct their services to a distinct religious, cultural, gender, ethnic or age group in a way that would be unacceptable in a business, but is neither offensive nor improper in the

Tolerance Rally...

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just our sexual orientation, more than our religions, more than the color of our skin. We are indivisible not only because we choose to stand together but because we are, in many ways, the same people. We can't be put into small, neat packages, ready for disposal. Although some people want to make us small, we are here tonight because we are big — too big to be silent, too big to be ignored.

"And so tonight, we stand together for a small thing: tolerance. I do not ask that you love me, and you do not ask me to love you. But I hope we can see tolerance only as a beginning, for we must also come to respect and value one another if we are to build a peaceful world.

"For now, let us tolerate each other as we must if we are ever to learn to hear one another, to believe one another, if we are ever to learn to trust one another. This is our only hope — we must believe in and respect the humanity of each one of us. Let us begin tonight."

case of a charity seeking to accomplish its particular mission."

Curran, who has been pursuing this case for 13 years, is likely to appeal.

Reno Waives HIV Rule for Visitors to Gay Games

Washington, DC — On March 22, Attorney General Janet Reno issued an order placing a 10-day waiver on regulations which restrict people with HIV/AIDS from coming into America. The waiver had been sought by organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, who expect many foreign participants at the event which runs from June 18-25.

Reno signed the order after consultations with officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services who assured her that visitors with HIV or AIDS pose no imminent health risk to those they come in contact with.

The Justice Department has previously issued similar waivers, usually for foreigners who come to America to attend health conferences on HIV/AIDS. Organizers of Gay Games are pleased with the decision because it will alleviate any possible conflicts in dealing with customs and other officials at ports of entry.

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Gay Mexican Granted Asylum in US

San Francisco, CA — In a historic decision, the Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 24 granted asylum in the US to a Mexican man who claimed he was the victim of harassment and violence because he is Gay. Authorities said it was the first time the INS ever granted asylum based on a person's claim of persecution because of sexual orientation.

The man, using the pseudonym Jose Garcia, said: "As a Gay man in Mexico, life was made intolerable for me." He said he had often been arrested merely for walking in certain neighborhoods or for visiting Gay clubs. Once while in police custody, Garcia said he was raped by an officer.

The INS was presented with evidence gathered by the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission which documented the murders of at least 25 Gay men and transvestites in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. The INS approved Garcia's application for asylum because he had established, according to the INS's guidelines, "a well-founded fear of persecution" based on his membership in a particular "social group," in this case, homosexuals.

Last summer, an immigration judge granted asylum to Marcelo Tenorio, a Brazilian who said he faced persecution in his homeland because he is Gay. The

INS is appealing that decision because Tenorio lived and worked illegally in the US for several years. Garcia, on the other hand, applied for asylum as soon as he arrived.

Clinton Defends Old Pentagon Policy

Washington, DC — In a move that has Gay rights supporters furious, Clinton administration lawyers went to court March 30 to defend the Pentagon's former policy on Gays in the military in order to prevent former Midshipman Joe Steffan from gaining reinstatement.

Last year, a three judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that Steffan's ouster from the Naval Academy at Annapolis violated the equal protection clause of the Constitution and ordered his reinstatement. The Clinton administration decided to appeal, but days later, the full 10-member Court of Appeals decided to reconsider the decision. This is problematic for Steffan because the full court is much more conservative than the panel which ruled in his favor.

Administration lawyers argued before the full court "the rationality" of the old policy. Its brief stated: "[T]he military's conclusion that the policy prevents homosexual acts that would interfere with the military mission provides a rational basis for the policy."

Buttino Accepts Settlement; FBI Pledges Non-Discrimination

San Francisco, CA — Frank Buttino, a 20-year veteran of the FBI who was fired when the Bureau learned he is Gay, has reached a settlement with the Bureau which has promised not to discriminate any more on the basis of sexual orientation.

The settlement was overseen by a federal judge who had begun hearing the case in December. But at that time, Attorney General Janet Reno announced a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for all offices and agencies connected to the Justice Department. FBI Director Louis Freeh sent the new policy to all FBI field offices in March. It forbids discrimination based on "homosexual conduct among consenting adults in private."

The Bureau will pay Buttino \$100,000 and an additional \$53,000 for his legal fees. Buttino will also be eligible for a monthly pension of \$1,746 when he turns 62 in 2007. Buttino, who has written a book about his expulsion from the FBI, agreed not to seek reinstatement.

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"Christian" Group Attacks PBS for Gay Programming

Tupelo, MS — A March mailing to as many as one million Americans by Donald Wildmon, President of the American Family Association, attacks the Public Broadcasting Service, claiming: "Your Tax Dollars Used to Air Pornographic, Profane, Homosexual TV Series."

The series in question is Armistead Maupin's Gay-positive *Tales of the City*, a 3-part miniseries about life in San Francisco in the 1970's aired by PBS in January. Attacking it as "filth" and "pro-homosexual propaganda," Wildmon is coordinating a massive protest campaign to urge Congress to completely de-fund PBS.

Along with *Tales of the City*, Wildmon cites the Gay/Lesbian variety show *In the Life*, and the recent dramatizations of *Portrait of a Marriage* and David Leavitt's *The Lost Language of Cranes*, about a father and son coming to terms with their homosexuality, as examples of the "Homosexual Pride Taxpayer-Funded TV Network."

The mailing contains the outrageous distortion that in 1992, Congress gave PBS \$250 million "to air these pro-homosexual programs." Only a miniscule amount of that entire budget went to any Gay-related programming. PBS supporters are urged to call the network expressing support — 800-356-2626, and to call elected officials to counter the AFA's influence.

Thousands of Lesbians Gather at "The Dinah"

Rancho Mirage, CA — Thousands of Lesbians descended on this Southern California resort March 23-27 to participate in an annual rite of spring — the Dinah Shore Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament, or in Lesbian-speak: The Dinah.

Billed by some promoters as "the largest annual Lesbian gathering west of the Mississippi," the tournament draws thousands of women, less for the sporting event than for the many parties, dances and all-women events that are the hallmark of the week. This year, participants mourned the loss of entertainer Dinah Shore, who passed away just one month before the big event.

That didn't stop the wild partying however. Dyke comics Lea DeLaria, Marga Gomez and Marilyn Pittman put in appearances as the "Queens of Comedy." There was a night of Female Wrestling featuring Kona the Barbarian, a "Love Hangover" Party hosted by Chastity Bono and a "Lesbo Expo and Pool Party."

For the record, Donna Andrews sank a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win her first major tournament, finishing with a 70, 12 under par.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — James Billington, chief librarian at the Library of Congress, has issued a statement protecting Gay and Lesbian workers. "Although sexual orientation is not a protected category under federal law, it is library policy that all staff members have the right to be treated impartially and fairly in matters affecting their employment...I expect every manager to ensure that personnel decisions are made on the basis of job-related criteria, and those alone."

San Francisco, CA — More than 100 people representing Gay and

Lesbian Asian and Pacific Islander groups marched for the first time in San Francisco's annual Chinese New Year Parade on February 26. Unlike the controversies in New York and Boston over the St. Patrick's Day Parades, the organizers of the Chinese Parade welcomed the participation of Gays and Lesbians.

Washington, DC — Lesbian chanteuse Suede recently underwent surgery for the removal of a large ovarian cyst. The cyst was benign and she is expected to fully recover.

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Albany, NY — New York's Democratic-led State Assembly has once again passed a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. But the bill faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Senate where, last year, GOP leaders refused to release it out of committee for a floor vote. Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, the bill's chief sponsor, has vowed to continue introducing and lobbying for the bill until it's passed.

St. Paul, MN — The Minnesota Court of Appeals has ruled that Gay men or Lesbians who are forced to quit their jobs because of homophobic behavior are entitled to apply for unemployment benefits. The court likened harassment based on sexual orientation to that based on gender and said that if a work environment became so oppressive it forced workers to quit, those employees are eligible for benefits.

Somerset, KY — Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) has refused to apologize for a homophobic joke he made at a Republican Party fundraiser. Rogers said that President Clinton was being named "Gardener of the Year" by **Better Homes and Gardens** "because he got the Bushes out of the White House, Flowers in the bedroom and pansies in the Marines."

Los Angeles, CA — Dack Rambo, the actor who starred as Jack Ewing on *Dallas* and in the soaps, including *Another World* until 1991, died at his California ranch March 21. He was 53. Rambo had revealed his bisexuality and HIV-positive status several years ago. The cause of death could not be confirmed however.

New York, NY — Harry Kondoleon, a playwright and novelist whose last book, *Diary of a Lost Boy*, traces a man's decline from AIDS, succumbed to the disease on March 16. He was 39. Among his plays are *The Fairy Garden*, *Zero Positive*, *Love Diatribe* and *The Houseguest*. Kondoleon won the 1983 Obie (Off Broadway) Award as most promising playwright, and won another Obie last year for *The Houseguest*.

Minneapolis, MN — Rabbi Gregory Kanter of Temple Israel, who came out as a Gay man to the Temple's Board of Trustees in a letter, has been met with a "strong statement of support," according to **Equal Time**. Three years ago, another rabbi at the same temple, Stephen Pinsky, resigned after admitting to an extramarital Gay affair.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Officer Shot While Helping Victim in Walker's Point

Cops Seek Tips From Gay Community

Milwaukee — As **In Step** went to press, Milwaukee police were looking for two assailants who allegedly robbed and assaulted someone in Walker's Point and then shot an off-duty cop who came to the victim's aid. After the assailants fled and the officer went to a nearby call box to summon help, the victim, possibly a transvestite, also fled the scene.

The assault took place just before midnight on March 31 in the lot of the abandoned gas station at S. 1st and Walker, close to a number of Milwaukee's Gay bars. The police officer who was shot is recovering from a graze wound to the face. Detectives have discovered the Oldsmobile Cutlass the suspects drove and are trying to locate the victim to gain more information about the assault and the suspects. The victim, believed to be 5'7" to 5'9", of slim build and from late 20's to early 30's, dropped a wig at the scene of the crime. Police described the victim as having thinning hair and a pony tail, and possibly of Hispanic origin.

Detective Leroy Shaw came upon the assault at about 11:45pm as he was driving to work in his own van. He stopped and ordered the assailants to lie on the ground. One complied, the other came at Shaw, swung at him, then shot him in the face. Shaw returned fire and took cover in his van as the suspects fled, with the gun still blazing. Shaw asked the victim to wait while he drove to a 5th and National police call box to call for help. When squad cars arrived, the victim was gone.

Within minutes, Milwaukee police cordoned off a sizable area. Teams of cops visited all of the bars — Gay and straight — to search for the suspects or clues. Police also made additional visits to Gay bars throughout the weekend. Most bar owners and bartenders told **In Step** the police behaved professionally. Anyone with information on either the victim or the suspects should call the MPD's Detective Bureau at (414) 935-7302.

For the Record

Politicians Who Opposed Gay Studies and PrideFest Citation

In updates to two stories reported in the last issue of **In Step**, we publish here the names of those State legislators who signed a letter urging the President of the UW Board of Regents to block the proposed Gay Studies program at UW-Milwaukee and the names of those members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors who voted against a resolution recognizing PrideFest '94, the Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival scheduled for June 11-12.

The letter to Regents' President George Steil stated that the Gay Studies program was "not a wise use of taxpayer dollars" and that issues "affecting a small group of people who choose an alternative lifestyle" shouldn't constitute an academic program. Steil replied that since no new expenditures or personnel were needed for the program, the Board of Regents had no right to intervene. The final decision rests with UW-Milwaukee Chancellor John Schroeder.

Circulating the anti-Gay Studies letter among fellow legislators were Reps. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine), Steven Nass (R-Whitewater) and John Dobyns (R-Fond du Lac). The letter was signed by State Senators: Gary Drzewiecki (R-Pulaski), Alan Lassee (R-De Pere), Dave Zien (R-Eau Claire), Tim Weeden (R-Beloit) and Margaret Farrow (R-Elm Grove).

The letter was also signed by the following members of the State Assembly: Reps. Wayne Wood (D-Janesville), Mark Green (R-Green Bay), Rob Kreibich (R-Eau Claire), Larry Swoboda (D-Luxembourg), Mark Duff (R-New Berlin), Robert Zukowski (R-Thorp), Judy Klusman (R-Oshkosh), Eugene Hahn (R-Cambria), Cloyd Potter (R-Burlington), Dan Vrakas (R-Hartland), Dale Bolle (D-Whitelaw), Rudy Silbaugh (R-Stoughton), Scott Walker (R-Wauwatosa), John Ryba (D-Green Bay), Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend), Carol Owens (R-Oshkosh), William Vander Loop (D-Kaukauna), David Brandemuehl (R-Fennimore), Ben Brancel (R-Endeavor), Lorraine Seratti (R-Florence), Susan Vergeront (R-Cedarburg), and Robert Welch (R-Redgranite).

Their phone numbers and addresses can be obtained by calling the Legislative Hotline at (800) 362-9472.

Letters expressing support for the Gay Studies program are desperately needed and can be sent

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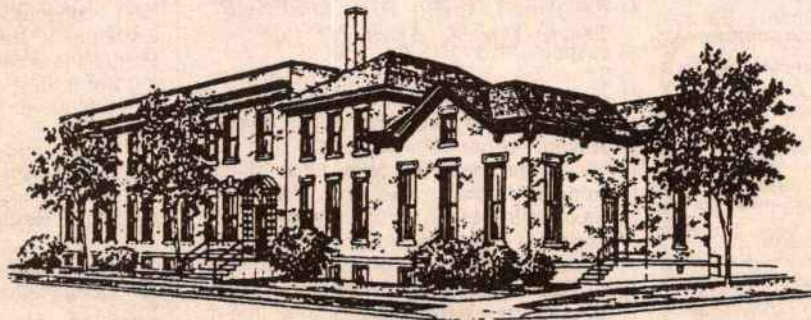
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Group Notes

Dyke TV Comes To Madison Cable

Madison — 20,000 dykes march through the streets of Washington... Ocean Springs, Mississippi holds its first every Gay pride march... Dykes from across the country converge on Tampa when the home of a Lesbian with AIDS is firebombed... Lesbian rugby players take you up-close and behind the scenes. These are just a few of the segments that have aired on DYKE TV.

The nationally syndicated **DYKE TV** program will premiere in Madison on WYOU (Cable Channel 4) on Monday, April 18 at 8:30pm.

DYKE TV is a virtual plethora of global dyke culture, from news, arts, sports, health, and money (pleas for) to gossip, horoscope, home movies and a local weekly calendar.

While DYKE TV is a product of the public access television world, it is a refreshing and well-produced package. The talents of the production staff are obvious in this quirky amalgamation of topics and personalities.

"Its guerilla irony, its earnestness, its sweetly postmod quality that suggests that we can all transmit together, like the Partridge Family, from a groovy Lesbo house — DYKE TV makes this postmodern, post-Stonewall, television-suckled, ex-suburban urban girl really, really happy," said Stacey D'Erasmus in a review that appeared in *The Village Voice* (Sept. 17, 1993).

DYKE TV is a New York City creation that has come to the Midwest. "There is a lot going on in the dyke community in the midwest, said DYKE-TV-Midwest co-founder Melissa Dopp. "We are planning production of segments, an events calendar, and we are looking for more cities to air DYKE-TV."

"This is an excellent program," said State Representative Tammy Baldwin. "Visibility is the key to our future and DYKE TV puts us on television screens around the country."

Interested persons have an opportunity to see a collection of highlights on Sunday, April 17. A premiere party will be held at Fyfe's restaurant (1344 E. Washington Ave.) on the east side of Madison from 3 to 5pm. State Representative Tammy Baldwin is scheduled to appear as well as the producers of DYKE TV-Midwest.

For more information please call Alice K. Reynolds at (608) 246-0606 or Dayna Versteegen (608) 258-9298.

10% Society Organizes at UW-Green Bay

Meeting Slated for April 26

Green Bay — The **10% Society**, a University of Wisconsin Green Bay Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual student group, announces their first organizational meeting will be held on April 26, at 5:30pm in Phoenix Room of the University Union. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in issues of importance to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people.

According to Kurt Anderson, Co-Chair of the 10% Society, "it is diversity that challenges our ability to understand, tolerate and accept differences that make up this campus. Diversity opens doors otherwise unseen, giving all of us wiring to explore a chance to grow. I encourage staff, faculty, students, alumni and the community to take this opportunity to welcome this group on campus."

The 10% Society has three goals:

▼ To educate the staff, students and faculty of UWGB about issues related to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people. This will be accomplished by bringing in speakers and conducting programs and events.

▼ To provide support to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students facing issues of sexuality on campus.

▼ To provide a setting where Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students and friends can come together to socialize and have fun.

Dean of Students Gerald Olson will address the April 26 meeting and welcome the group on campus. Refreshments will be served.

UW-SP 10% Society Presents "Let Freedom Reign"

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Pride Week April 10-14

Stevens Point — The **U.W.S.P. 10% Society** presents: *Let Freedom Reign* — the 1994 *Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Week* to be held April 10 through April 14, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. This series of events is designed to educate the public and campus community of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual issues. Events are as follows:

▼ **Sunday, April 10** at 3pm experience the *Expressions of Freedom* with Delicious Ambiguity Comedy and Womonsong, a 30 member all female chorus. They will perform in the University Center Laird Room for one

hour. Admission is \$1 with student ID, \$2 without ID. Performances by other groups to be announced.

▼ **Monday, April 11** from 7pm to 9:30pm members from the U.W.S.P. 10% Society will share their experiences and struggles with homosexuality in a panel discussion. This event, entitled *Freedom to Share*, will be held in the University Center Wisconsin Room. Admission is free.

▼ **April 11 and Tuesday April 12** from 9am to 3pm in the University Center Concourse the U.W.S.P. 10% Society will be selling rainbow freedom necklaces for a \$1 donation to be given to Camp Heartland, a youth camp for children with AIDS.

▼ **Wednesday, April 13** you can dance the night away at *Here Comes the Rave Again, It's Raving Cats and Dogs* from 9pm to Midnight in the University Center Freemont Terrace. Admission is \$1 with stuffed animal, \$2 without stuffed animal.

▼ **Thursday, April 14** from 8pm to 10pm hear Karen Thompson relay her experiences as an openly Lesbian professor, author, and activist. *Understanding the Freedom* will be held in Room 101 of the Collins Classroom Center (CCC), admission is free.

For more information on these events or the U.W.S.P. 10% Society, please call (715) 346-2613.

Sherman Park Group Meeting April 20

Milwaukee — The next meeting of the **Sherman Park Rainbow Association** is set for Wednesday, April 20th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 3617 N. 48th St. from 7 to 9pm. Volunteers from the Brady Street Clinic will be available to answer questions and provide HIV testing for those interested. Other items on the agenda will be the association's plans for PrideFest and Shermanfest.

The Rainbow Association's March event was a pot luck and food drive. The food collected was donated to St. Catherine's Church Neighborhood Food Pantry. the organization recently received a grant from the Cream City Foundation to help cover start up and operating costs.

The Sherman Park Rainbow Association is composed of Lesbians and Gays who live in and around the Sherman Park Neighborhood. The organization encourages involvement in neighborhood, civil rights and health issues as well as sponsoring social activities. Meetings are held on a monthly basis.

For more information contact the Sherman Park Rainbow Association; P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216; (414) 777-3986.

Dessert Extravaganza to Benefit M.A.S.N.

8th Annual Sweet Sunday
April 24

Madison — Come celebrate the arrival of another spring on Sunday April 24 from 1:30 to 4:30pm as 120 community members host the eighth annual *Sweet Sunday* fund raiser to benefit the **Madison AIDS Support Network**.

An incredible afternoon filled with festive music, lively conversation and delectable desserts. Once again, the Wilson Street Grill has graciously offered their restaurant for this special afternoon that promises to raise \$15,000 for local AIDS care, prevention and outreach.

On this year's dessert buffet you will find fruit-filled genoise with almond buttercream, triple chocolate cheesecake, key lime pie, chocolate Kalua layer cake and many more mouth watering pastries.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be reserved by calling the Madison AIDS Support Network at (608) 238-6276.

As in past years, MASN will sponsor an incredible Sweet Sunday raffle. Prizes to be awarded include hotel/bed and breakfast overnights, dinners for two at local restaurants, theater tickets, and other exciting prizes including the Grand Prize of a contemporary blown glass vase created by nationally renowned artist James Van Deurzen.

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AIDS: How It's Changed Us

Photo Exhibit Tour

AIDS: How It's Changed Us is an exhibit of over 70 photos from around the country of Persons Living With HIV/AIDS, their families, friends, and partners. The original photo contest was co-sponsored last spring by the Catholic Health Association of the United States and the National Catholic AIDS Network in an attempt to raise awareness of the issues

surrounding the pandemic, the second decade.

The exhibit will be on display in the month of April at the following sites in North Central Wisconsin:

- ▼ **UW-SP Newman Center**, Stevens Point (April 12, 13, 14);
- ▼ **Portage County Library**, Stevens Point (April 19, 20, 21);
- ▼ **Wausau Hospital Center**, Wausau (April 26, 27, 28).

The exhibit is being coordinated by Mary Pat Campbell of the HIV/AIDS Ministry Program at UW-Stevens Point Newman Center. For further information please call Mary Pat at (715) 345-6500.

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Miller To Be Honored By CCF At June 4th Dinner

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation (CCF) will honor the Miller Brewing Company at a dinner in the Miller Pavilion on June 4, 1994.

"After the great support Miller Brewing Company has given to the CCF, the Milwaukee community and the national Gay and Lesbian community, we felt that a public display of appreciation was long overdue," stated Tony Rhodes, President of the CCF. "I don't think that many people realize," Rhodes continued, "that Miller has been more than a neighbor. Miller has consistently been a friend who has helped many of us to survive, grow and flourish. Miller has been there for us across the country through the Gay Games, the Victory Fund and many national AIDS organizations. But, they're also here for us locally such as their generous support of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, PrideFest, the Cream City Chorus, from bowling to softball."

The June 4th event will begin at 6:30pm with cocktails, 7:30pm dinner at an 8:30pm presentation. Tickets are \$50 each. Tables of 8 are \$400. The event will also feature a silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Proceeds from the fundraising dinner will be returned to the community through grants by the Cream City Foundation.

The Cream City Foundation is the only organization in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. The Cream City Foundation offers a flexible response to the changing needs of the Lesbian/Gay community, and is the only charitable organization designed to support the full spectrum of those needs throughout the state of Wisconsin.

For reservations or more information, please contact the CCF office at (414) 265-0880. Seating is limited.

S.O.S. - Open Meeting

Milwaukee — S.O.S. (Gay/Lesbian Chapter) will hold its Spring open meeting Friday, April 15th at 7pm at the Brady Clinic, 1240 E. Brady (enter side door.) Secular Organizations for Sobriety provides an alternative to recovery programs depending upon religious beliefs.

Individuals with alcohol/drug problems, their friends and families, treatment professionals, and all other interested persons are cordially invited to attend at no charge. For further information call Gary 778-2222 or Sue 263-3249.

United Seeking Award Nominees

Madison — The United will be hosting the 2nd Annual Community Awards Dinner on June 3 at the Inn on the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square in Madison.

The theme this year will be *Under the Rainbow*. "We chose this idea because we want to celebrate the diversity within our community," said United Board President Dale Johnson. "We are a community that battles bigotry and discrimination everyday. The Gay and Lesbian community is a leader in teaching the world to understand and appreciate difference. The rainbow flag is a symbol of that ethic."

Six awards will be distributed the evening of the event: the Susan B. Greene Memorial Award for the Man and Woman of the Year, the Volunteer of the Year award for one man and one woman, the Organization of the Year, and the Ally of the Year for a member of the supportive community who has been instrumental in the struggle for Lesbian and Gay civil rights.

"Recognition is extremely important for the future of the L/G/B community," said United Director Jane Vanderbosh. "Activists in our community often face burn-out because we are so good at criticizing one another. With *Under the Rainbow*, we want to change that! This awards dinner is a pat on the back for the incredible efforts of many people who fight for our rights."

Any interested parties are encouraged to nominate individuals and organizations are requested to answer the following questions: 1. Why should this individual/organization receive this award? 2. What has this individual/organization been involved with? (please include professional, volunteer and political activities).

Written responses to these questions will be judged by the awards committee and winners will be announced in the United newsletter at the end of April.

Nominations are due April 22. Please send responses to the United, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103, Madison, WI 53703. For more information, please contact the Awards Committee chair, Margaret McMurray, (608) 255-9252.

Queer Youth Issues on April Cable Shows

Milwaukee — The Queer Program will feature Queer youth issues and concerns throughout the month of April. Queer youth will appear as guests to discuss a variety of topics important to them; and will take your calls and questions. One of our featured queer

youth guests will be Nick, whose 'Gay Youth' column premiered recently in *In Step*.

In addition, Queer co-hosts Dan Fons and Michael Lisowski will show queer youth-oriented videos, including segments from last year's popular video, *It Is What It Is*, and the award-winning, *Sexual Orientation: Reading Between the Labels*, which was funded largely by a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

The Queer Program is Milwaukee's only live prime time television show by, for and about Queers. Catch The Queer Program live every Tuesday from 7-8pm on Warner Cable Channel 47. The Queer Program replays Thursdays at 4pm and Saturdays at 11am. For information, topic suggestions or to promote your Queer agenda, please write: P.O. Box 93951, Milw., WI 53203; or call Dan at (414) 964-8423 or Michael at 265-8500.

PrideFest Offers Special Deals to Sponsors & Supporters

Milwaukee — PrideFest is offering a new program for Gay and Lesbian businesses to show their support for this year's event. Businesses have been sent information packets requesting that they be PrideFest sponsors or supporters.

Sponsors donate \$400 to PrideFest. In return they receive a full page Ad in the **Pride Guide**, posters indicating they are official sponsors of PrideFest, placement of their logo, address and phone number in six ads. PrideFest will be running in Chicago papers, and they will be stops on special PrideFest bar crawls to be run on Friday night and Saturday evening from hotels booked by Bottom Line Travel for PrideFest visitors.

Supporters donate \$200. They receive a half page ad in the **Pride Guide**, signs indicating they are official supporters of PrideFest and they will also be stops on the PrideFest bar crawls.

"We believe that this event can and will attract thousands of visitors to Milwaukee," said PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier. "This program will help provide us with the funds we need to promote PrideFest outside of Wisconsin. This program will help PrideFest and our local Gay and Lesbian economy."

Businesses wanting more information can obtain it by calling the Pride Line at 272-FEST.

PrideFest also reminds businesses and organizations that the deadline for this year's **Pride Guide** is rapidly approaching. Ten thousand copies of this year's **Pride Guide** will be distributed in Wisconsin and Chicago. For information on **Pride Guide** call Wells Inc. at 272-2116.

1994 Pride Guide Deadline April 20

Milwaukee — April 20 is the advertising deadline for the **1994 Pride Guide**, the official publication of PrideFest '94 and Milwaukee's Pride Parade.

Plans for **The 1994 Pride Guide** call for a familiar, pocket friendly size, complete Resource Directory, expanded editorial content and eye catching design. The **Pride Guide** will be published in conjunction with PrideFest '94 and the **Pride Parade**.

In celebration of Stonewall's 25th anniversary, **The 1994 Pride Guide** hopes to provide the most comprehensive listing of LesBiGay and supportive businesses, organizations and professional services in the state. To that end, there is no charge for a basic listing in the **1994 Pride Guide's Resource Directory**.

The **PrideFest** committee, sensitive to the resources available to many local business and organizations has set display ad prices at special discounted rates in hopes of allowing everyone an opportunity to advertise. Rate sheets and additional information are now available.

For information on display advertising or on how to be listed in the **1994 Pride Guide's Resource Directory**, please contact: Wells Ink at (414) 272-2116.

UW Law Student Group Fundraiser

Madison — The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Law Students Union (LGBLSU) of the University of Wisconsin Law School, together with Tammy Baldwin and the Wisconsin Women Law Students' Association, are sponsoring a fundraiser for Sandy Holtzman and the LGBLSU. The majority of the proceeds will go to Sandy Holtzman's legal fund.

Sandy Holtzman is a Lesbian who has been denied visitation with her 5 year old son, and her case is currently pending before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Ms. Holtzman has a strong likelihood of prevailing in her case, which would change Wisconsin law to allow persons who are not biological parents, but who have had parent-like relationships (grandparents, Lesbian & Gay parents), to enjoy some legal protection.

The fundraiser will be held April 9 from 6-9pm at the Unitarian - Universalist Society's lower meeting house, located at 900 University Bay Drive in Madison, and will feature the music of Barb Chusid and Jeanie Tung. Food and beverages have been contributed by a variety of Madison area businesses. Come by and sample cuisine from your favorite restaurants, listen to some great music,

have a glass of wine by the fireplace, and support a very important cause!

For more information call Kimberly Epstein at (608) 249-2303 or Tamara Packard at (608) 242-1251.

SAGE Meeting April 12

Milwaukee — **SAGE/Milwaukee** (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), a recently formed group with an outreach to older LesBiGays, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M

Club, 124 North Water Street. The award winning film *Before Stonewall* will be shown.

This film features archival footage and interviews with Gay men and Lesbians who tell it like it was before the advent of Gay liberation. Persons over forty will remember those pre-lib and early-lib days and will relate to this film in a big way. Younger persons will get a chance to see what they "missed."

After a short floor discussion of the film and how the viewers relate to those days, Lori Coleman, midwest delegate to the Stonewall 25 Committee will speak briefly. Ms Coleman will talk about the Stonewall Rebellion and the 25th

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anniversary celebration in New York City in late June when about a million LesBiGays are expected to converge on the "Big Apple." Then she will answer questions about the celebration's events, low priced bus transportation to New York and moderate priced housing for those who wish to attend the celebration, etc.

As usual, this event will be open to the public and will be free. SAGE will, however, pass the hat.

BESTD Clinic Renames Cablecast and Welcomes Guest

Milwaukee — The **Brady East STD Clinic** is renaming the weekly live cablecast, call in program to **BESTD Clinic Live**. "The old name, **BESTD Clinic Answers Your Questions on HIV** was too long and of course too specific. We do much more than just HIV counseling and testing — we do extensive Sexually Transmitted Disease testing and treatment as well as offer support groups for Gay HIV positive men and for Partners and Caregivers of Gay HIV positive men. We also have a very active Women's Clinic and from now on the program will be embracing all of these services. I am frequently surprised at the number of Gay men and Lesbians who have just heard of some of our other services. They thought that we only did anonymous HIV counseling and testing," said Bob Ambelang, Clinic Administrator.

"We have a wonderful, energetic, group of medical professional volunteers and we are filling in the gaps left by other medical service agencies. The word needs to get out as to what we have to offer our community." The program airs live every Thursday evening at 7pm on MATA Channel 47 (Milwaukee Warner Cable system) and a taped rerun airs every Saturday at noon following Queer TV.

Mark Behar, Physicians Assistant with the Sinai Samaritan Group and one of the earliest professionals involved with BESTD Clinic will guest on the program April 21st and April 28th. Mark has had a long and on-going relationship with the Clinic and is one of Gay pioneers in Gay Cable broadcasting. The topic for the April 21st program will be Anal and Genital Warts. Mark points out that warts are fairly common and many individuals are totally unaware of their transmission and cure. April 28th, Mark will be discussing *Safer Sex and the Brain Connection*. Your questions during the live Thursday night cablecast will be answered on the program.

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Bowling Day has Returned Up North

Washburn — Out Up North will once again try to get everyone who is interested to come to the bowling alley in Washburn on Sunday, April the 17th at 2pm. We would like to see a large turn out and occupy every lane in the place.

The Washburn bowling alley has a bar to satisfy all beverage needs. We're planning on renting a big screen movie projector and watching a relevant movie or two afterwards at a nearby residence. So come one and come all to this event. We hope to see you there. For more information, call Out Up North at (715) 682-2890.

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Its new National Headquarters Office in Washington DC will conference and reception facilities was opened in January 1994; and financial educational and technical grants can be arranged through The Christianson Foundation, Inc.

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The luxurious Regent Sun will depart from New York on July 3 and dock in Montreal July 10, with a special July 4 celebration in Provincetown, MA. Based on double occupancy, prices range from \$1,095-\$2,595 per person. For information and reservations, vacationers can call Olivia Travel at 1(800)-631-6277. All cruises are commissionable.

"We want to share our pride in being Lesbian Americans at a very exciting time in history," said Judy Dlugacz, Olivia's president and founder. "Our cruises represent the most American of values — the pursuit of happiness — and the Fourth of July gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate it."

According to Dlugacz, Olivia scheduled the cruise to accommodate requests from teachers and educators who wanted to experience an Olivia vacation. "Many teachers had asked for a cruise that would fit their vacation schedule, so we also chose the date with them in mind," she said.

Setting sail from New York, the Regent Sun will dock at Provincetown, Massachusetts, the Northeast's Gay summer mecca. As the Regent Sun travels up the scenic Cape Cod Canal, the ship will also stop at beautiful Portland, ME, before it crosses into Canadian waters. North of the Border stops include picturesque Nova Scotia, the Saguenay Fjord, where passengers can see one of the whales' favorite gathering spots; and Quebec City, whose

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"POZ": A New National Magazine For People Affected by AIDS

New York, NY — On March 15th, **POZ**, a new national lifestyle magazine for people affected by HIV/AIDS, will be introduced. Designed by J.C. Soares (who designed **7 Days and Variety**), **POZ's** first issue (April/May) will debut with an explosive, in-depth interview with Bob Hattoy, the only openly HIV positive appointee in the Clinton Administration, by Donna Minkowitz, **POZ's** contributing editor whose work appears regularly in

the **Village Voice**.

POZ's premiere issue also includes a poignant interview with former Arizona Senator and Republican Presidential candidate Barry Goldwater's grandson, Ty Ross, who will come out of the HIV closet in the pages of **POZ**. The interview was conducted by Kevin Sessums, **POZ's** editor-at-large, author of numerous cover stories and celebrity profiles for **Vanity Fair**.

Appearing bi-monthly, **POZ** will regularly feature profiles of compelling national figures and personalities; columns on alternative medicine, media, the arts, health, living with AIDS and sex; departments covering AIDS and the courts, international AIDS updates, the "POZ Viewing Guide" to film, television and videos; as well as book, music and theatre reviews.

The first issue of **POZ** will have a press run of 100,000 and will be available on March 15th. The bi-monthly magazine will have a \$3.50 cover price. A six issue subscription is \$19.95 for individuals. **POZ** will be free to those who identify themselves as HIV positive. For subscriptions, call (212) 242-2163.

J/O Club Prepares for Stonewall 25

Milwaukee — The **Cream City Cummer's**, Milwaukee's only Safe-Sex Club, is accepting applications for Gay & Bisexual men wishing to attend the International Safe Sex Party hosted by the New York Jacks during the Stonewall 25 Celebration, in New York.

Limited community housing is available to persons attending. Preference will be given to members of the **Cream City Cummer's** however, other interested males are encouraged to apply. Community Housing is on a first come first serve basis, so get your application letters into the **Cream City Cummer's**, c/o P.O. Box 93421, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3421, as soon as possible.



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Letters

Editor:

I live on the edge of Walker's Point, two blocks away from National Avenue, two blocks away from Milwaukee Technical High School where drive-by shootings occurred not long ago. The ultra-trendy Rudy's restaurant is one block away. Timer's, Steny's, Louis' and La Cage are three blocks away. Aside from the bar noise, the neighborhood is very quiet.

It is Sunday night around midnight. The streets are deserted. I walk down an alley half a block from my home. I am upset at someone who I've been seeing for five years but possibly not much longer. I have tears in my eyes, so I walk down the alley, rather than create a spectacle of myself on the sidewalk.

Have I committed a crime yet?

Then explain to me why suddenly a police van pulls up behind me, and out steps a stupid looking little man with a gun and his apprentice, who proceed to

ask me a million questions: "Where have you been?" "What are you doing in this alleyway?" "Don't you know it's not safe here?"

I fight back a few tears and resist the urge to slap the idiot and respond "Don't you have any real crooks that you can catch? This is **my** neighborhood. I know where it is safe and not safe. And furthermore, it's none of your business which of Milwaukee's bars I spent my night in."

It is all I can do to stand there and listen to his little P.R. speech that he should have been addressing to a group of grade school children. Two more cop cars enter the alley. My "friend" the officer is running my I.D. card through the computer which in itself took twenty minutes. I still have no explanation as to why I am being detained. He doesn't seem to understand my anger — my bad attitude. I tell him that I have had nothing but bad experiences with the Milw. Police Dept. He says he's sorry to hear that. I'm thinking of all the times I was stopped or the crime of walking past a Gay bar after

midnight, and the times my friends were beat to the pavement by homophobes on 2nd and National, and all the times I've had bottles thrown at me, been followed by drunken men intent on proving to me what real men they were, and all those times I had to defend myself against the ignorance and cruelty that are encouraged in a so-called city like this.

The little man with the gun finally tells me I can go. As I walk away one of the other officers says "Have a nice night, girl." I know that I am pushing my luck to even respond, but I back up and walk up to the window and say with as much contempt as I can manage, "Girl?" Maybe some of these friendly guardians of society should go back to school and learn to tell the difference between a girl and a boy.

I want this type of harassment to stop. I want our tax money spent wisely and our police patrolling areas that are proven dangerous. And I think someone owes me an apology.

David Carroll, Milwaukee

Viewpoint

Price Controls = Death

The Clinton Health Care Plan And AIDS Research

Statement by Richard Tafel

(Mr. Tafel is the National Director of Log Cabin Republicans.)

In the debate over whether there truly is a health care "crisis" in this country, there is one certain element of crisis in evidence. Over one million Americans are in desperate need of new treatments and a foreseeable cure for AIDS, and President Clinton's health care plan offers price controls on breakthrough drugs as an alleviation of their suffering.

Rather than embrace this proposal, the Gay and Lesbian community, AIDS activists, and all Americans who are deeply concerned about the AIDS epidemic should carefully consider how it would seriously damage the likely source for an early AIDS vaccine or cure — the U.S. biotechnology industry. A thoughtful analysis of the facts reveals a disaster in the making.

Biotech is a venture capital industry, totally reliant on risk capital and, therefore, the most eager to take on the kind of high-risk drug development research which pharmaceutical companies and publicly-funded government agencies shy away from. The increasing demand for new AIDS and cancer treatments, coupled with a

free market for drug investment, were the forces that created biotech. Over time, the industry has grown into a major source of innovative research in treatment development for the desperately ill.

Price controls will significantly alter that environment, and ultimately cripple AIDS drug innovation in the United States. Since the U.S. is the home of nearly every independent biotech company in the world, the ripple effect could doom millions of AIDS sufferers around the globe.

Simply proposing price controls at the beginning of the debate spurred a foreshadowing of the deepening crisis ahead. Due to a series of White House leaks a year ago that a breakthrough drug price review board was being considered for the Clinton plan, biotech stocks plummeted by 40% between January and March of 1993 without subsequent recover, and all of its available capital nearly dried up overnight. As a result, initial public offerings in 1993 dropped from \$175 million in January to zero in February, making them impossible to sell. The curtain is lowering on many future projects due to a lack of faith in the flow of funds. If this trend continues, biotech may crumble as an industry regardless of what the final reform plan looks like.

The complicated nature of market forces are not easy to grasp in a political context. President and Mrs. Clinton's drug company-bashing has further clouded the issue. People with AIDS have reasonable fears of diminished access to treatments, and we all share their fears. But by discouraging the incentive to develop new treatments and reduce prices through competition, those fears will be horribly realized. New drugs

will not appear, monopolies will be prolonged, and the quality of treatments will flatten out.

The whole idea of price controls over breakthrough drugs is antithetical to common sense. In this society, when a killer is loose among us we put a high price on his head, putting maximum pressure on people to come forward quickly with information that will lead to his arrest. There is no greater killer loose in America than AIDS. Biotech offers the greatest bounty we can hope for.

Had price controls been in effect during the 1980's, the first AIDS treatment (AZT) would have taken longer to become available if there been any interest to invest in it at all. Even if AZT had arrived under a price control regime, there certainly would never have been a ddI or ddC, and the only source of capital available for a vaccine or cure would have been in the hands of politicians. The 1993 Berlin conference on AIDS gave poor marks to the available treatments for AIDS and was gloomy on the prospects of successful new treatments in the short term. Introduce price controls now and you can kiss an AIDS cure goodbye.

But the impact on venture capital isn't all that is wrong with the price control mechanism in the Clinton plan. If passed, the plan will establish an advisory council of 13 appointees who will advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the "reasonableness" of the prices of all "breakthrough drugs" submitted for FDA approval, such as new treatments for AIDS. It will have no established criteria for these judgments, and could arguably make decisions based on political choices, rather than scientific or economic data. A politicized panel could choose not to prioritize

breakthrough drugs that will benefit politically unpopular groups — like the Gay and Lesbian community.

Furthermore, the price review board would mandate that the prices it sets be the established price for drugs financed through Medicare, and the drug companies will be required to pay the difference between the retail and wholesale prices (or 17% of the retail, whichever is higher) back to the government for each pill sold. Otherwise, the drugs will be excluded from Medicare by order of the Secretary of HHS and blacklisted by the government. As much as 40% of all AIDS patients currently depend on Medicare.

Simply put, the price review board will add on bureaucratic layers, increase the cost of drug development, and stonewall the availability of some drugs in favor of others based on squabbles over pricing or politics. This adds up to continued suffering and death for the most desperate of all terminally ill people.

Past examples of free market victories in the fight against deadly illnesses should inform our decisions on price controls. In the 1980's, when the government and other drug companies saw too high a risk in funding research on Gaucher's disease — an inherited

disorder within a small population which causes fatal bone and organ deterioration over an agonizing period — a biotech company called Genzyme developed Ceredase, the first Gaucher's treatment. Not only did their high-risk research bring relief to desperate patients, it also created a market for other companies to aggressively compete in. There could be four or five new drugs on the market, each more innovative than the other, within the next four years.

While many other Gay and AIDS advocacy organizations have put a premium on total support for the Clinton plan, there has been no discussion on the importance of the relationship

between biotech's survival and finding a cure as quickly as possible. We must be unafraid to challenge President Clinton, particularly since he and Mrs. Clinton have invited debate. We must exert our full pressure to oppose price controls. The loss of biotech and the decline of competition in drug development could indefinitely postpone what we need most — a cure.

Log Cabin Republicans is a Washington-based Gay Republican advocacy organization.

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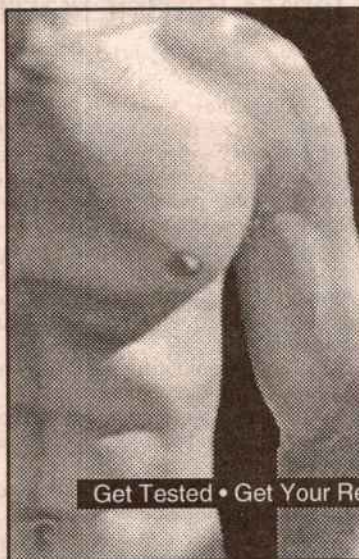
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Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

No More Heroes?

I was thinking about this funny world while watching TV and seeing Tonya Harding's mug shot. Has the concept of heroes come down to anything at any cost? What is happening to hero worship seems a reflection of America all too often. There are two real heroes in sports and for that matter in life, Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair. Maybe there is something in the water here in southeast Wisconsin, besides cryptosporidium.

These heroes aren't the win at any cost like Tonya Harding or the winey millionaire like Nancy Kerrigan or spoiled brats like Jack Nicolson who was arrested the week I was in LA for taking a golf club to some guy's car at a traffic light. Cut to TV commercial.

"Hi I'm Tonya Harding."

"Hi I'm Jack Nicolson."

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Oh well it was a thought.

Mostly we devote too much to sports and movie stars who are undeserving of our accolades. There was the case of the drunk baseball players who drove their boat into a dock at night, and at least one died. The media went on about his family and career. But no one mentioned how stupid he was. The same with the basketball player who was drunk and in an accident where he was thrown from his pick-up truck. The media is going on about his recovery, but no mention he was stupid. There was the drunk football player who crashed his car, killing his best friend, and then the football player killed himself. No one mentioned he was stupid. Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair are deserving of the accolades we give them which so many are not.

There are still quiet and true heroes that we most often neglect. Who are those heroes? We are! All of us who have to deal with a terminal illness everyday. Be it AIDS, cancer or any other terminal illness. We face Mr. Death in a much more real setup than everyone else. Sure we're all going to die, life is a terminal illness, but we're probably going to die sooner rather than later. Living well with such adversity daily is what makes us heroes.

Well you'd better duck, because here comes a real compliment. The unsung heroes of all of this are the support people and the caregivers. The lovers, family and friends who lend

support and when necessary, the care required. I've often mentioned this is not a journey to be taken alone, so if you have been deserted by friends and/or family contact your local support organization, be it AIDS, cancer, Alzheimer's or whatever. There are many sources of help, don't ignore them.

NEW AND ONLY SLIGHTLY RELATED TOPIC

I've had several friends raise the specter of hospitalization or death and

how people would know. So I've started working on two lists. The first would be a short note to people in the area to advise them that I had been hospitalized. The second list will be the "death list." When I croak I want people to know so they won't find out suddenly six months later. This has happened to me. I wrote a letter to a friend in Florida and received a letter from his parents telling me he had died. It's not a comfortable topic, but a necessary one.

In Memoriam

James Patrick Harris

1962-1994

Milwaukee — James (Jimmy) Patrick Harris was born on Oct. 15, 1962. Many people might remember him serving them drinks when he worked for many years as a bartender at the Phoenix, now known as Deja Vu.

While bartending at night, he worked in sales during the day, constantly running from one job to another. He was a hard worker, and never seemed to complain.

I was thankful for having him step into my life in October of 1990.

Although we only had a little over 3 years together, I wouldn't have changed anything.

After suffering through several months of endless pain, he passed away on Feb. 21, 1994 at the tender young age of 31. Diagnosis: Complications resulting from AIDS.

He was preceded in death by his



parents and grandparents. Survivors include: his partner Joe, his brother and sister and their families, his aunts and uncles, cousins, nephews, a niece, and friends.

Services were held on Feb. 25, 1994 at Our Lady of Good Hope, and ending at Wisconsin Memorial Park. He was cremated.

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Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

Will Gay and Lesbian Organizers Be Sued Under RICO?

Could organizers of boycotts against states or cities that pass anti-Gay initiatives be sued under RICO? No. Could those who "sip-in" at Cracker Barrel Restaurants? *Unlikely*. What if members of ACT-UP sat in at a drug company to force it to give away AIDS medications to indigents? *Depends*. These are the conclusions to be drawn from **NOW v Scheidler**, The Supreme Court's most recent expansion of RICO.

The RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) law was passed in 1970 as part of the Organized Crime Control Act. It prohibits anyone associated with an "enterprise" that engages in or affects interstate commerce from conducting the enterprise in a pattern of racketeering activity. That means that anyone who carries out an enterprise's affairs by committing at least two of the felonies listed in the RICO statute is a racketeer. Only certain felonies, however, make a person a racketeer. These include actual or threatened murder, kidnapping, robbery, arson, extortion, dealing in obscene matter, bribery, gambling, and dealing in narcotics, as well as violations of various other criminal laws pertaining to financial and credit accounts, fraud, pension funds, obstruction of justice, and certain interstate theft.

RICO allows those whose businesses or property has been damaged by racketeering to sue the racketeers. If a business wins a RICO lawsuit, it gets a judgment for treble damages, costs, and attorney's fees. (In most non-RICO civil lawsuits, a business cannot recover treble damages or attorney's fees.) The court also can order the racketeering defendants to divest themselves of any interest in the enterprise and prohibit them from engaging in the same type of activity in the future. It also can order the enterprise to dissolve or reorganize. Thus, businesses injured by racketeering activity can take matters into their own hands, without depending on prosecutors to file criminal charges (which may not always happen in politically charged conflicts such as abortion), and can file civil suits against racketeers. A business can use the treble damages and attorney's fees provisions of RICO to wipe out their opponents financially.

By ruling in NOW's favor, the Supreme Court made the RICO statute a

heavy club that can be wielded by businesses against political protestors. Before the **NOW v Scheidler** decision, it was not clear if RICO applied to enterprises that did not have an economic profit-making motive. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the term "enterprise" was not limited to profit-making organizations, but included social or political "enterprises." RICO can now be used by some businesses that are harmed by political protestors.

Organizers of boycotts designed to change anti-Gay laws are, however, safe from a RICO suit, even though such boycotts may cause millions of dollars of business loss.

Other nonviolent direct actions intended to change anti-Gay laws probably also are safe from a RICO suit. This is both because RICO requires certain serious criminal activity that harms businesses or property to occur before there is any liability, and because there are First Amendment protections for nonviolent actions that are designed to change government policies. The Supreme Court held in a 1982 non-RICO decision (**NAACP v Claiborne**) that those engaging in nonviolent business boycotts that are aimed at changing government policy are protected by the First Amendment from suit by merchants injured by boycotts. (Merchants can, however, sue those who cause losses by violent activity.)

Those who "sip-in" at Cracker Barrel likewise are safe from a RICO suit, even though the Cracker Barrel protestors are not targeting government policy but instead the policy of a private corporation, so long as none of the crimes listed in the RICO statute are committed. Thus, even those "sipper-inners" convicted of trespass could not be sued under RICO since trespass is not a racketeering activity under RICO.

Nonviolent ACT-UP sit-ins at a drug company demanding that it give away AIDS medications to indigent PWAs also should not trigger RICO liability. If, however, ACT-UP demonstrators used or threatened force, violence, or fear to extort the company to give away its property (i.e. the drugs), they would be risking a RICO suit alleging that they were engaging in extortion. Whether demonstrators used or threatened "fear" would be in the eyes of the beholder — homophobia or AIDS-phobia could very well bias the court's decision as to whether demonstrators used or threatened "fear."

While RICO suits against political protestors will be hard to win, there is a risk that protestors' fear of a possible successful RICO suit and the ensuing treble damages and attorney's fees will have a "chilling effect" on nonviolent protest activities. Even an unsuccessful RICO lawsuit can end up costing political organizers tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs and attorney's fees. While a court might order

a losing plaintiff to pay the defendants for their attorney's fees in defending against the RICO suit, courts generally do not order losing plaintiffs to pay defendants their attorney's fees unless they find the suit to be "frivolous." Moreover, even those defendants who win RICO suits might be found liable on other types of claims, depending on what their political actions were.

Thus, while it certainly is nice to see those people who have been terrorizing abortion providers being defendants in a suit that could wipe them out financially, has the **NOW** decision made the RICO statute too powerful a weapon against legitimate protest?

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The Arts

So Much To Do...

By Carmen Alicia Murguia

When I first began developing this column mid-March, I thought to myself just how many Earth Day celebrations could I possibly wear my new spring fashions to? No sooner had I said that, that the *In Step* fax machine and phone number began ringing off the hook with enough women's events, alternative entertainment, and arts outings for the whole Gay family to create a month-long festival. Not to mention, break my entertainment budget and run out of easter bonnets to wear!

Hair, Hair Everywhere!

▼ **Jamie Anderson** is having a *Bad Hair Day*, and she wants you to have one too! Her newest recording has escaped from the confines of her hairdresser's salon to wreak havoc on your funny bone. Jamie Anderson will be in concert in Milwaukee armed with a blow dryer, hair spray, and her guitar, of course. Her *Bad Hair Day* World Tour comes to the Kenwood United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 30 at 8pm. Tickets are \$13 at the door and \$11 in advance and are available at People's Books and AfterWords.

▼ *Hair The 25th Anniversary Celebration Tour* Comes To Milwaukee! It's time to let your hair down, man. Throw away the tie, and bring out the tie-dyed. *Hair*, the musical that rocked the world and changed Broadway forever, bursts onto the stage with the 25th Anniversary Celebration, directed by author James Rado, with musical supervision by composer Galt MacDermot.

The coast-to-coast tour lights up the stage of the Mecca Auditorium for two nights, Tuesday, April 19th and Wednesday, April 20th at 8pm. *Hair's* remarkable score features such unforgettable hits as *Aquarius*, *Good Morning Starshine*, as well as the title song. Get your tickets at the Mecca Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone: 276-4545 and *Let the Sun Shine In*.

Spend Friday Night With Joseph Rabensdorf

Late Night Theatre X presents *Clockwork*, a performance art piece written and performed by Joseph Rabensdorf, on Friday, April 8 at 10pm. Rabensdorf, a gay man and AIDS activist, is a member of Foothold Dance/Performance Collective. This performance will preview some material

he may use for the *Foothold* concert *Inside Out* at *Danceworks* in May.

Primarily a text-based performer, Joseph will also utilize video, sound synthesis, dance and props in this innovative, avant garde production. Tickets are \$5. Late Night Theatre X is presented in Historic Third Ward's Broadway Theatre Complex, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee. 276-0555...Need I remind you to wear your watch?

April Cabaret Line up at M&M

Khris Francis returns for a one night encore performance on Sunday, April 10. **Michael McAssey** appears Sundays, April 17 & 24; and **Singsational Productions Singing Machine** performs live April 16 & 30.

Dancing to the Beat of an...

Accordion? **Present Music** and **Guy Klucevsek**, Guest composer and accordionist from New York, bring you *Polka with Guy* on Friday, April 15 8pm at Shank Hall, 1434 N. Farwell. Tickets for this eclectic mix of polkas from the fringe are \$12, students \$6.

After Goodbye: An AIDS Story

The physical and emotional impact of AIDS on one of America's most acclaimed male choruses is the focus of *After Goodbye: An AIDS Story*, a powerful new special premiering Tuesday, April 12 from 10-11pm on WMVS Channel 10 in Milwaukee. Please check your local listings for your local PBS station. Narrated by actress Ruby Dee, *After Goodbye: An AIDS Story* looks at the toll AIDS has taken on the members, families, and friends of Dallas's *Turtle Creek Chorus*, which has lost 60 of its 200 voices to AIDS over the past decade. But, as *After Goodbye* shows, the singers are also engaged in a continual process of healing, and the one-hour special is a testament to the amazing resilience of the human heart.

Also on PBS This Month...

In its April edition, *In The Life*, takes an in-depth look at the very real possibility of same sex marriages in Hawaii. Also on tap are an interview with the "funny boy" writer of *Addams Family Values*, Paul Rudnick; a report on the 1994 media awards from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD); a sneak peak at upcoming independent films with gay characters; and a profile of **Betty**, a self-described trio of "diva rock stars."

In The Life airs in Milwaukee on WMVS Channel 10 at midnight on April 14, and on Madison's WHA Channel 21 at 11pm.

Camp Heartland Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for an afternoon of fun and music! On Sunday, April 17 at 3pm, organist Jerry Smith will be hosting the first of many fund raisers to benefit **Camp Heartland**. Camp Heartland was organized for children living with HIV disease to enjoy a week of summer camp activities in southeastern Wisconsin. Last year, 75 kids from all over the U.S. enjoyed everything from boating to horseback riding at Camp Heartland. Featured guest performers will include Milwaukee's own **Cream City Chorus**; members of the **Waukesha Choral Union**; **Tim Clausen**, jazz piano; **Susan Flanner**, soprano; the **Cross of Life Sr. Choir** and the **Gloria Dei Hand Bell Choir**. This fund raiser will be held at the Cross of Life Lutheran Church, 20700 W. North Avenue in Brookfield. There is a \$5 offering at the door, and seating is limited, so plan on attending early! If you would like more information on Camp Heartland, or would like to register your children for the camp, please call (414) 374-2267.

Chorus Seeks Instrumentalists

The **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** is moving swiftly toward its spring concert, *No More Walls*, and the making of their first studio-recorded tape, and they need your help. The Chorus seeks instrumentalists to accompany their performances. Among those sought are keyboard, piano, flute, clarinet, 2 trombones, trumpet, percussion, strings (violins, viola, cello, string base), and one mean accordion player. Pianists are especially sought for an open position as chorus accompanist for rehearsals and performances; this is a paid position. Also needed are interpreters for the hearing impaired to translate for the spring concert. Anyone interested in working with the chorus should contact the chorus office at 933-WCCC, or director Scott Stewart at 384-3144. *No More Walls* will be performed at the Performing Arts Center's Vogel Hall, Saturday, June 18 at 8pm.

For the Young & Young At Heart

Journey down the rabbit hole with **Et toi dances?**, Milwaukee's own chamber ballet company, in *Alice in Wonderland*. The one-hour professional ballet production based on the Lewis Carroll classic, is suitable for grades K4-12. Performances will run from April 18-22, in *Danceworks'* intimate 100-seat studio theater, 727 N. Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee. A talkback and an opportunity to meet the dancers will follow! General admission is \$5, and discount tickets of \$3 are available for groups of 15 or more. For reservations,

dates, times and general information, call Danceworks (414) 276-3191.

"Art Against Homophobia" Competition Winners

Art Against Homophobia was a student competition co-sponsored by the Cream City Foundation and the College of Letters and Science, UWM, for students working in Painting and Drawing, Graphic Design, Print-making, Photography, and Film (stills). The competition was designed to engage students critically in the issue of homophobia by encouraging them to produce images about the violence and psychological damage homophobia inflicts on lesbians and gay men, on the cultural meaning of gender, and on friendships between people of the same sex. The following received prizes in UWM's 1994 *Art Against Homophobia* competition: 1st-Janell Olive (\$250, Print-making), 2nd-Janell Olive (\$100), 3rd-Barbara J. Fischer (\$50).

Heather Bishop's Performance Warm and Welcoming

Reviewed by Muriel Hogan
Milwaukee — As Kenwood Methodist Church filled up with (mostly) women, everybody squirmed pleasantly in their seats, waiting for Heather Bishop as though she was their favorite aunt. Bishop's skills aren't just musical: she has an uncanny gift for making an audience feel welcomed and embraced.

Bishop, a singer/songwriter from Manitoba, has toured North America for more than 20 years, and has been out as a Lesbian from the beginning. Bishop's well loved on the women's music scene, but she's also won hearts at folk festivals, with symphony orchestras, and at the community centers in tiny Canadian outposts.

From the first song onward, you could tell that you were in professional hands. Bishop's poise and presence fill the room. Her guitar playing is a pleasure, too, amplified acoustic with a few understated pedal effects.

But you hardly notice the guitar once you hear her powerful voice. She's an accomplished singer who'll apparently try anything, and she serves an extravagant feast of different styles: folk, blues, pop, and rock. Each is a knockout performance!

Let Them Talk is her version of a slow dance from the Fifties. Did Little Willie John really write a song about Lesbians? Probably not, but Bishop's delivery can convince you that it's just possible.

Sleekly mysterious in a minor key, *The Queen of the Night* is her well-crafted song about the cat whom nobody has ever seen. What a pleasure to hear a serious writer of pop!

Bishop complimented Wisconsin songwriters Peter and Lou Barryman, singing their existential waltz: "Pretty soon it could all end with a boom/ Why am I painting the living room?"

Classic rockabilly provides the form for Bishop's song about winter driving: "You gotta pull it up/ Back it up/ Pull it up/ Back it up/ You gotta rock that sucker if you wanna get home tonight!"

Right up to date, Bishop has written the *Co-Dependent Love Song*, a title provided Kate Clinton. "If only I could read your mind/ I'd know how I feel," goes the plaintive C&W tune. She asks, "If you leave me, darlin'/ Can't I come too?"

And she had the crowd roaring with her account of Anne Murray meeting kd lang at the Canadian Country Music Awards. Bishop claims to be a big Anne Murray fan, but asks, "Who dresses her?" Criticizing Murray's spike heels, she said, "Only fags know how to wear those things, and they Practice!"

Delightfully, Bishop lacks some marks of the professional touring musician: the dull eyes and boredom that come from burnout on the road.

In her Milwaukee performance, Bishop spent not one single minute on automatic pilot. She was better than "fresh." This woman was alive!

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Milwaukee Lesbians Participate In Hawaiian Wedding

By Sue Silvermarie

On February 20th on the north coast of Oahu, the sun was pouring onto the mountains, the air was fresh with warm ocean breeze, and the women wore brightly colored cloth. Earlier that morning there had been a rainbow over the clear blue water as the women floated. It was our marrying day.

The campground with its cabins and courtyard and beachfront had been transformed into a home for two hundred Lesbians attending the first Hawaiian Women's Music Festival. On Sunday morning, the last day of the Festival, fifty of those stood to witness six Lesbian couples marry. Although Hawaiian legislation had not progressed to the point where we could apply for state marriage licenses, Ena Crilly, Universal Life Church minister and Hawaiian resident, performed a moving ceremony uniting each of the couples.

Ena's introductory words described marriage as a "lifelong consecration to the ideal of loving kindness, backed with the will to make it last," and as "the construction of the love and trust between two human beings into a single

growing energy of spiritual life." She told us that there is no earthly happiness that exceeds it. Pat and I, as the first couple to be joined, then stepped forward.

Pat thanked the witnesses and asked them to create a vibration for us while we performed our vows, a hum or anything else they wanted to do to bless us. I invoked the ancestors, guardians,

guides, angels, and power animals. I invoked all the women who may have wanted to marry but never had this opportunity and told them we would enact it for them. I thanked Pele, Goddess of Hawaii's volcanoes, for the fire of Love.



A group of Lesbians held a marriage ceremony on the beach in Hawaii.

The Politics Behind The Hawaiian Wedding

By Sue Silvermarie

This was the first in what will, no doubt, become a bridal wave of Gay marriages in the Islands. We ourselves will return to renew our vows as soon as favorable legislation affords us legal sanction.

On May 5, 1993, the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled that barring same-sex marriages was a form of gender discrimination in violation of the state's constitution. Its decision stipulated that the state must find "compelling state interests" to ban marriages between people of the same gender, sending the case back to a trial court. Many legal scholars on both sides of the issue agree that the condition of compelling state interests does not exist in Hawaii — there are, for example, no sodomy statutes on the books. The next court date is set for April 1995. Once a decision is reached, the state cannot appeal its case before the U.S. Supreme Court because in Hawaii, the state supreme court has the ultimate jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, the Hawaiian State House of Representatives recently passed a bill to ban such marriages on the grounds of the state's interest in procreation. However, since Hawaiian laws do not specify that marriage is for the sake of procreation, the State Senate wisely tabled it indefinitely.

Now the Hawaiian Senate is considering a bill to limit marriage to male-female couples, while allowing any resident couple to form a legal "domestic partnership." A domestic partnership bill would not use the word marriage and would be recognized only in Hawaii. The question is whether such a sidestep would satisfy the Supreme Court. The Senate author believes passage of a domestic partnership law would make the case before the Supreme Court moot. Some supporters of same-sex marriage have said that a "separate but equal"

domestic partnership arrangement would be no more acceptable than "separate but equal" public schools were to African Americans in the South.

The other possible derailment of the Supreme Court's intent would require a constitutional amendment, enacted either through a constitutional convention, or by a two-thirds vote of the legislature with ratification by popular vote, both highly unlikely.

Whatever happens, it will probably happen in Hawaii first. As *Out Magazine* recently reported: Hawaii has played a pivotal role in progressive national American politics over the past 25 years. Hawaii was the first state to legalize abortion, in 1970. It was the first to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, in 1972; and the fifth to offer employment protection for Lesbians and Gay men, in 1991. In Hawaii, it is the homophobes who are in the closet. And Hawaii has been a model for universal health care, which is by law provided by all employers. It is a state with a strong Democratic Party; a state with virtually no Republican Party, let alone a religious Right; a state with a rapidly growing sovereignty movement rebelling against the U.S. Government. Perhaps most significantly Hawaii has no majority, just a dozen or so minorities — whites included.

While this explains why and how it may happen, many of us have a question that is more fundamental: Do we want to work for an institution that has been used to limit women the way marriage has? A very practical part of the answer is that many of us, including my partner and me, desperately need the option of family health insurance coverage. (We have been struck by the irony that while a person does not have the legal right to marry a person of the same sex, she does have the right to change her sex.) My partner's answer is that she does not wish her happiness to be tolerated — she asks loud and clear that it be **celebrated**, in the sanctioned social ritual afforded other human beings for the joining. In order to transform the notion of marriage and family entirely, we require the freedom to choose it.



Sue and Pat from Milwaukee were one of the couples that exchanged vows.

THE VOWS

Do you take this woman to be your loving wedded spouse to love and to cherish, to continually bestow upon her your heart's deepest devotion?

I do.

Repeat after me: You are consecrated to me now from this day forward, to love and to cherish, to have and to hold, for richer or poorer, for better for worse, in sickness and in health, in sadness and in joy, to share together as long as we both shall live.

May these rings be blessed as a symbol of affection and unity. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go, may they always return to one another in their togetherness. May these two find in each other the love for which all people yearn. May they grow in understanding, and in compassion. May the homes which they establish together be such a place of sanctuary that many will find there a friend. May these tokens symbolize the touch of the spirit of Love in their hearts.

Inasmuch as these two have consented together in marriage before this company and have pledged their faith and declared their unity, and are now joined in mutual esteem and devotion, I now pronounce them Lifelong Intimate Witness. Aloha.

Ena then led us all in a processional to the oceanside singing a chant to Yemaya. The five other couples were joined there on the beach, and each chose what they wanted to be called as a couple. We named ourselves variously as sacred companion, partner, wedded love of my life, playmate/ lover/ friend,

married Lesbian, united in life together, lifelong intimate witness, and loving wedded spouse. At the close of the joining, Ena encouraged us to perform the Hawaiian Noserub Tradition of marriage while she read from Gibran:

"True love gives nothing but itself and takes nothing but itself. Love does not possess, nor would it be possessed. For love is sufficient unto love. Love has no other desire than to fulfill itself. To awake at dawn with a winged heart, and give thanks for another day of loving, to rest at noon and meditate love's ecstasy, to return home at eventide, and then to sleep with a prayer for the Beloved in

your heart and a song of praise upon your lips. Go now to your dwelling place to enter into your days of togetherness. And may your days be good and long upon the earth." Blessed Be. Aho.

After kisses and hugs all around and lots of general raucous Lesbian hoopla, couples drifted along the edge of the beautiful clear blue water and spontaneously sang together Yogananda's song: "Listen listen listen to my heart's song/ I will never forget you I will never forsake you..." Before long all the brightly colored garments were left on the beach and the ocean opened its arms to us on the day of our marrying.

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Feature

Melissa Etheridge

"Yes I Am" Tour Lands in Milwaukee April 24

By Carmen Alicia Murguia

She's a rocker with grace and a woman filled with passion. She has shared the stage with Sting and k.d., and has been compared to rock legends Janis Joplin and Bruce Springsteen. Yet, on disc she is incomparable, and according to the critics reviews of her electrifying concerts, she can certainly hold her own. She is 32-year-old singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge.

On April 24, Etheridge will be performing at the Eagle's Club in Milwaukee. For those of you unfortunate LesBiGay's, myself included, who grew up without experiencing Etheridge's music and energy, all I can say is: I'm glad she came out when she did!

Melissa Etheridge was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, and received her first guitar at the age of eight. Etheridge's father introduced her to the songs of Simon and Garfunkel and Neil Diamond, while her older sister got her hooked on hard rock. By the time she was ten, Etheridge began writing music, and her first tune was entitled, *Don't Let It Fly Away (It's Love)*. From the very beginning, performing was in Etheridge's blood; and as a teenager, she began playing in bars and clubs. At 18, she left behind the bars and clubs of Leavenworth for the coffeehouses in Boston, while she studied guitar at the Berklee College of Music.

In 1982, Etheridge moved to L.A. and found herself playing in bars and clubs once again, only this time, it was her brand of heartland rock being played in women's bars. For the next six years, her crowd was the lesbian community she played for at the bars, and at the women's music festivals in Northern California and in the South. Etheridge did a whole tour on her own where she just played women's bars all the way across America, before she was signed "on the spot" in a Long Beach bar by Island Records' founder Chris Blackwell.

Since then, her career has grown steadily upward beginning with her 1988 self-titled debut, *Melissa Etheridge*. *Brave and Crazy* followed in 1989, and in 1993, the single, *Ain't It Heavy*, from her 1992 disc, *Never Enough*, earned her a Grammy for Best Female Rock



Melissa Etheridge

Photo by Neil Abramson

Performance.

Etheridge's personal life has been on an upward spiral as well. Soon after her first album hit, she met Julie Cypher, her partner of five years. Julie, who is a feature film director, was a production assistant on Etheridge's first video shoot, and Etheridge is writing two songs for Cypher's feature film debut, *Teresa's Tattoo*.

Etheridge, who has always been out to friends, family, and business colleagues, came out in a highly public way at the Triangle Inaugural Ball in Washington last December. She also performed at the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Rights, and was recently named a Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) award winner as Outstanding Recording Artist.

Yes I Am, her fourth gold album, is her frank answer now to questions about her sexuality. Yet Etheridge insists that "she has no plans to change her style of songwriting and performing." It is important to her to have her music "as accessible and reachable for all types of sexuality."

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Personally, growing up with the sounds of tex-mex, salsa, and disco did not leave much room for rock or women's music. So, it wasn't until now that I'd even heard of Etheridge (Well, slap my wrist!). I recently had a chance to listen to her latest release, *Yes I Am*, and I must say she has captivated me the way she has so many of her hard core Lesbian fans: with a voice as deep as the heartland she comes from, and lyrics as emotional as the love she writes of.

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Hey Mom, Guess What!
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Paradigm, Pb. \$8.95

The Seven Deadly Sins Of Love...

by Eric Orner
St. Martin's Press, Pb. \$8.95

Rubyfruit Mountain
by Andrea Natalie
Cleis Press, Pb. \$9.95

Until recently Lesbians and Gay men have had precious little to laugh at with very few talented queer cartoonists giving pen and ink perspectives on the Gay and Lesbian experience. Noted exceptions have been long-time Lesbian favorite, Alison Bechdel of **Dykes to Watch Out For** fame and the **Advocate's** Donelan. The 1990's have seen the emergence of several promising newcomers.

Nationally syndicated columnist Shelly Roberts whose 'Cleaning out my Closet' appears in **In Step** created a sensation with her first book, **The Dyke Detector**, an absolutely essential and invaluable resource for Lesbians and non-Lesbians alike. With her second book, **Hey Mom, Guess What!**, Ms. Roberts tackles another universal theme: Coming out, specially, how to tell your mother that you are Gay. Using one part common sense, one part factual information, one part pop psychology and a whole lot of humor, Ms. Roberts enlightens the would-be confessor on the Whens, the Hows, and the How-Not-To's in coming out to one's parents. Particularly delightful are Robert's helpful hints for the many and varied categories of different types of mothers, ranging from The Prude to the Extraordinarily Cool and Mommy Dearest to Motorcycle Mama.

Ablly assisted by Melissa K. Sweeney's marvelously expressive illustrations, Ms. Roberts manages to keep the book's text light and humorous throughout. Nevertheless the seriousness of Ms. Robert's messages is ever present. **Hey Mom, Guess What!** is a wonderful primer for anyone experiencing the anxiety of coming out to one's parents as well as a delightful read for both Lesbians and Gay men seeking to reflect on their own experiences. Highly recommended.

The many fans of Eric Orner's first collection of cartoons, **The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green** are in for a treat with his second book, **The Seven Deadly Sins of Love**. To those uninitiated with Orner's unique, quirky perspective on Gay life, his wonderfully eccentric cast of characters include the socially-challenged Ethan Green, his cynical cat Lucy, drag divas, the Hat Sisters and many others. Bypassing the larger panorama of Gay life, Orner focuses in on the routine occurrences of daily life with hilarious results.

Occasionally a topical issue will catch Orner's attention, including a particularly memorable Milwaukee episode, when the Hat Sisters, suitably dressed in Germanic garb seek to persuade Milwaukee's mayor from canceling the Gay Pride Parade. Yet undoubtedly, the highlights of this

collection are Orner's Seven Deadly Sins of Love, Love's seemingly inevitable pitfalls that are obvious as they would appear to be unavoidable. Delightful and wonderfully positive, **The Seven Deadly Sins of Love...** are not to be missed.

Of tremendous interest, equally to Lesbians and Gay men are the cartoons of Andrea Natalie. The latest volume of her Stonewall Riots Collection, **Rubyfruit Mountain** again contains Natalie's unique, sweetly cynical portrayal of Lesbian and Gay experience in the 1990's. The range of Natalie's subjects is truly remarkable ranging from Sesame Street's Bert & Ernie, Jesse Helms, and Divine to an absolutely hysterical panel featuring "Dykes So Politically Correct They Can't Move." Always cleverly drawn, Natalie's cartoons invariably feature not only a sharp eye but also an irresistible urge to deflate the pompous and the pretentious in both Gay and straight life.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

It's been an event-filled two weeks since my last deadline, so I think I'll just dive right into it...

Flash back to St. Patrick's Day and the over 14 events listed in our Calendar. The Big Green made the scene at the **Ballgame** where Rick and his staff celebrated the bars 21st anniversary with an all day affair. Lots of shots of Irish Whiskey and Rick's usual scrumptious buffet kept the little leprechauns satisfied. All the best to Rick and his staff, and here's to many more!

"When Irish eyes are smilin..." don't you just wonder how many Irish oriented tunes they have for Karaoke machines? Both **Club 3054** and **Runway 51** had karaoke sing-a-longs as part of their St. Pat's events. The **Wreck Room** was supposed to have painted their bartender green for the occasion, but the targeted bartender nixed those plans. So, instead, Chris, who happened to be handy, got "charcoaled" instead. The WR figured we print in black and white, so no one wouldn't know he wasn't actually green.

Otherwise it was corned beef and cabbage, drink specials and lots of beer (some of it green) at all the other clubs.

The R.I.T.A. Bowl IV was held March 18 at the Red Carpet Regency as a benefit for the upcoming Thanksgiving HIT tournament. A Weir Bowl is where participants do "crazy" bowling — blind folded, laying on your belly, and even tied up. Needless to say, its quite an experience to both watch and or participate in. (Pity the poor bowling alley!)

The last two Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA benefit shows were held at **Za's** (March 18, raising \$318), and **Club 94** (March 19, raising \$280). The money raised from the series of USA benefits helps to defray expenses for hotel rooms at the national finals which last a week. The Miss Gay USA Pageant finals are being held in St. Louis this year from May 24-29. The Wisconsin contingent is rapidly nearing 50. Anyone interested in attending the St. Louis finals should make room reservations by calling (800) 747-7107. Earlier benefit shows were held at **Your Place** (\$67); **Back Door** in Rockford (\$107); **Pivot Club** (\$300); and **Club 219** (\$42). Jimmy King would like to thank all the clubs for their help, saying "We now have enough money for the girls rooms plus some to divide between them for expenses."

King's 1994-95 Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA finals have been scheduled for September 10-11 in

Appleton. The preliminary night competition will be held at the **Pivot** with the final night at the **Paper Valley Hotel**. Jimmy King has decided to drop the dinner portion, and instead will provide \$2,000 worth of hors d'oeuvres served to the sounds of a strolling violinist. All WI-USA preliminary winners and first runners up are eligible to compete in the state finals. The new Miss Gay WI-USA will receive \$1,000, 1st runner up \$500 and 2nd runner up \$250. The winner and first runner up from the '94 Wisconsin-USA finals will compete in the '95 Miss Gay USA finals.

Other King Pageants: the 4th annual Miss Gay WI-USA At-Large will be held July 9 at Za's in Green Bay. The 4th annual Mr. Gay WI-USA will also be held at Za's on October 1.

Touring Wisconsin-native C.C. Rae brought her impressionist act to **Jo'Dee's International** in Racine March 19 to the delight of the crowd. Racine native Phyllis Anne impressed my back up photographer, Jeff, with her impression of Carol Burnett; and a few other local girls filled the evenings line up. **Runway 51** hosted the Sunset Dames Production of *Anything Goes* that same evening.

The Big Event on the 19th was the annual **Make A Promise** Dinner, Show and Auction benefit for AIDS Care, Education and Research at the elegantly

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Dearest Mary: On April 9 we'll officially become wife & wife & start our lives together as one. I hope I can be everything for you as you are for me. I love you, Mooches!

Miss Kerry Scarlet
Rave still rules!

Hal Hal Love, Bruce
To all the WannaBes: There's two things in life as an entertainer you need as well as talent. Guts and ambition. And by just trying you have already succeeded and should be complimented by oneself. Don't listen to all the sit down critics that do nothing but criticize others for trying. Practice makes perfect. No one knows your destiny not even oneself. Go for it!

Lola Vulva, Always a Helen
T.S. Inc.: Thank you for the compliment, but I'm not looking for stardom. I'm very happy with my life now. I just like to sing songs that I feel for an audience that will listen.

Jeff from LA, (aka Lola Vulva)
"Hate" Club: How lame and unoriginal! Whitney Houston must be your club president!!

Justify My Income, Madonna
Mariah Caleb: You're confusing me with Michael Jackson (closet Queen of pop). Cut your "excess skin" — the "Hood" is blurring your vision.

Donna Summer
Mariah Caleb: Automatic sensation? All you do is squeal like a pig in heat and let everyone play with your "hood"!!

Nick Rhodes
Madonna & Nick: You don't have to mail each Graffiti message in a separate envelope.

Editor
Mariah Caleb: "Without You" never reached No. 1 (Ha! Ha!) because you look like something my cat coughed up!

I'll Remember With Honors, Madonna
Tiffany Thomas: Mimi Marks you are not... get a clue!

Sick & Tired
Wednesday For Possum Queen

Vote For Wednesday

Milwaukee: "I am tired of just being pretty... I want to be famous!"

Wednesday Addams
Dan (Zippers): I thought no one was running?

Kevin
Sleepless In Appleton: Wishing we could be more than just friends. Do I stand a chance?

Sleepless in FDL
Pussycat: Can't get you off my mind or is it you're making me go out of my mind? Need to see you "Again"!

Puppydog
Boxers: Do you believe that "Dreams" can come true?

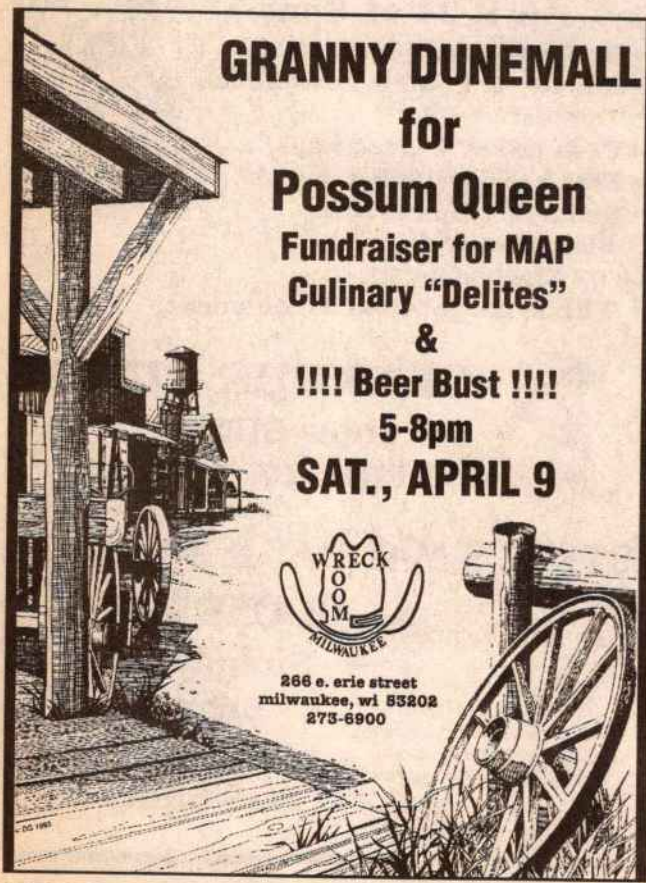
Fog Bound
Terry L.L.: Happy 30th!

Todd & Friends, Cest La Vie
Dave: Still loving you more with each day! 5 years & counting.

Larry
Razzle Dazzle Girls: You really are the "Best of Broadway" Thank you, I had a great time.

Starr
Marlo (San Diego): The view of downtown San Diego, a bottle of wine and you know the rest. Stay single, I should be out there soon.

Jamie



restored Pfister Hotel. The dressy affair drew a sell out crowd consisting of a mix of corporate and political big wigs and a good percentage of the *glitteratti* from the LesBiGay community.

Master of ceremonies, Anthony Myers of WUWM kept the evening flowing, with entertainment by Jack Forbes Wilson and Kay Stiefel, Janet Planet, Don Linke and David Sarkis. Community Service Awards were given to Congregation of Blessed Trinity, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, WTMJ television, and State Representative Timothy Carpenter.

The annual dinner/ show/ auction enables the **AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin**, and its member agencies, to provide quality case management and support services for an ever-growing client load. According to MAP spokesman Tim Kennedy, nearly \$95,000 was raised that night.

The 4th annual **Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant** was held Sunday, March 20 at the Marc Plaza Hotel. Organized by Mass Pageant Productions founder, Sidney Johnson, and Pageant Director Jnette Johnson; the pageant is a special showcase for the Black talent from our state. Out of six Miss contestants, Dominique Mahon captured that crown; and out of five Mr. contestants, Spanky captured the Mr. title.

According to Sidney, 450 people attended the pageant and saw the 1993 Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin, Keenan Jamison and DuWanna Moore, give up their titles.

Thanks to Sidney, we have a breakdown of the winners in various segments of the pageant:

- ▼ Best talent scores went to Dominique (Miss) and Mike Dean (Mr.);
- ▼ Chanel Van Cartier received the

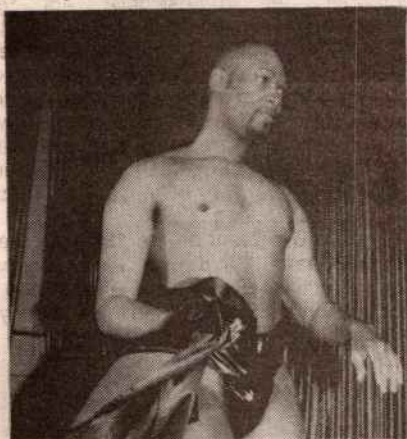
- highest score in the question category;
- ▼ The Mr. swimsuit category saw Kelvin Haydon grab the most points;
- ▼ The Miss evening gown portion was won by Dominique.

Overall, the first runners up were Kiarra Fontane Snow (Miss); and Mike Dean (Mr.). Second runners up were Kenya Moore (Miss) and Kelvin Hayden (Mr.).

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Thanks to Gannet News Service for printing an entire transcript of actor Tom Hanks acceptance speech at the Academy Awards on March 21, when Hanks received an Oscar for best actor for his starring role in *Philadelphia*. Some of Hank's speech...

After thanking the filmmakers and director... "And a cast that includes Antonio Banderas, who second to my lover [wife Weir Wilson], is the only person I would trade for."



The Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant at the Marc Plaza Hotel showcased the rainbow of talent Wisconsin has to offer. (L to R) Miss 1st runner up Kiarra Fontane Snow, Miss Dominique Mahon, Mr. Spanky, and Mr. first runner up Mike Dean.

Photos by Jeff Butler

Steppin' Out...

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"And a cast that includes many other people, but the actor who really put his film image at risk, and shown because of his integrity — Mr. Denzel Washington, who I really must share this with."

"I would not be standing here if it weren't for two very important men in my life... Mr. Raleigh Farnsworth, who was my high school drama teacher, who taught me to 'act well the part. There all the glory lies'. And one of my classmates under Mr. Farnsworth, Mr. John Gilcherson. I mention their names because they are two of the finest Gay Americans, two wonderful men, that I had the good fortune to be associated with, to fall under their inspiration, at such a young age. I wish my babies would have the same sort of teachers, the same sort of friends."

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Hunter and the Headliners male dancers made a stop at **Club 219** March 23. This is Hunter's last appearance touring with the group — he's retiring... his body is still fine, but those crows feet are getting a little pronounced! From crows feet to full moons... **Rod's** saluted the full moon on the 25th with a contest, and you could win prizes by matching the moons to their owners faces. "There's a moon out tonight..."

Saturday, March 26 was a busy day... the **Cream City Chorus** celebrated their 7th anniversary with a combination lunch/ bar crawl; **Club 219** hosted The Helen's infamous **Drag-A-Rama** touring show; the **Castaways** club night was at the **Wreck Room**; and **M&M** presented the **Good Times Singsationals**.

While my photographer Jamie went to Janesville March 26 for **Runway 51's** hosting of the Miss Southern Wisconsin-USA pageant I went to Rockford with my aide de camp, Joe. The pageant at Runway saw some fierce competition, with Sabreena DeLite winning the crown; and Cass Marie Domino taking first runner up.

Meanwhile in Rockford, Joe and I hit the **Travlur Lounge** and its basement leather bar, the **Bunkhouse**. Owner Jack and his Bunkhouse manager Stan (who I used to work with many, many moons ago at **GayLife** in Chicago) gave us the royal treatment. The Travlur offers a dancefloor, an area with tables and chairs surrounding a baby grand piano, and the bar itself. In the summer, Jack told me lots of the action moves outdoors where they have five acres and lots of volleyball action. The crowd is about half Lesbian, half Gay men.

In the Bunkhouse, a mostly male crowd had gathered for a "Cell Lock-Up" **IN STEP** ▼ April 7-20, 1994 ▼ Page 34

to benefit Mr. Bunkhouse, Glenn Lovgren, as he prepares to enter International Mr. Leather. The guys from their local paper, **Rock River News**, also were there, and we all had a good time especially trying to take pictures of the Sumo wrestling. Those big padded costumes are not only bulky and next to impossible to move in, but also make

participants sweat up a storm!

The Office is just 70-some blocks east of the Travlur, on State Street, right in the heart of downtown. By the time we got there, the place was packed, and this was the weekend where they opened their new section, a large dance floor, effectively doubling their size. Even with the new addition, it was still



Photos by Jamie Taylor

Top left: The newly crowned Miss Southern WI-USA Sabreena DeLite; Top right: 1st runner up Cass Marie Domino. Bottom: Miss Gay WI-USA At Large Shannon Dupree, Sabreena, Miss Gay WI-USA DuWanna Moore, and Cass Marie pose after the pageant which was held at Runway 51 in Janesville.

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packed... I don't know where owners Mike and Dan put all those bodies before they opened the addition!

Mike & Dan, gracious hosts that they are, were both beaming in delight as they accepted congratulations (it was also their anniversary weekend). Visitors from Madison (half the Hotel Washington crew was there) and Chicago (Chuck Rodecker and Josef from Touche, Jamie and photographer Spike King) and all points in between were obviously enjoying themselves.

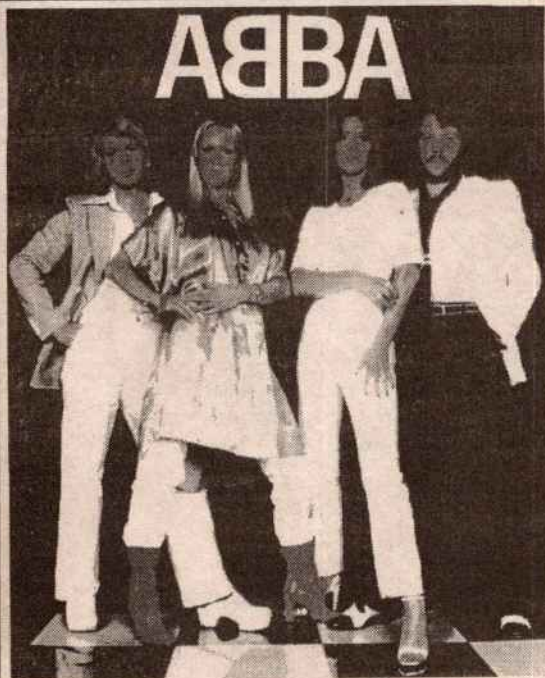
Mike, Dan and crew did a great job on the addition, which is done in brick and antique style street lamps, kind of reminiscent of the old Carol's in Chicago. The lights were also installed in the original part of the bar, creating a uniform look. By the way, their DJ, Spidey, can kick ass!

March 27, **Your Place** and their *Razzle Dazzle* troupe did a show, "Babes on Broadway" and celebrated a cast birthday party. Good crowd, great show. **Zippers** premiered their new weekly Wednesday prize night on March 30. From 8 to close, they have drawings every half hour, and all prize winners go into a drawing for a Grand Prize every 90 days.



Photos by Kim Z and Jeff Butler

It was a high time at the Ballgame on St. Pat's day when the bar celebrated its 21st anniversary.



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Calendar

WED., APRIL 6

Zipper: New weekly Wednesday prize night. 8pm-close. Drawings every 1/2 hour, all prize winners go into a drawing for grand prizes every 90 days.
La Cage: First Class Male (5 beautiful guys & 1 gorgeous woman). U.S. Tour; "The event of the year."

THURS., APRIL 7

Pivot Club (Appleton): First Class Male (5 male strippers with 1 woman dancer).
Bunkhouse (Rockford, IL): Bunkhouse reopens on Thursdays from 9pm-12am. \$1 well, wine, beer, Stan bartends.

FRI., APRIL 8

Club 219: Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire male dance revue.
AfterWords: BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 7:30-10:30. Store offers 10% off any AIDS related titles during testing.

SAT., APRIL 9

Country Dance Gala: Benefit for The Counseling Center's Mens & Womens Support Group programs. War Memorial Art Museum's Memorial Hall Ballroom, 7-11:30pm. \$7.50 advance, \$10 door. Featuring Country Two Step, Line Dance Lessons & Performances, plus raffle.
Runway 51 (Janessville): Excalibur Productions presents Madison's finest, showtime 10:30pm.
Wreck Room: Oberon's Club Nite; \$5 beer & soda bust, 10pm-on.
Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): Pride Committee benefit.
Integrity/Dignity (Madison): Board meeting at 10am, open to all members & interested parties. For more info call (608) 836-8886 or (608) 233-7465.
Bike Ride (Milw.): Meet at Lake Park Pavilion at 1pm for 20 mile ride, weather permitting. FMI; GAMMA 963-9833.
Club 94 (Kenosha): Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire male dancers, 11pm showtime.
Wreck Room: Granny Dunemall for Possum Queen, Culinary delights & beer bust 5-8pm.
Legal Battle Fundraiser (Madison): See Group Notes for details.

SUN., APRIL 10

M&M Club: Encore engagement of the unmatched Khri Francis.
UW-SP Pride Week: See Group Notes for more information.

Your Place: Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club benefit party, 7pm; Show, 8pm. Food, special beer bust & raffles, \$2 donation.

MON., APRIL 11

AfterWords: Book Club discussion on Paul Monette's **Becoming A Man**.
UW-SP Pride Week: See Group Notes for more info.

TUES., APRIL 12

UW-SP Pride Week: See Group Notes for more info.
SAGE/Milw. Meeting: 7pm, upstairs banquet room at M&M Club. Screening the film *Before Stonewall* followed by Lori Coleman, Wisconsin Stonewall 25 Representative. Pass-the-hat donation.
La Cage: Alison Moyet album release party and Bad Lyp Sync Contest hosted by Miss Jackie Roberts (sign up by 11pm). See ad for details.

WED., APRIL 13

UW-SP Pride Week: See Group Notes for more info.
La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 10pm-1am.

THURS., APRIL 14

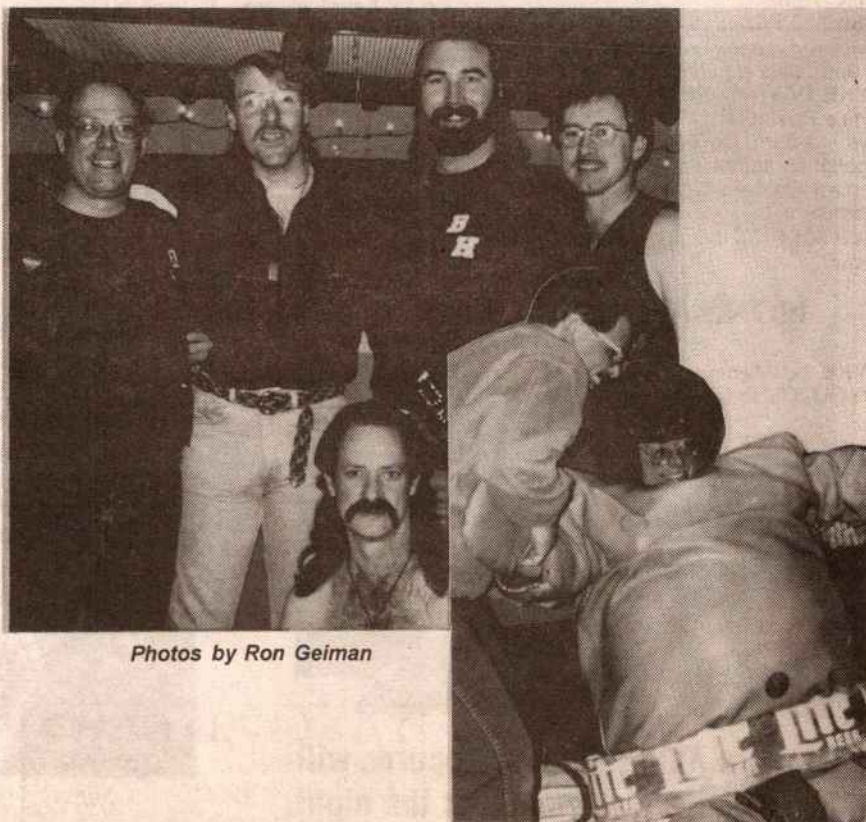
UW-SP Pride Week: See Group Notes for more info.
The New Bar (Madison): ABBA Gold Greatest Hits party, 9pm-midnight, ABBA give-aways.
Runway 51 (Janessville): Karaoke.

FRI., APRIL 15

Runway 51 (Janessville): April Birthday Baby's Bash. Free beer bash for all with April Birth ID; buffet.
The Pivot Club (Appleton): Sage La Rue, Ashley Morgan bring Miss 1101 West Barbie Mason back to the stage.
Club 219 Plus: Factory reunion weekend. Music from 1978 to now. Hard hat & cowboy hats to first 100 people after 9pm; T-shirt drawings.
S.O.S. Meeting (Milw.): Secular organizations for Sobriety alternative to religion oriented recovery programs. Spring meeting, 7pm, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady (side door). FMI call Gary at 778-2222 or Sue at 263-3249.

SAT., APRIL 16

Mil-MAIDS Annual Bowling Tournament (Madison): This year benefits the Madison AIDs Support Network for direct patient care. Sun Prairie Lanes, banquet to follow tournament at Fyfe's Corner Bistro (1344 E. Washington Ave., Madison).



Photos by Ron Geiman

Travlur Lounge/ Bunkhouse staffers and friends during the recent Sumo Wrestling event at the Rockford bar.

M&M Club: Singational Productions
Singing Machine performs.

Ice Skating (Milw.): Meet 1pm on the
ice at Petit National Ice Center. FMI
call GAMMA at 963-9833.

Bike Expo (Milw.): Tour the Wheel &
Sprocket Expo. FMI, call GAMMA 963-
9833.

Frontiers' Awards Dinner (Madison):
6pm, \$12 per person. Call Dave at
(608) 241-2500 FMI.

Dairyland Cowboys Dance
(Madison): 8-11pm, Apple Island, 849
E. Washington, \$4 door.

Stage Door (Rockford, IL): Drag-A-
Rama, \$2 cover benefits Rockford
Pride Committee.

Club 219 Plus: Factory Reunion
Weekend. Music from 1978 to now.
Hard hat & Cowboy hats to first 100
people after 9pm; T-shirt drawings.

SUN., APRIL 17

P-FLAG Milw. Meeting: Special
guests, members from LAMM, will
speak on Lesbian & Gay Parenting,
7pm. Martin Luther Lutheran Church,
9235 W. Bluemound Rd.

M&M Club: Michael McAssey performs
live.

Kiting (Milw.): Meet 2pm at Veterans
Park Kite shop, weather permitting. FMI
call GAMMA at 963-9833.

Triangle: Amanda for Possum Queen
Rally, 9pm.

Club 219 Plus: Factory Reunion
Weekend, special no-cover early show
at 9pm, plus regular late night show.

DYKE TV Premiere Party (Madison):
Fyfe's Restaurant (1344 E. Washington
Ave.), 3-5pm. Collection of program
highlights, appearances by Rep.
Tammy Baldwin & DYKE TV-Midwest
producers.

Club 3054 (Madison): Glamour Girls
show.

MON., APRIL 18

DYKE TV (Madison): Premiere on
WYOU (Cable Channel 4), 8:30pm.

WED., APRIL 20

Sherman Park Rainbow Assn.:
BESTD presents free, anonymous HIV
testing & counseling 7-9pm; also group
will discuss plans for PrideFest &
Shermanfest. Good Hope Lutheran
Church (3617 N. 48th St.).

Club 219 Plus: Miss Cosmopolitan, A
Wisconsin-USA preliminary.

AfterWords: Poetry Reading by Tim
Grair, 8pm, open mike to follow.

THURS., APRIL 21

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free,
anonymous HIV testing & counseling
8:30-11:30pm.

AfterWords: Lesbian/Gay Writers
Group, 7pm. Members of Different
Drummer will read original plays &
poetry. Open to all.

Wings (Madison): Underwear contest,
cash prizes.

FRI., APRIL 22

Dignity Midwest Regional Meeting
(Milw.): The first House of Delegates
session for the newly created Dignity/
Midwest Region thru April 24. \$25
registration fee. Meetings held at Best
Western Woodview Inn.

Club 219 Plus: Savage Male Dance
Revue.

SAT., APRIL 23

Runway 51 (Janesville): Sunset
Dames Show, 10:30 showtime.
Sabreena & Jennifer's Birthday Bash;
guest vocalist Debbie.

**2nd Annual P-FLAG "Wisconsin
Connection":** 8:30am Registration,
Program 9am-4:30pm, Quality Inn
South in Madison.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Savage Male
Revue.

1100 Club: Hungry For Love A benefit
for MAP's Food Pantry, 10:30pm,
donation of food or cash requested.
Four leather title holders will entertain.

SUN., APRIL 24

M&M Club: Michael McAssey
performs.

Club 219 Plus: Wednesday Addams
for Possum Queen rally. 1-5pm; beer
bust, food, silent auction.

8th Annual Sweet Sunday (Madison):
1:30-4:30pm, fundraiser for M.A.S.N.,
raffle, music & delectable desserts.
Wilson Street Grill. Tickets \$25 per
person.

Wings (Madison): Full Moon Mazo
Beach party.

Club 3054 (Madison): Steven's Spring
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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Homo-Types

Editor's Note: In this column, W.W. Wells finally manages to insult every segment of Gay society that he previously missed in earlier columns.

One of our favorite games while at the shopping mall (or the Eastside Pick N Save, the Petit Center, or just about ANY public place) is "Let's See Who's Gay." It's immense popularity recently caused an influential Gay rights organization (known only by it's acronym) to name *Spot The Homo* the "official queer pastime." And while our Gay-Dar is probably more reliable than a Ouija board, most straight people can walk right into a bar full of hairdos wearing pink triangles and not realize they are in Gay establishment, much less differentiate between the various types of Homos.

In fact, much of society would simply like to pile us into one big minority heap with a big sign that reads, "homosexuals' jammed in the middle. But we all know there's as many types of Gay Americans as there are flavors at Dairy Queen.

Lesbian Americans, on the other hand, are a completely different can of beans. A friend of mine visualizes some sort of Masonic-type order of Lesbians, in-born, complete with special complicated handshakes and symbols of rank. Most Gay men can't tell the difference between a Lesbian and a feminist and believe if you swing a cat at a Melissa Etheridge concert anything you hit is liable to be a Doc Marten clad Lesbian.

Since my Lesbian I.Q. lands somewhere between simpleton and complete dolt, this column will only dissect stereotypes for the male half of the queer population.

Club Homo Retail by day, club scene by night. Will state, "I'm Boooooorrrrrred"

immediately upon arrival at any destination. More attitude and fashion smarts than a double dose of Cindy Crawford, and neller than her husband. Hell for this Guy is a lifetime of bad hair days. Was voted most likely to become a celebutant in high school.

Appalachian Homo Imagine Jethro Bodine combined with the soundtrack from *Deliverance* and evidence of genetic inbreeding. Usually with overalls, with or without shoes and shirt are common characteristics. Best pick up line: "I think yer mouth is reecal purr-ty."

Beach Homo Sun bleached blond, well tanned and well defined best describes many of these porno star wanna-be's. Sub genres of the beach homo include V-Ball Homo, Surfer Homo and Stand Around In My **International Male Thong** Homo. These are not the brightest types of queer boys and are present mentally only on special occasions. Hey dude, even their brains are tan!

12 Step Homo Attends more meetings than a Fortune 500 executive. He wears his 12 Step Program like the Depends Undergarment of Life. Favorite drinks: La Croix with a twist, coffee and whine.

Health Spa Homo It's always the drop-dead gorgeous bod that overshadows everything else. Even dressed in a Hefty garbage bag, this guy pushes the salivation glands into overdrive. Hey... Tommy Tank Top, I'll shave your pecs for you!

Handbag Homo The male accessory carried by Lesbians when going out on the town. Okay, I had to have at least one cheap Lesbian reference.

The Homo Next Door The boy next door never looked this good (well, at least mine never did). A suburban sensibility becomes a showcase for a gorgeous young guy despite a totally vanilla sexual attitude that makes a bowl of ice milk look totally radical.

All American Homo Remember that quarterback you could never have in high

school? This is him. Athletic, active, it's amazing how his hair stays in place. Oh that's right, he borrowed Eric Menedez's toupee.

Leather Homo If cowboys were fashion slaves they'd look like this. Strictly polygamous, this guy needs a computer database to keep track of his conquests. Of course, most are not as butch as you might think... especially after seeing one doing the dishes in full leather. Hey, you're soaking in it!

Sci-Fi Homo The Wesley Crushers of Gay life. This guy is usually so young he looks like teen spirit. Too many nights watching *Battlestar Galactica* reruns leaves him with a body that looks like it was chiseled from a marshmallow.

Transgender Homo More effeminate than Donna Reed and Ru Paul combined. This guy is right at home in the The Limited's Big Girl section or the Dress Barn. He swishes so much he sways. Can you say, "lip synch?"

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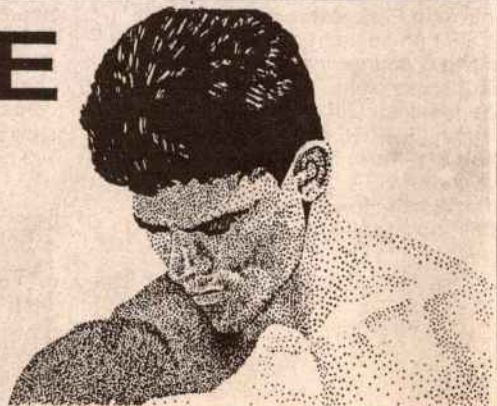


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By Shelly Roberts

It's Only Over When It's Done

"Get over yourself, Roberts! We're all out already." It was a kind of good natural bray coming at me during an early Spring party on South Miami Beach just after Miami's International AIDS walk. A couple of dozen of us were enjoying the ocean view from a deliciously deco apartment in a neighborhood that would shortly become massively unaffordable. The owners had made a really questionable purchase eight or ten years ago in an area where the hardware store's best-seller was iron window bars. They had placed their bet in cash, got a great price, locked up tight whenever they left the room. And waited for recovery.

Finally, recently, their friends had stopped scoffing. The bars came down. Fresh stucco in key lime colors won out over dinge. And the city moved to enhance the seaside walkway by widening the beach park across their

street, protecting their property value, and their view, from marauding high-rises.

I only mention it at all to give you an idea of the kind of savvy company we are in here. It was true of the whole room. Most were part-timers, dividing their years into South Florida winters, and Long Island summers, shifting Gay bases before the weather ever caught up to them.

It's a great life for anyone who can get away with it. And these ladies had been getting away for years.

Someone had asked me a simple scheduling question about a new, yearly phenomenon called "Decobreak" sponsored by one of the local magazines I'm in. Decobreak's designed to replace college rowdy, spring break money with Gay centsabilities. Lots of public parties, readings, concerts, the AIDS walk, something for everyone if everyone happened to need thawing, know a triangle bumper sticker from a university parking permit, and have ready credit cards. Those of us who already live or winter here love it, because it saves on airfare, and doesn't involve staying in Motel 6's.

As Jane flipped the magazine to me, it landed open at one of my "Come Out! Come Out! Where ever you are!" columns, and rest of the room joined in.

"Give it a rest." Someone chided. "We've all done that already, Girl. Donechew just know it!" I was assailed

but it wasn't a serious attack, so I slid the conversation into a loose discussion of catering and the party moved on.

Still, the thought's been nagging. And you know me, I'm hardly one to keep niggling little queries to myself, so, in true Lesbian tradition, I thought I'd share.

Because, to these ladies, every time I say publicly, "Come out. It's good for you. It's good for us." They think we're done. They really don't think there's anyone left to talk to. Maybe you do too.

Well, let me tell you.

About Adrianna.

You probably know her. Or her twin sister. Or her best friend. Or her clone. Maybe you know her from your mirror, and you should be answering my South Beach ladies if you could only find the words.

Adrianna is a woman whom I only know by voice because she calls me for help. The details of Adrianna aren't exactly accurate as I share them, because — and here's the point of course — it's dangerous. If the wrong people figure out that she's in one of my columns, it could get her dead.

High drama? No. High caliber weapons owned by a husband who still believes in property rights to his woman and kids. Killed. In this day and age. Imagine. Or should I say, remember?

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Closet...

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who gave her rigid right from wrong. Only she did. Fall in love with a woman. And now they meet when she can pretend she's working late at the office. Or when he is. Carefully. And he, good n a a t u r e e d Catholic/Methodist/Evangelical/Baptist/Capital H husband that he is, believes her when she says "best friend." He rolls his eyes and sneers, "Women." She can't stand much anymore to let him touch her. But she has to. And she giggles when he tells dyke or fag jokes he thinks are hysterical, and she's hysterical he'll find out.

"He hunts." She said "Kills things. Me too. He would." The low, steady quality to her voice testifies her truth. "And my mother? If I left him she'd *make* him take my kids. What do I do?" And I can't say. What would *you* say? Leave him? Take the kids? Can you promise the lovers won't end up as ballast? I can't.

But I can say to the South Beach ladies, and the ones who have already worked things out a little better for themselves, and to those who don't have high caliber husbands with hanging writs of habeas corpus, and to you, again, here, publicly, out loud "Come out! Come Out! Whenever you can!"

So that Adrianna's mother can read

about who we really are in *The Ladies Home Journal* and *The Readers Digest*. And maybe let Adrianna get away without murder. And maybe Adrianna won't feel quite so bad about herself. Or so alone.

I'm sorry. I know you've heard this lecture before. Not just from me. And I know you know. But the South Beach Ladies reminded me of just how easy it is, when it finally gets easier for each of us, to forget about all of us. To have our happy lives, content not to make any difference while we're busy not making any waves. To think that we're done.

I wanted to introduce you to Adrianna. Who looks a lot like you used to. Once. One of dozens I know personally. And I wanted to remind you, just in case it had slipped to the bottom of your list, that when you ask what difference coming out makes, it makes a difference.

Lives still do hang in the balance.

And when they don't any more, I promise, we're done.

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(Shelly Roberts is a nationally syndicated columnist, and author of *The Dyke Detector*, and *Hey Mom, Guess What...??!! 150 Ways To Tell Your Mother*, Paradigm Publishing.)



The Razzle Dazzle cast members put on a great show recently at Your Place.

Photos by Jamie Taylor

Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

Astrological Forecast for April

April showers? Frankly, I've never been a fan of water sports. Let us, instead, turn our attention to the fiery energy of April, typified by the two signs of the month; Aries with its unbridled energy and Taurus with its sensual beauty. All twelve signs will have a little more heat thanks to this duo. April watery? I think not.

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Stand back, world; you are brimming with self confidence. (So what else is new?) April allows your charisma to (figuratively) grab others by the throat and throttle them to your way of thinking. Although you may get your way, a brusque manner will turn people off. These people will return to get their revenge at another, more opportune time so be warned.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

You have never been more attuned to your own psychic, intuitive inner self. What do those voices say?... help others. Yes! The only way to achieve true peace of mind is to give a little more of yourself to the truly needy and sick. Volunteer your time at hospices, hotlines or organizations that help our causes. You get the idea...

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Friends take on a more central role in your life this month. They will be there to lend you much needed support when

you feel that the corporation has grinded you to a fine powder or when your signals get crossed with your lovers. You will also expand your social circle with friends of friends. Join a club or an organization that shares your views of the world.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

If there was ever a time to gain the upper political ground this is it. All roads point to success in your profession so make good use of this planetary energy. Don't bother to go on vacation now. Vacations can wait! Your heart, mind and efforts are all focused on achievement and you even have the ear of those in authority. Go for it.

Leo (July 24 - August 23)

You may feel trapped, confined, bored. Time to let loose and try to explore new vistas and areas of opportunity. The spark may come from travel or from a new course of study. It could be as simple as a series of exotic dinners followed by foreign films. The worst thing you can do is plod along on the same old path. There is nothing sadder than a tired old lion.

Virgo (August 24 - September 23)

I hope you have someone who can help stoke the hot ember of passion in you. April showers will not dampen your sexual enthusiasm! This energy may not result in forging new or stronger partnerships, so don't expect more than a good time for now. What the heck — enjoy what is offered and worry about partnerships at another time.


Libra (September 24 - October 23)

Libras thrive on balance and diplomacy and you can achieve that this month with partners and close

associates. Work may still be an area of stress and strain, but you can rely on a sympathetic shoulder and a strong arm to bolster you up. In return, you will be able to provide something of value either emotionally or with some kind favors.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)


If you feel buried by job tasks and day-to-day work, now is the time to bring out the bulldozer and clear them all away. You will move mountains this month and can tackle any job efficiently and effectively. Good thing too; they have been running you ragged and you need this planetary force to light a fire under you. Do what you must and relax later.



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Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22)

Board the train for Party Central! Your mind is focused on fun and frolic this month. Work? Forget it. That can wait. For now, its whatever turns you on

— discos, theater, the bar scene or a tea dance. This is a good way to let off a little steam, but keep a watchful eye on expenses. Too much fun could cost more money than you expect.

Capricorn (December 23 - January 20)

Home is where the heart is. You truly enjoy sitting round the camp fires

this month so buy extra groceries and invite over a few close pals. Your self confidence has been roughed up by the outside world and you may have found that words fail you on occasion. This is an excellent time to patch up the spirit with the help of a few friendly faces. Chin up, dear.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19)

Eloquence is your middle name this month. You are able to say just the right thing at the right time to achieve the perfect effect. Make speeches, write a few articles, make your opinions known. Try to use your gift of gab to bolster up your monetary situation. Tie up loose ends in finances to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)

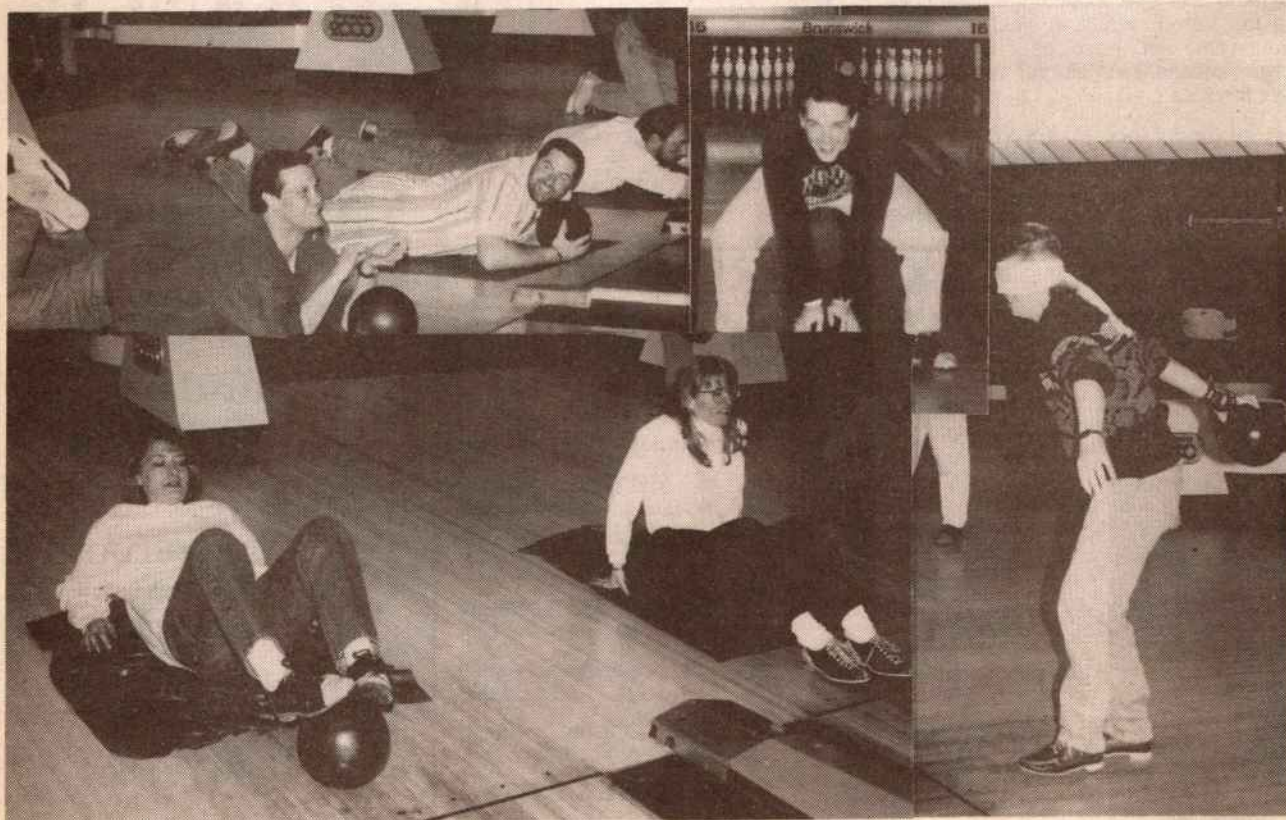
What has been a tricky situation financially, will work out beautifully. Money will come to you from expected and unexpected sources. This largess comes none too soon — you were beginning to worry about how you would meet your expenses and this was beginning to impact your public confidence. Thank goodness it all worked out.

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Lots of out of town visitors joined The Office owners, Mike and Dan (wearing tuxes) to celebrate their anniversary and expansion.

Photo by Spike King



The annual RITA bowl fundraiser for the Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) involved some pretty contorted positions.

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News...

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to: Chancellor John Schroeder, UW-Milwaukee, Engelmann Hall 125, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201 (414) 229-4331; and to President Katharine C. Lyall, University of Wisconsin System, 1720 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1557 (608) 262-2321.

On March 17, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors defeated a resolution recognizing PrideFest '94 by a close 11-12 vote. The measure did not involve any county funds, it merely recognized the economic and cultural benefits the festival brings to the Milwaukee. Last year, PrideFest drew more than 13,000 people. When **In Step** called a Gay-positive Board member to learn who had opposed the resolution, the supervisor had this witty reply: "The usual suspects."

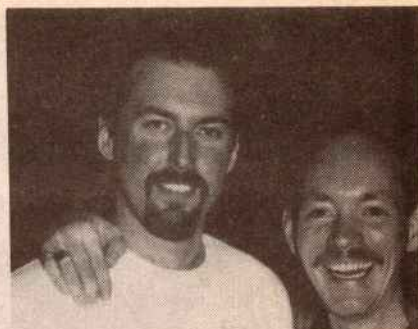
For the record, those supervisors opposing the resolution were: Tom Bailey, Mark Borkowski, Richard Bussler, Daniel Cupertino, Jr., Dan Diliberti, Lee Holloway, Robert Jackson, James Koconis, LeAnn Launstein, Richard Nyklewicz Jr., Nathaniel Stampely and David Zepecki.

The chief sponsor of the resolution was Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones. She was joined in supporting the measure by Sheila Aldrich, Anthony

Czaja, Dorothy Dean, Lynne DeBruin, Terrance Herron, Lawrence Kenny, Michael Mayo, Karen Ordinans, Penny Podell and Roger Quindel.

Supervisor Anthony Zielinski, who was catapulted into office largely through the efforts of veteran Gay activist Leon Rouse, was absent for the vote. When asked how he would have voted, Zielinski said he hadn't really thought about it. Supervisor Richard Kuzminski was also absent.

All the supervisors can be contacted at (414) 278-4222.



These Wreck Room bartenders were obviously having a good time during the bars St. Pat's party.

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Registration for Gay Games Extended to April 18

New York, NY — The organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival have announced that the deadline for athlete registration has been extended to April 18 in sports with available spaces remaining. The \$50 late registration fee has been waived as well.

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, to be held June 18-25 in and around New York City is expected to draw more athletes than participated in the 1992 Summer Olympics. Gay Games IV competition will be held in 31 individual sports from aerobics, badminton and basketball to bowling, cycling, golf, ice hockey and judo to martial arts, powerlifting, soccer and squash, to table tennis, track and field, triathlon, water polo and wrestling.

Due to an overwhelming response in registration, several sports have already reached or approached capacity. Tennis, which is being contested at the United States Tennis Association's National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, site of the US Open, was the first sport to hit capacity, with over 600 registrants. Swimming, volleyball, squash, martial arts and badminton are close to maximum participation numbers, but are still accepting athletes.

As of March 17, 8,500 participants had signed up for athletic events. Registrations have come in from over 31 countries, including the Czech Republic, Ghana, Malaysia and Peru. Attorney General Janet Reno has signed a special waiver order allowing Gay Games participants outside the US who may have HIV or AIDS to visit the US for a ten day period. There should be no problems getting through at the borders.

"Our registration numbers have been fantastic so far," said Roz Quarto, Director of Operations for Gay Games IV. "But with the extension of the deadline and the removal of the late fee we're making our event accessible to many more athletes."

Individuals having difficulty finding teams to play on in team sports can contact the Games Team Matching Coordinator Jane Coban at (212) 877-3941. Already, softball players from New Zealand have been hooked up with New York athletes in the New York Internationals Squad.

BOVINE BABES BENEFIT

A benefit will be held at the Barrymore Theater in Madison April 14 for the Bovine Babes women's soccer team which will be competing the the Gay Games this summer. Tina and the B-Side Movement, Ladybeard and Cornelius Klein will perform at the show which starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at A Room of One's Own, the Mifflin Street Co-Op, Star Liquor and The Exclusive Company on State Street.

Here are important contact numbers for Gay Games:

- ▼ Team Wisconsin: (608) 255-8582.
- ▼ Registration/Volunteering: (212) 633-9494.
- ▼ Tickets: (212) 883-9060.
- ▼ Merchandise: (800) 622-0066.

PrideFest & Lite Beer Volleyball Tournament

Openings for Several Teams Available

Milwaukee — Over one hundred Gay and Lesbian volleyball players will gather at the PrideFest grounds for an all-day tournament on Saturday, June 11. Sponsored by Miller Lite

beer and presented by Milwaukee GAMMA, this new feature to PrideFest will provide hot action and excitement for PrideFest's many spectators.

Social and competitive teams from throughout the Midwest will play from 8:30am until about 6:30pm on six grass courts in Veteran's Park. Designed both as a warm-up for the Gay Games in New York City and as a way to have Fun in the Sun, the PrideFest Lite beer Volleyball Tournament at Milwaukee's Lake Front will have a round of pool play in the morning and two single-elimination divisions in the afternoon.

Each team will play six games in the morning, and from two to nine games during the afternoon's refereed tournaments. Team registration is \$90 which includes dinner on Saturday night and a PrideFest/Lite beer T-Shirt for each player. Special housing for out-of-town teams will be available at private homes or arranged through Bottom Line Travel at the Holiday Inn on Wisconsin Avenue.

Cash, trophies, and game ball prizes will be awarded to winning teams. In addition to working with perspective teams in Toronto, Minnesota, Chicago, and Ohio; Bob Moore, tournament manager, is recruiting six-person teams from the In Step distribution area. Anyone interested in forming a team should write or call him c/o GAMMA at P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or (414) 963-9833 for registration material.

GAMMA's Biking Season Begins!

Milwaukee — On Saturday, April 9th, the easy riders will open GAMMA's biking season with a casual 20 mile ride from Milwaukee's Lake Park to Fairy Chasm Road. All bikers from Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community are welcome to bring their (human-propelled) bikes to the East Side's Lake Park Pavilion at 1pm. Take-off is at 1:10pm, sharp, from the big rock on the western face of the pavilion.

Our northbound route will be on Lake Drive; we'll cross I94 on County Line Road and proceed south to Lake Park on the '76 bike trail. The terrain is level — and our speed will be determined by the participants. This is a "weather permitting" event.

Other biking events for the month of April include the deadline for team registrations for the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts on April 14th; the ride is June 5th. Bob Moore, biking chairman, welcomes anyone in the community to join GAMMA's team, the price is \$16 which includes a three-logo T-Shirt. On Saturday, April 16th, at 3:30pm GAMMA will tour Wheel & Sprocket's Biking Expo at State Fair Park.

The final ride of the month will be at 1pm on Sunday, April 24th. Starting location is the Park & Ride lot on Watertown Plank Road, near US 45. We'll do the western section of the '76 trail. Again, level terrain.

GAMMA's most relaxed activity, kiting, ran into bad weather in March. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 17th at 2pm in Veterans' Park. For further information or a weather check on any of these events, contact GAMMA at (414) 963-9833.

Bowling News

Spring H.I.T. League Forming

Milwaukee — Want to join a fun and short bowling league where you can meet new and old friends and most of all have fun?

Spring H.I.T. League is just around the corner and we're hoping to fill all 16 lanes this year! This is a 10 week league and bowling is on Tuesday nights at 7pm at landmark Lanes. We will have a meeting on May 3rd at 7pm with free bowling afterwards. For more info contact Jeff at 332-9414 or David at 778-1525.

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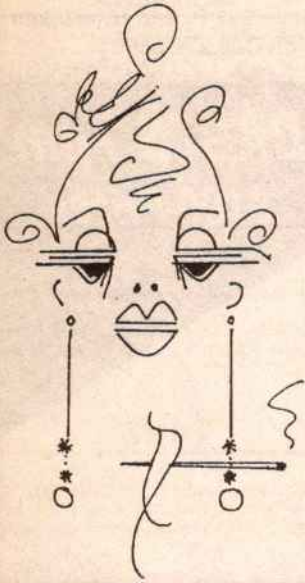
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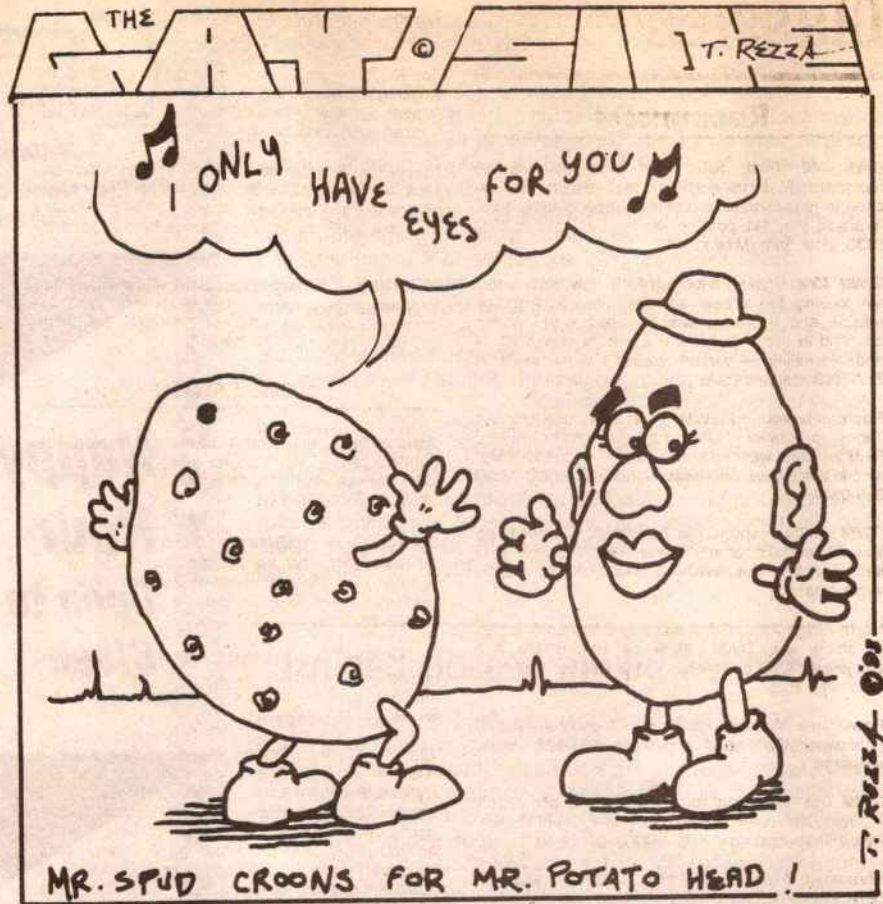
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BIWM 40's: If you are looking for a new roommate I am looking for a new address. I'm clean, quiet, reliable and a steady worker... and enjoy cross-dressing at home. If you are a mature interested — and interesting — person, please call me at (414) 777-3903, Jeanne (Milw.).

Roommate wanted GWM: To share house near Vic Tanny on Hawley Road. 5 minutes from downtown. Rent includes washer/dryer, central air conditioning, built-in appliances, microwave, and utilities. \$250, call 259-0341.

GWM seeks responsible compatible roommate to share 2 bedroom flat in Sherman Park. \$250/mo. plus sec. dep. & phone. Available now. Call 873-1250 & leave message.

North Ridge Area: GWM has nice 2 bedroom duplex to share with GWM. Must be responsible and employed. \$250 per month + 1/2 utilities. Call 355-4119 after 5:30.

Roommate Wanted: To share 2 bedroom flat in Riverwest (Milw.). Must like animals. 963-4794, leave message.

GWM has Bedroom for rent. \$240.00 per month includes utilities except phone. 11th & Grant (Milw.). Available immediately. 672-6442.

Riverwest Area: Responsible GWM to share 2 bedroom home. All utilities included except phone. Off-street parking. \$250.00/mo. Call after 5pm, 562-3825.

GWM Seeks Responsible WM compatible roommate to share 2 bedroom apt. in Bay View. Close to #15 bus line. 20-30 years old. Available now; Furnished room. Call after 5am, 482-0415.

Responsible Gay Adult Wanted To rent furnished room in N.W. Milw. Home. Room includes cable TV, use of kitchen, laundry & workout Room. Bus line nearby. \$185/mo. + deposit. Call Dani at 222-5051 or 442-8656.

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For Rent: Carpeted 1 bedroom upper w/appliances & garage. 58th & Wright. \$400 plus \$400 security deposit. Does not include utilities. Available May 1st. If no answer leave message, 444-2513.

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Keefe 805 East, Large West Bank (Riverwest) three bedroom duplex upper. Garage, fenced yard, full basement, insulated, attic etc. \$425/mo. Call John, 577-2379, May 1st. 771-7743.

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M	Prefer Men Only
Mw	Mostly Men, Women Welcome
W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
G/S	Gay & Straight Mixed
L/L	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 88) Appleton 54915 730-0440
- 7 Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F)** 702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 954-9262

RESTAURANTS

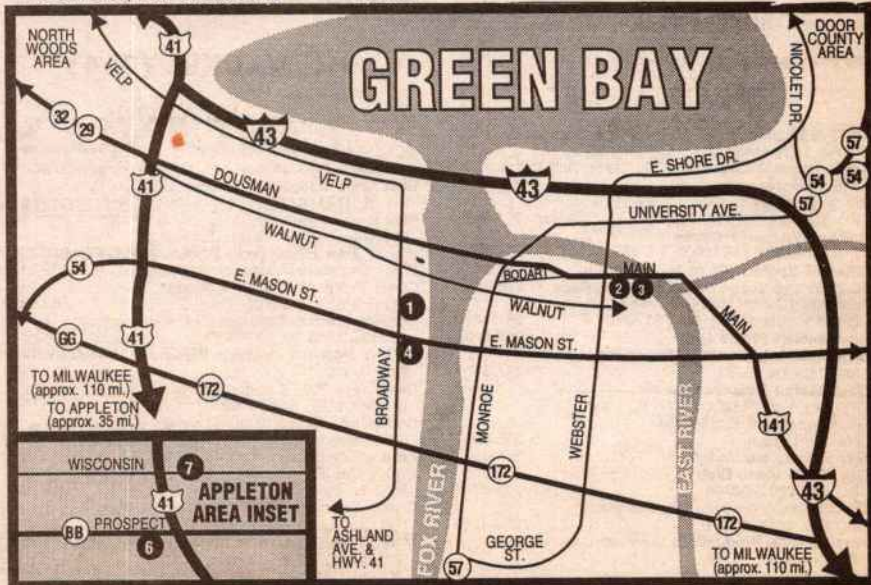
- Grand American Cafe (G/S)** 800 Eisenhower, Kimberly 731-0164

ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)** 725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 (414)235-5100
- Men's HIV+ Support Group** Appleton 733-2068
- Family HIV Support Group** Appleton 733-2068
- 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



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
- Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly) 494-9904
- Bay City Chorus PO Box 1901, 54305 494-5029
- 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
- Men's HIV+ Support 437-7400
- Women's HIV+ Support 437-7400
- 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

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
- Men's HIV Support Group Sturgeon Bay 733-2068

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

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 Phaze 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

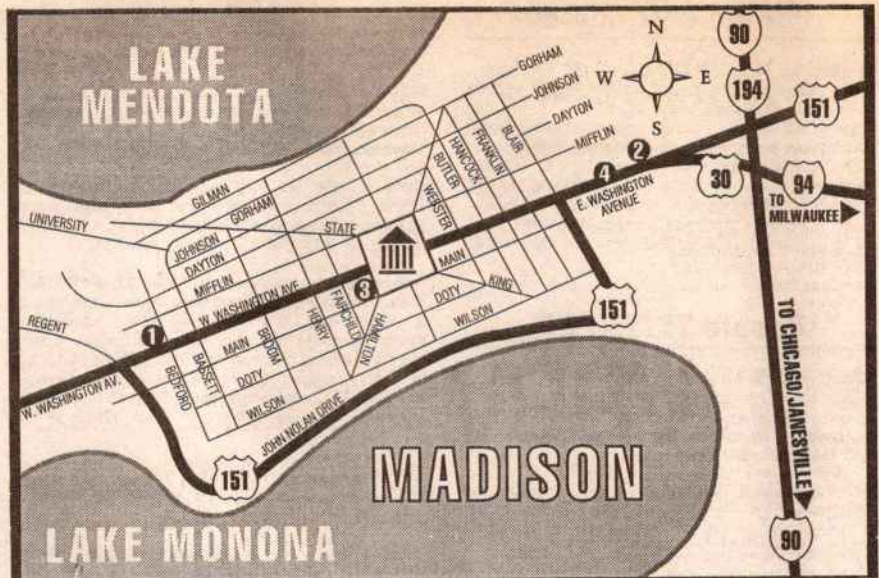
BULLETIN BOARDS

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

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
- 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 Frontiers (Gay/BI Men's Activities Organ.) 14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703 251-7424
- Gay/Lesbian Phone Line 255-4297
- 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

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- 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, Gay and Bi Law Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
- 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
- Womonsong (Women's Choral Group) 246-2681

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
- James Reab Unitarian Universalist Church 242-8887

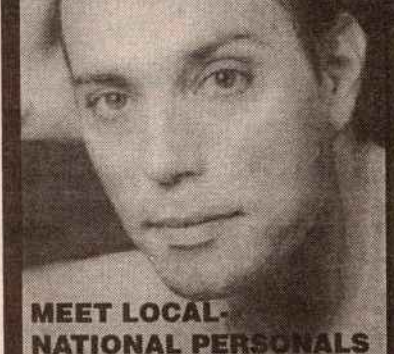
MILWAUKEE (414)

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
- Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) 48-4262
- Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
- 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) 521-1259
- DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
- Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co)
PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673

- Fest City Singers (Gay choral group)
PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
- Front Runners/Walkers 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 341811, 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 (608)831-4038
- Imani (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians)
PO Box 92146, 53202 521-4565
- Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203 871-4839
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MACT (Men of All Colors Together)
PO Box 12292, 53212 Veral 347-0580

Dave 527-4296

MGALA (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club 332-0349

Milwaukee Bondage Club (SM/BD)
3109 W National #805, 53215 669-BDSM

Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) 543-4850

Outdoors 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) 276-6936

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
PO Box 76115, 53216 777-3986

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 548-4262

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

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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

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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

BESTD Women's Clinic
1240 E. Brady 53202 272-2144

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Alternate Lifestyles BBS
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sub-boards) 873-1680

GLINN Multi-Board Super System (news, personals
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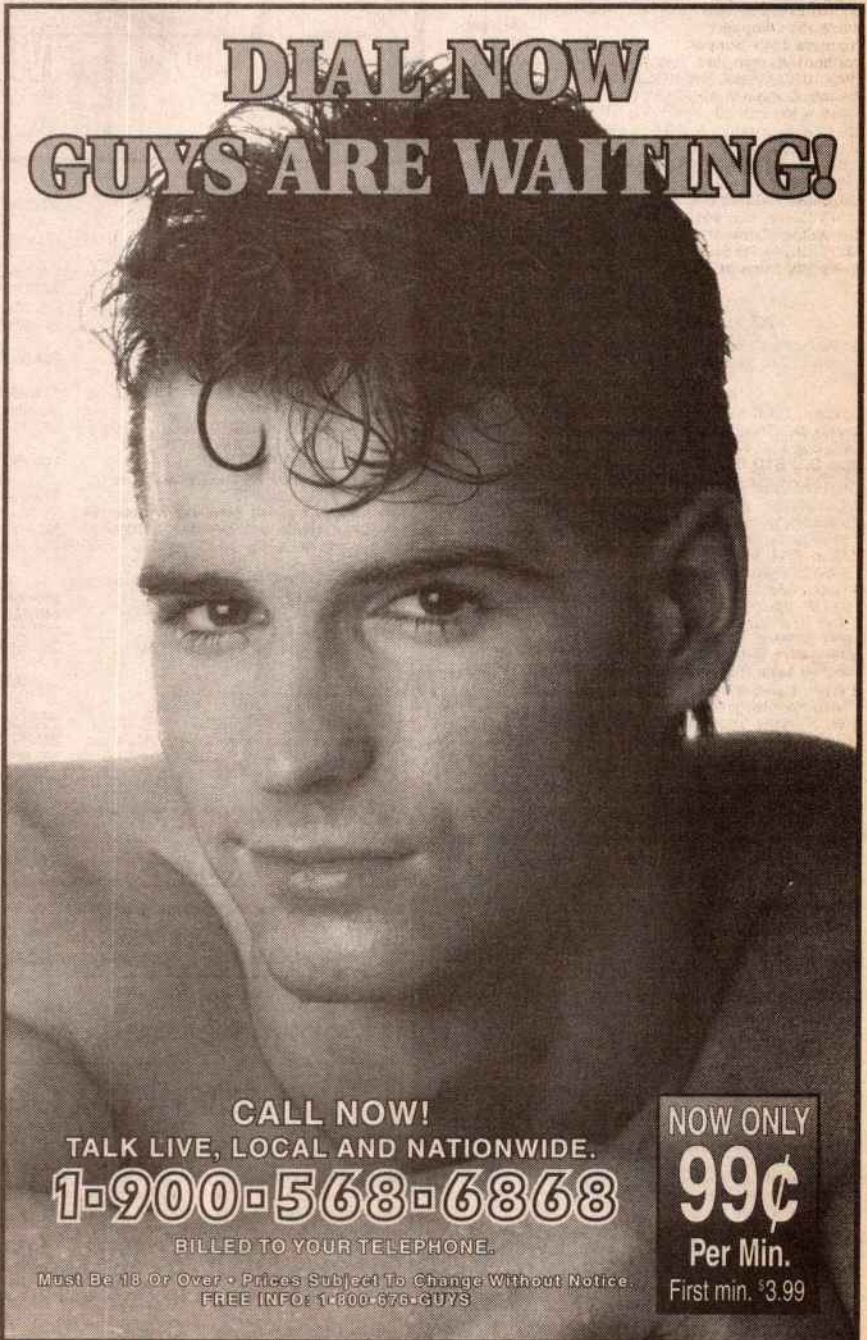
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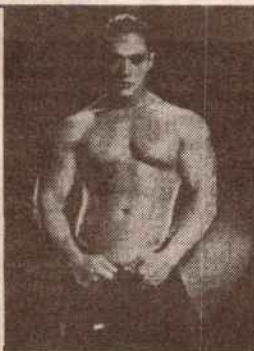
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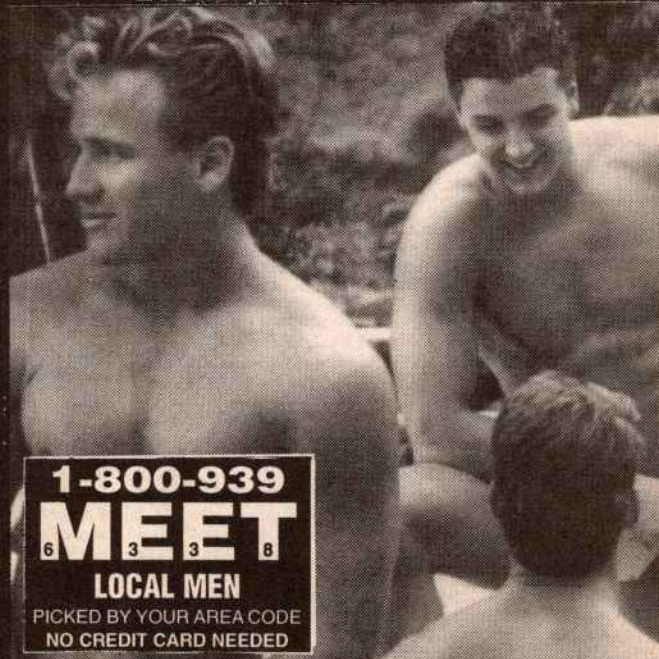
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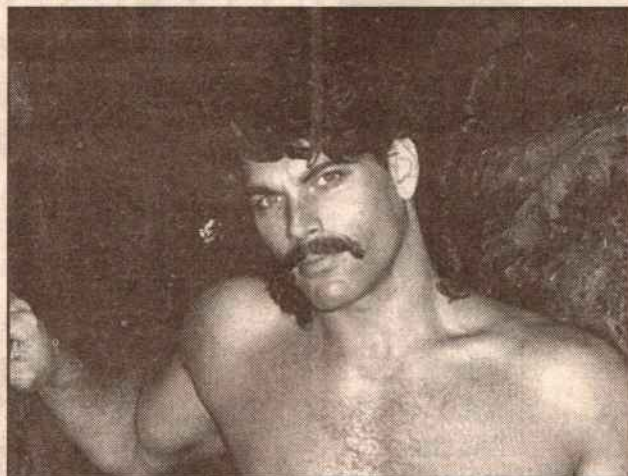
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Madison **MILITARY SCENES:** Workouts, crewcuts and having fun your thing? Call me. ☎20744

Wassau **THRU THE UPS AND DOWNS:** 23 yr old WM Bi-guy seeks a relationship with a WM 18-25. ☎20758

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: 5'11", 165, seeking 18-26 yr olds. Must be fairly liberal and a non-smoker. ☎20777

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WI WHERE DO YOU THINK?: GWM, 21, 145, 5'10". I am seeking an honest guy who thinks with his heart. ☎11508

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Milwaukee BE SINCERE: 22 year old with brn hair and grn eyes seeks honest and sincere men. I enjoy quiet evenings ☎18750

Milwaukee GOT ON MY SISTER'S BEST: 35 year old crossdresser seeks others or TS/TV's. ☎18890

Milwaukee HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR: 18 year old into wrestling, football and workout. Seeking 18-25 year olds. ☎18816

Appleton **SPORTS-MINDED:** 34 year old WM. I am inexperienced and seeking a 27-37 year old. I am into music, golf, tennis, skiing and more. ☎19054

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WI **PARTY ON, DUDES**: Bi-head banger into partying. I can be creative and flexibl. #14259

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Milwaukee **ALL I NEED IS YOU**: Greg is on his way out and willing to try anything. #10570

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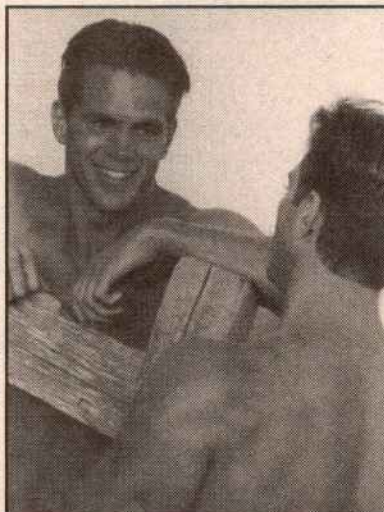
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Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE**: Looking for someone to party without the strings attached. Good looking and easy going. #9940

Milwaukee **TOUGH TP WANTED**: Seeking 19-24. Must be masc tp. #10069

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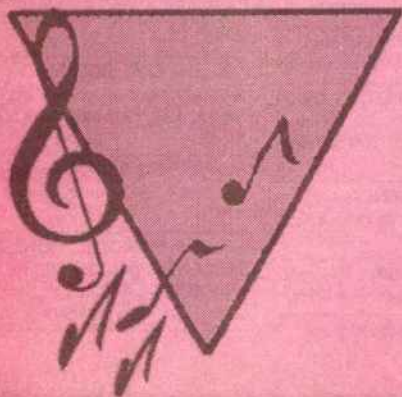
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