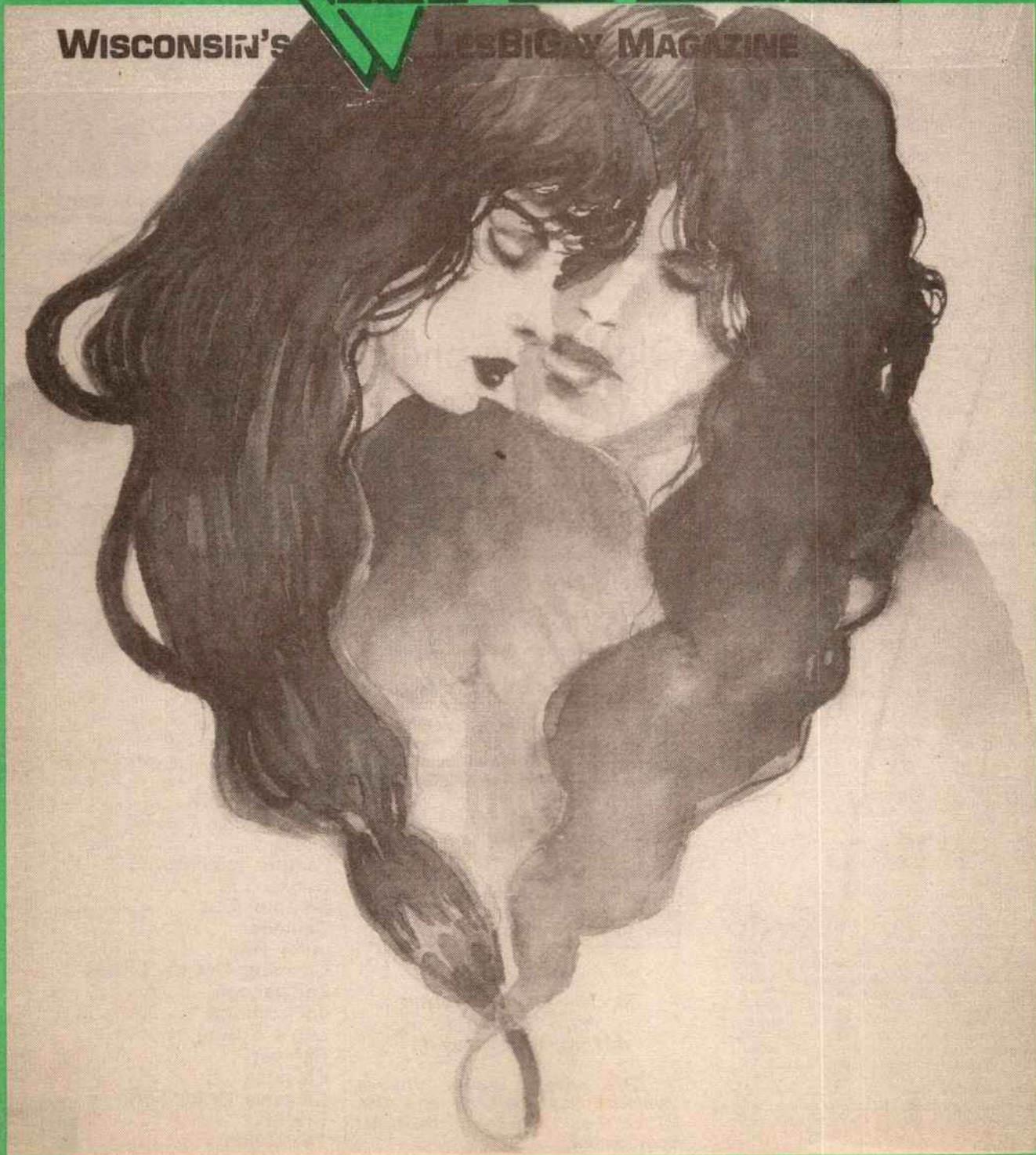


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This issue's cover is the second water color work by UW-Milwaukee artist Laura Robles that has appeared on our cover.

We must admit, we've fallen in love with the look of a photo on our cover so you won't be seeing as much original art as in previous years. However, original art still will make appearances for holidays and special events.

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Judge Parins Reverses Dismissal of Dahmer Cops

Officers, Union Gloat; Community Leaders Outraged

Milwaukee — Many community leaders have expressed outrage over the April 27 decision by Reserve Circuit Judge Robert Parins to reinstate the two Milwaukee police officers fired for dereliction of duty in the Jeffrey Dahmer case. Parins' ruling reversed a November, 1992 decision by the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission to fire the cops for "gross negligence" in mishandling the Konerak Sinthasomphone incident.

"The process by which this came about is a travesty of justice and a mockery of the democratic process," Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee told **In Step**.

"That a retired judge, one old white guy who doesn't even live in the city, can overturn the only citizen oversight committee monitoring the Milwaukee Police Department is just not right," Barber said.

"I can't believe that a retired judge from Green Bay with no accountability to the people of Milwaukee can override our own Fire and Police Commission. It's ludicrous!" said Stephanie Hume.

Hume, who has been the Gay and Lesbian community's liaison to the MPD on the Community Oriented Policing Advisory Committee set up after the Dahmer murders, said: "Judge Parins clearly does not understand the social and moral and political ramifications his decision will have on the minority communities in this city."

"...A travesty of justice and a mockery of the democratic process."

African American community leader Jeannetta Robinson, who serves as a spokeswoman for some of the families whose loved ones were killed by Dahmer, told the **Milwaukee Sentinel**: "The perpetrators keep getting restored, while the victims go from pain to pain. The survivors have not received any justice."

"DOUBLE STANDARD"

Alderman George Butler, an officer on leave from the MPD, said the decision to exonerate the officers was yet another example of the "double standard of justice" that exists in the disciplinary treatment of white and

African American officers. (A number of Black officers have joined in a class action suit charging the MPD with discriminatory practices.)

Officer Joseph Gabrish was pleased with the decision, saying it vindicated him and his partner John Balcerzak, proving they had been misjudged. Gabrish posed for photo on the front page of the **Milwaukee Sentinel** in which he held up an old **Sentinel** with the headline *2 Officers Fired in the Dahmer Case*. Seated next to the police union President, Bradley DeBraska, Gabrish and Debraska sported big grins.

As they have before, Gabrish and DeBraska called for Police Chief Philip Arreola to resign. It was Arreola who fired the cops after it was learned they had had contact with Dahmer months before his capture but failed to assist the 14-year old boy, Konerak, who was fleeing from him.

Gabrish said he intended to sue the City of Milwaukee and the MPD for denying him his rights to due process. Both he and Balcerzak are also eligible for back pay and benefits in excess of \$100,000. Balcerzak maintained a low profile and did not initially speak to the press.

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

Officers Gabrish and Balcerzak were fired by Chief Arreola in September of 1991 after it was learned they had had contact with Dahmer in May that year, two months before his crimes were discovered. They were called to his neighborhood by two young Black women who witnessed the bruised and naked Konerak attempting to flee Dahmer.

The young women, African Americans, said when the cops arrived on the scene neither Gabrish nor Balcerzak would listen to their eye witness accounts but instead trusted Dahmer, who said Konerak was his adult lover who was simply intoxicated. The cops went into Dahmer's apartment where, despite a strong stench and the presence of Tony Hughes's dead body in Dahmer's bedroom, failed to detect anything suspicious. Dahmer killed Konerak after they left, as well as three more men before being apprehended in July.

The officers also ignored the pleas of Good Samaritan Glenda Cleveland, mother and aunt to the female witnesses, who called police afterwards to make sure the Konerak was alright. Balcerzak repeatedly dismissed her concerns. The men could also be heard

laughing about the incident on their police radio that night.

The Fire and Police Commission sustained Chief Arreola's termination of the officers by a vote of 4-1. The Commission found them guilty of seven charges relating to their failure to conduct a proper investigation, among them: failure to properly identify a minor; failure to obtain the names and addresses of witnesses; and failure to sufficiently investigate the scene.

But Judge Parins attacked the Commission's finding of "gross negligence." He called the firings disproportionate to the mistakes made by the officers and "shocking to one's sense of fairness."

"The Commission amazingly concluded that the conduct of the officers was intentional," said Parins in angry tones. "That is totally inconsistent with the findings of gross negligence which constitutes a willful, wanton intention not to do their duty."

Parins acknowledged that mistakes were made, but that a more just punishment would be a 60-day suspension. Both officers have moved on to other jobs. Gabrish took a police job in Grafton and Balcerzak is running a tavern, Fuzzy's, on Milwaukee's south side. Neither indicated whether he would rejoin the MPD.

An appeal of Parins' decision is unlikely. Members of the Fire and Police Commission have expressed the desire to "move on" and "close this chapter in Milwaukee history." There are also some questions about whether and to whom exactly it can be appealed.

Stephanie Hume was frustrated with the oft-stated desire by Milwaukee leaders to "move on."

"Move on from what?" she asked rhetorically. "When you fix something you can move on. But if you leave a mess like this behind, you'll only have to deal with it again."

She said she and other Gay and Lesbian community leaders continue to work with the MPD to implement reforms in police training and police-community relations in the wake of the Dahmer case.

"We've just got to keep after them," she said of the Milwaukee Police Department.

Miriam Ben-Shalom Wins Prestigious Stonewall Award

Wisconsin Native Honored for Longtime Activism

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Wisconsin's own Miriam Ben-Shalom, the longtime Gay rights activist best known for her legal battle with the Army, has been awarded one of four prestigious Stonewall Awards. The annual awards, with a cash grant of \$25,000, are given to people "who have contributed to the quality of life for the Gay and Lesbian community."

"At first, I didn't believe it. I thought it was some kind of con," Ben-Shalom told *In Step*. When it was confirmed by the Chicago-based Anderson Prize Foundation, Ben-Shalom says she felt "humbled, awed and honored, especially to be among such magnificent company."

Ben-Shalom referred to the other recipients: pioneering Gay rights advocate Frank Kameny, 68; African American author and activist Barbara Smith, 47; and AIDS activist Rick Osborne, 43. More details about them later.

Ben-Shalom was both lighthearted and serious about what she will do with the prize money.

"First I went out to look for a Harley Davidson," she said excitedly. But the prices, even for used ones, were a little steep. Instead, she decided it might be more practical to get a new pair of glasses or a computer and stash the rest away in savings.

"First I went out to look for a Harley..."

But her passion for civil rights entered into her dreams as well. "I might put aside some as seed money for a national defense fund so we can challenge discrimination on different fronts," said the longtime activist.

BEN-SHALOM'S RECORD

Ben-Shalom, born in East Troy but a Milwaukeean for most of her adult life, came out as a Lesbian in 1973. She joined the Army in 1974 and became a top-rated drill sergeant but was ordered discharged two years later when she responded honestly to a superior's inquiry that, yes, indeed, she was a Lesbian.

Ben-Shalom filed suit against the Army in 1976, launching a costly and up-and-down legal battle that lasted until February, 1990, when the US Supreme Court refused to hear her final appeal, a day she remembers as one of the worst in her life.

Through the many years of her legal

challenge, Ben-Shalom became a national figure in the struggle for Gay and Lesbian rights, traveling near and far to speak of her own experience and encourage others to organize and become active.

Back in Milwaukee, she became a board member and chairman of the Gay People's Union. She led protests against police raids on Gay bars in the "bad old days" when the reactionary Harold Breier was still Police Chief. In 1980-81, Ben-Shalom helped lobby for the passage of a statewide Gay rights law, the first ever passed, which has earned Wisconsin the unofficial title of the "Gay Rights State."



Milwaukee Stonewall Award Recipient Miriam Ben-Shalom.

Photo by Pat A. Robinson

In 1989, Ben-Shalom was the Grand Marshall of Milwaukee's Gay Pride Parade. As a teacher for the public schools, she served on a committee which proposed special counseling and referrals for Gay and Lesbian teens and the inclusion of nonjudgmental information on sexual orientation in appropriate areas of school curriculum. She was heartbroken when the School Board, pressured by fundamentalist fanatics, watered down the proposal.

She led protests against police raids on Gay bars in the "bad old days"...

Last year, she spent much of her time in Washington and traveling the country, lobbying for the repeal of the Pentagon's ban on Gays and Lesbians. She was exhausted and disheartened when Congress went ahead and codified the ban into law, but remains confident that the courts will ultimately overturn it.

Ben-Shalom is active in her block

club and in crime prevention efforts in her west side neighborhood and is currently working hard organizing this year's PrideFest, set for June 11-12 on Milwaukee's lakefront. In *Step* talked with her the night before she was embarking on a "road trip" to Appleton and Green Bay to spread the word about the Pride Festival.

"PrideFest is for all of Wisconsin," she said enthusiastically. "We want people to come from all over to be part of the celebration, to be entertained and inspired and educated. We want straight folks to come too so they can see what kind, gentle and contributing people we are."

"We have to work harder to create a better future."

When asked about future plans, Ben-Shalom said she was considering running for Mayor of Milwaukee, not just as a Lesbian, but on a broad platform of reform.

"As a teacher, I'm concerned with what I see among today's youth. We need to market the city more aggressively, bring more industry, bring more jobs, bring some hope to the people in the neighborhoods."

In a comment about Milwaukee that could just as well refer to her lifelong Gay rights work, Ben-Shalom said: "We have to work harder to create a better future."

THE STONEWALL AWARDS

The Stonewall Awards are sponsored by the Anderson Foundation with funds drawn from a \$1.2 million bequest of the late Paul A. Anderson, who died of AIDS complications in 1992. They are named after the bar in Greenwich Village where Gays and Lesbians rebelled against a police raid in 1969, sparking the beginning of widespread Gay rights activism.

Honored along with Ben-Shalom was Frank Kameny, a founder of Washington DC's Mattachine Society (in 1961) who early on campaigned against Pentagon policies and government security clearances which excluded Gays. Kameny helped organize the first picket lines protesting anti-Gay discrimination at the White House in 1965 and agitated for 30 years against the District of Columbia's sodomy law, which was finally repealed in 1993.

Barbara Smith, 47, has been a leader of the African American Lesbian feminist movement for 20 years. She is a founder of the Combahee River Collective, was one of the first educators to teach Black Women's Studies and has authored two books on the subject. She

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Brummer To Be Tried On First Degree Murder Charge

Pleads Not Guilty

By John Cain

Madison — Penny Brummer, the Madison lesbian accused of killing her ex-girlfriend's best friend, was bound over for trial on a first degree murder charge. Dane County Circuit Court Judge Jack F. Aulik ruled at the April 21 preliminary hearing that prosecutor Ann Sayles had presented sufficient evidence to warrant charging Brummer with the murder of Sarah Gonstead. Brummer pleaded not guilty.

Much of the testimony centered around establishing a chronology of events for March 14, the night of Gonstead's disappearance. Dane County detective Kenneth Pledger testified that Brummer had told him in an interview that she and Gonstead had been bar hopping on Madison's east side, and that she had left Gonstead at a parking lot near Club 3054 at about 11:30pm so Gonstead could walk to the apartment of Glenda Johnson, Brummer's ex-girlfriend and Gonstead's best friend.

This story conflicted with testimony given by Heather Engen, a bartender at Jake's Bar and Grill in Pine Bluff. Engen stated that Brummer and Gonstead had arrived at Jake's at approximately 10pm and stayed until around 12:45am. Engen also testified that the two women left together. Jake's is just under two miles from where Gonstead's body was found.

ACCESS TO WEAPONS

Another issue was whether Brummer had access to a .22 caliber weapon. A .22 caliber bullet was recovered from Gonstead's body, but police have not found the murder weapon. Nancy Brummer, Penny's mother, testified that her daughter had access to a number of weapons that had

belonged to Penny's late father, but could not confirm that one of them was a .22 caliber pistol. The prosecution entered into evidence a list of Mr. Brummer's weapons, which included a .22 caliber pistol. Mrs. Brummer confirmed that the .22 is the only weapon from the list which was unaccounted for, but noted that the list was prepared "several" years ago.

In separate action, the Dane County Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant for soil samples taken from around Brummer's Spring Green home. Detectives now believe Brummer buried the weapon near her house. The samples will be tested against soil found on the tool they believe Brummer allegedly used to bury the gun. If the sample match, the department plans to excavate around the home in search of it.

MOTIVE: JEALOUSY?

It was in establishing motive that the issue of Brummer's Lesbianism was raised. Prosecutor Sayles contended that Brummer had been jealous of the time

and influence Gonstead had with Johnson and angry that Gonstead was allegedly trying to convince Johnson to start dating men. Detective Pledger testified that Brummer had told him in an April 11 interview that she and Johnson had been lovers from July '93 until January or February of this year. He said she told him that Johnson had initiated the breakup and that Brummer was jealous of Gonstead. He also testified that Brummer told him she and Johnson had argued because Johnson had started taking birth control pills.

Contrary to previous reports, there is no contention by the prosecution of a romantic or sexual relationship between Johnson and Gonstead. Gonstead's family has released a statement saying that she was not a Lesbian.

In addition to binding Brummer over for trial, Judge Aulik reduced Brummer's bail from \$175,000 to \$150,000. Prosecutor Sayles objected to any reduction in bail, saying that Brummer is a threat to witnesses and a flight risk. A trial date has not yet been set.



Photo by Jamakaya

Wisconsin Action: A Congress for Human Rights, was the name selected by the new statewide group which has been meeting in Madison for the last several months. Interested community members from around the state are invited to the meetings, the next one is scheduled for May 14.

Ben-Shalom...

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is a founder of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press and is currently writing the first book-length study of Black Gay and Lesbian history. Smith shared her wit and wisdom with a large audience at UW-Milwaukee in February.

Also honored with Ben-Shalom is Rick Osborne, 43, who runs David's Place, a non-profit coffeehouse in San Diego which serves as a gathering place and support network for people with HIV/AIDS.

Previous recipients of Stonewall Awards include Urvashi Vaid, the former Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Martin Delaney of San Francisco's Project Inform, and Suzanne Pharr, an author and activist against homophobia.

Statewide Coalition Selects Name

Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights

Madison — The new statewide LesBiGay group selected its permanent name and a regular meeting time at its April 23 meeting, as well as picking Milwaukee's PrideFest for its first meeting outside of Madison.

After much discussion, the organization named itself **Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights**. Those members present also

decided to hold the organization's meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm. The first exception to that rule came almost immediately when organizers of PrideFest '94 offered to host Action Wisconsin's first meeting outside Madison at this year's Pride celebration in Milwaukee. The group agreed to meet at 10am on Saturday, June 11 at the PrideFest site.

About 40 people attended the April meeting, including the first participants from Green Bay, Brookfield and Waukesha. The next Action Wisconsin meeting will be Saturday, May 14. For information, call Tammy Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.

NYC — The Gay & Lesbian Capital Of The World In June

Unity '94 & Stonewall 25

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New York City — Over 1 million Lesbians and Gays are headed to New York to celebrate the Stonewall Rebellion that ignited the Gay & Lesbian rights movement 25 years ago. The Olympic-style Gay Games IV begin on June 18 with as many as 15,000 international athletes competing in the hot summer sun. There will be a vigil, the world's largest human rights demonstration, a rally in Central Park, a gigantic outdoor dance, leather balls, drag balls, conferences and culture.

Also scheduled is Sir Ian McKellen in a one man show, music for every taste, art, theatre and a Gay& Lesbian world market place filled with people and treasures from around the globe. And you know what? It's us. It's an all Gay/Lesbian extravaganza that's guaranteed to make you alive and proud and it's getting bigger and more important every day.

The events keep multiplying and the numbers keep escalating as New York prepares for an International Gay & Lesbian Festival on a scale never seen anywhere before. These events, still being assembled, refined and polished will touch every color in our international rainbow.

The Gay Games IV kicks off June 18 and finishes on June 25. Over 9,000 athletes have already registered and expectations are that 15,000 will eventually compete in the 31 events. (Team Wisconsin is sending nearly 70 athletes) For comparisons sake, the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona only had 11,000 athletes and, of course, our attitudes and outfits will be fabulous.

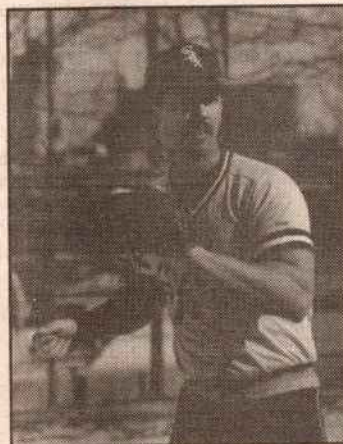
Jay Hill, Executive Director of Gay Games IV, said "We are pleased to be able to welcome HIV positive individuals from around the world to New York to attend the Games. The U.S. government believes, as we do, that Gay Games IV is a world-class sporting and cultural event that has benefits that far outweigh the rationale of the permanent ban on HIV immigration."

The Cultural Festival, complimenting the Gay Games, will offer everything from a photo exhibit of Lesbians in sports to an underwear show. There will also be the Absolutely Queer Comedy Fest, the New York Men's Chorus, a film and video festival and Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. The Sir Ian McKellen show should add to the culture and class. And for those chorus coming to the Big Apple there will be a line dancing exhibition and competition at Roseland June 23. The Unity '94 Festival Chorus is looking for 1,000 voices to sing at special events

throughout the games. For more information on all these activities (and more), please contact Willa J. Taylor, Cultural Festival Director, at (212) 633-9494.

PrideFest '94, sponsored by the Heritage of Pride committee, is a three day festival along the Hudson River west of Christopher Street, Friday through Sunday, June 24-26. James Tavs, Director of H.O.P. said, "The three day PrideFest will be an event that people will remember for along time." PrideFest '94 will include: *contd. on page > 8*

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MARCH ON THE UN

Over at **Stonewall 25, The International March on the United Nations** is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th. This international gathering will culminate in a *don't miss Rally* in Central Park. The numbers should be amazing and the experience an energizing one. For sheer emotion, this one event has all the earmarks of a life-time experience.

Franklin Fry, The National Co-Chairman of Stonewall 25, said, "We've been averaging over 4,000 phone calls a week. So far, over 65 countries will be represented. One man from war torn Croatia had to find a working phone, an

understanding translator, and said he was on his way to add his voice to ours," Fry added, "The community must come to New York to make a space and celebrate, to honor our heroes and history and to call on the world to recognize our basic human rights."

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▼ **Gay Games IV**; 19 West 21st Street, NYC (212) 633-9414

▼ **Heritage of Pride**; 154 Christopher Street, NYC (212) 80-PRIDE

▼ **Stonewall 25**; 208 West 13th Street, NYC (212) 439-1077

▼ **International Lesbian & Gay Association**; 208 West 13th, NYC, (212) 620-7310

This is the first in a series of articles on Gay Games IV/Stonewall 25. The next article is "Behind The Scenes At The Events."

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Full Appeals Court Will Rehear Joe Steffan's Case

Many Other Military Cases Pending in Federal Courts

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — On May 11, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia will rehear arguments in the case of Joe Steffan, the midshipman dismissed from the Annapolis Naval Academy just weeks before his graduation after he admitted to superior officers he is Gay.

Steffan's is one of about ten cases in the federal courts which challenge the Pentagon's ban on Gays and Lesbians. But Steffan's case, and that of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, whose court-ordered reinstatement is being challenged by the government, have advanced the farthest through the appeals process. Decisions in both cases can be expected in the next few months and will have a significant impact on future litigation and the fate of the Pentagon ban as a whole.

STEFFAN AND MEINHOLD

Steffan, one of the highest ranking midshipmen at Annapolis, filed suit in D.C. federal court challenging his discharge. In late 1991, Judge Oliver Gasch ruled in favor of the Pentagon,

agreeing that homosexuals in the armed forces could damage morale and military effectiveness. What outraged Gay rights advocates even more was Gasch's contention that fear of the spread of AIDS was also a legitimate justification for banning Gays from service. Government attorneys had not even raised that idea in their arguments, and health experts said that Gasch was sadly misinformed about the transmission of HIV.

Steffan took his case to the D.C. Court of Appeals where it was heard by a three judge panel made up of the court's most liberal members. In 1993, the panel reversed Gasch's decision, ruling that the Pentagon had violated Steffan's constitutional right to equal protection of the laws. That could have been a happy ending to the story, but it was not to be.

The Clinton administration, which had pledged to end the ban, disappointed Gays and Lesbians by announcing that it would appeal the decision in Steffan's favor. But even before that appeal could be prepared, the full 10-member Court of Appeals announced it would rehear the entire case, essentially voiding the favorable decision by the three judge panel. On May 11, the full court, which is dominated by conservative Reagan-Bush appointees, will hear

arguments again, and Gay rights advocates are worried about the outcome.

Keith Meinhold was a highly rated flight instructor with 12 years in the Navy until discharge procedures were initiated after he announced he was Gay on a TV program in 1992. Meinhold filed suit in federal court in California and won reinstatement. In a strongly worded ruling, Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. said the Pentagon ban was blatantly discriminatory, violated Meinhold's equal protection rights and served no rational military purpose.

The Clinton administration once again defended the Pentagon's policy, appealing to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Arguments were heard in December of last year, and a decision is expected soon.

Another less publicized case is making its way through the federal appellate courts. It is the case of Mel Dahl's discharge from the Navy back in 1981. Dahl won in federal court in Sacramento in August, 1993, when the judge declared the military's anti-Gay policy unconstitutional. But again, the government has appealed that ruling to the Ninth Circuit.

It should be noted that the Steffan, Meinhold and Dahl cases challenge the Pentagon's anti-Gay regulations as they

existed prior to Clinton's and Congress's alleged reforms last year.

OTHER CASES

Here is a brief rundown of some other cases currently in the federal courts. None have yet reached the appellate level.

Able v. United States: This case, filed by the ACLU and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund on behalf of six Gay and Lesbian service members, challenges the constitutionality of the new military restrictions which are now not only internal Defense Department regulations but enshrined in federal legislation.

In April of this year, Judge Eugene Nickerson granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, forbidding the military from discharging them until all the issues can be aired in court. The service members' attorneys felt it was an encouraging beginning.

Elzie v. Perry: Sergeant Justin Elzie was recommended for discharge and barred from a retirements benefit program by the Marine Corps after he came out on a TV news show in early 1993. In November, Judge Stanley Sporkin granted a preliminary injunction ordering the military to reinstate Elzie pending the outcome of his challenge to the military policy. Elzie's case will be heard later this year.

Pruitt v. Perry: In 1983, the Rev. Dusty Pruitt gave an interview to the *Los Angeles Times* in which she identified herself as a Lesbian. Shortly after, she was denied a promotion and then discharged as a "self-admitting homosexual." The ACLU represented her in court challenging the discharge, but the federal court dismissed her case in 1987.

Pruitt appealed and, in 1991, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the dismissal and ordered the case back to federal court. The Ninth Circuit said the military had to prove that there is a "rational" need for its anti-Gay policy and that the policy serves a "legitimate government interest" that can override Pruitt's constitutional rights. The government immediately appealed that ruling to the US Supreme Court, which refused to consider it, sending the issue back to the original federal court.

As Pruitt's case now stands, the government must prove the rationality and legitimacy of its policy. It will be heard sometime this year.

Selland v. Perry: Lieutenant Richard Selland was discharged from the Navy after he told his commander about his sexual orientation. Selland did this to seek protection from the taunting and threats of shipmates and because of President Clinton's pledge to reverse the Pentagon's anti-Gay policy. Last September, a judge barred the Navy from discharging Selland until his case can be decided by the courts.

Secora v. Fox: Technical Sergeant

Claude Secora, a 16-year active duty veteran in the Air Force, was discharged in 1978 after commanders determined he was Gay. In 1983 he filed suit in federal court in Ohio seeking reinstatement and back pay. The court directed the Air Force to reconsider Secora's case in light of an old Air Force regulation prohibiting discharges if "there is no current pattern of homosexuality and the airman's ability to perform military service has not been compromised."

In 1990, the Air Force reaffirmed its earlier decision to discharge Secora. Both sides then asked the court for a

ruling, which was issued in favor of Secora's reinstatement. The Air Force is appealing.

In Step will keep readers informed about the progress of all of these cases.

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Frank, Studds to Introduce Job Bias Bill in Congress

Gay Groups Seek Evidence of Employment Discrimination

Washington, DC — Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both openly Gay Democrats from Massachusetts, are planning to introduce into Congress this month a bill which will outlaw anti-Gay discrimination in the workplace. A similar bill is expected to be introduced in the Senate by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA).

Mark Agrast, an aide to Rep. Studds, told **In Step** final touches were being made in the wording of the bill. Once introduced, Studds and Frank plan to convene Congressional hearings into job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians to highlight the problem and build support for the bill.

In a supportive move, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has begun a special project called "Documenting Discrimination." They are seeking the stories of people who have experienced job bias because of their sexual orientation and plan to submit the evidence to Congressional committees investigating the matter.

"We are asking everyone who has ever been discriminated against to come forward and tell their story," said Tim McFeeley of HRCF. "If you or your friends have a story to tell, we need to hear it."

HRCF will work cooperatively with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to solicit and collect such stories. They plan to make reporting forms available at Gay Pride events in June so

people can document their stories. They will also send forms to local groups who are encouraged to alert their members.

The documentation is intended to overcome two big misconceptions facing the advocates of equal rights for Gay people, said MacFeeley. "First, most Americans don't know that discrimination against Gay people is a serious problem. Second, they mistakenly believe we are already protected by current laws."

In fact, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal in 42 of the 50 states. (Wisconsin was the first state to adopt a Gay rights law. The others are: Massachusetts, Hawaii, Connecticut, New Jersey, California, Minnesota and Vermont.)

THE NEW FEDERAL BILL

The aggressive effort to document incidents of workplace discrimination dovetails with the introduction of the new legislative proposal by Frank and Studds. The new bill is an attempt to gain the initiative after last year's bruising Congressional battle over the Pentagon's exclusion of Gays and Lesbians.

In this case, a good deal more thoughtful groundwork has been done. For instance, a few months ago, HRCF polled all members of the House of Representatives, asking them to personally pledge to a policy of sexual orientation non-discrimination among their own staff members. Two hundred-thirty of the House's 435 members have agreed to that pledge so far. It may be hard for these members, who have agreed to such a policy themselves, to not sign on as co-sponsors of the Studds-Frank bill. The

bill also comes on the heels of announcements of anti-bias policies regarding sexual orientation by most of the Clinton administration's cabinet level departments.

The bill will be more narrow in focus than previous Gay rights proposals which, although introduced every year since 1974, have garnered little support. These previous efforts called for the inclusion of sexual orientation into the categories protected under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bans bias based on race, age, gender, ethnicity or disability in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations.

Recent polling has revealed that most Americans are opposed to discrimination against Gays and Lesbians on the job, so proponents of the new measure are hoping that the more narrow focus of the new bill will attract more support.

The wording of the bill is also likely to include an exemption for religious organizations. This is an attempt to anticipate and head off conservatives' and religious leaders' objections from the beginning.

Congressional hearings, possibly as early as this summer, will give individual Gays and Lesbians the opportunity to testify about the real discrimination and harassment they have faced in their jobs. Such hearings are likely to receive a good deal of media coverage.

"I believe that when our fellow Americans learn how frequently Lesbians and Gay men are denied the basic promise of the American dream, they will agree that something must be done," said Rep. Studds. "That is what our bill is all about."

"I believe the time has come for Congress to put into law a very simple principle: individuals have a right to be evaluated in the workplace based on the quality and quantity of the work they do, and not be disadvantaged because somebody doesn't like what they do in their private lives," said Rep. Frank.

"Discriminating against honest, hard-working people because they are Gay or Lesbian makes no sense — morally, socially or economically," said Frank. "I believe the American people will support appropriately drafted legislation that embodies that principle."

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Gunderson Urges Unity; GOP Leaders Chastize Dornan

La Crosse — <>At a meeting of the 3rd Congressional District's Republican caucus in late April, embattled Congressman Steve Gunderson asked those in attendance: "There is so much that unites us. Why are we so concerned with that which divides us?" Gunderson warned, "Unless we are a unified Republican Party, we have no hope of holding" the Congressional seat.

The seven-term Congressman, who is seeking re-election this fall, was referring to recent criticisms he has received from right wing Republicans who oppose his increasingly vocal stance in support of Gay rights. Speculation about Gunderson's sexuality has divided the district's Republicans, with at least one, Donald Brill of Eau Claire, planning to challenge Gunderson in the primary.

House Republican leader Newt Gingrich (GA), a staunch conservative himself, showed his support for Gunderson by appearing at a campaign fundraiser later that night in Onalaska. His appearance followed closely on the heels of a letter he and Rep. Bob Michel (R-IL) penned, condemning anti-Gay attacks against Gunderson by Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA) on the floor of the House of Representatives.

In the letter to Gunderson, Gingrich and Michel declared that "such intemperate personal remarks have no place in the legislative process nor the Republican Party." Both men rejected "the unjustified accusations that were made...You have displayed the courage of your convictions and you have our deepest respect."

Marge Beil Becomes Mayoral Contact to Milwaukee Gays

Milwaukee — Marge Beil, a staff assistant to Mayor John Norquist, has accepted an assignment to become a contact person for Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. David Reimer had relinquished that duty when Norquist named him his new chief of staff.

Beil is a longtime political activist who has worked as a union organizer, director of pro-choice activities with Planned Parenthood and as a campaign staffer for former Congressman Jim Moody and former Gov. Tony Earl. Beil ran Earl's Milwaukee office for four years.

In a phone conversation with **In Step**, Beil said she hoped for "open communication. Peopleshouldn'thesitate to call me with their concerns." She can be reached through the Mayor's Office at (414) 286-2200.

Beil backed away from calling

herself a "liaison" and stressed that communication with the Gay community was just one of many duties. She is also Norquist's contact with senior citizens, labor groups, women's groups, the Port of Milwaukee, etc.

The choice of Beil was greeted with some criticism. Miriam Ben-Shalom told **In Step** someone from the ranks of the Gay community itself should have been named liaison, while members of Queer Nation questioned the ethics involved in an unpublicized meeting that was held with Beil by a select group of community leaders at a private residence in Fox Point.

Beil will host a reception for Mayor Norquist at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center from 5-6:30pm May 24. All LesBiGay community members are welcome to attend.

UW-Parkside Chief Condemns Hateful Messages

Kenosha — John C. Stockwell, the Interim Chancellor of UW-Parkside, has issued a statement condemning the "intimidating, harassing and intolerant remarks" which were recently written on a special graffiti panel sponsored by the university's Gay and Lesbian Organization during its annual "Out and About Week."

The graffiti sheet was hung in Main Place where everyone on campus had access to it and could write their thoughts about Gays and Lesbians. The student newspaper, **Ranger News**, said that by the end of the week the sheet was full of "derogatory and vicious statements."

Chancellor Stockwell said the remarks "were clear in their homophobic attitude and clear in their threatening

tone and content." He said he wanted "to condemn in the strongest possible terms expressions of hostile intolerance and deliberate incivility. These expressions are inconsistent with the values for which this institution stands. Indeed, they deserve our collective condemnation."

Stockwell said he did not intend to squelch free speech but cited the UW System's Administrative Code which allows for disciplinary action against anyone "whose inappropriate words or actions prevents or seriously interferes with the...learning process. The administration is prepared to act swiftly and decisively should this latter case arise."

Killer in Gay-Related Slaying Deported to Germany

Germantown—Germantown police are shocked and disgusted that a man with a violent history who was sentenced to 76 years in prison for murder was released by the state Parole Commission after only 13 years and deported to Germany where he is now a free man.

Tomas Hammerich, 32, was convicted in 1981 of the murder of 48-year-old Dennis Paquette in Paquette's Germantown trailer home. Hammerich told police he killed Paquette after Paquette made a sexual advance toward him. Hammerich struck Paquette in the head with a hammer and, while he was unconscious, slit his throat with a butcher knife and stabbed him with a paring knife.

Before his apprehension, Hammerich was also involved in an attempted murder and armed robbery in Sparta. He was found guilty of those crimes as well, was sentenced to 76

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years and, after he attacked a fellow inmate in prison, was given another 16 years.

After serving just 13 years, the Parole Commission released him into the custody of immigration officials in Chicago, who then deported him. Hammerich came to America as an infant, and police had assumed he was an American. Overcrowded prisons and Hammerich's nationality apparently facilitated his release.

"I really thought it was a joke," Detective Don Piotrowski told the **Milwaukee Journal**. "If it was April 1, I would have thought was an April Fool's joke."

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

NATIONAL News Briefs

Hawaiian Legislature Deals Blow to Gay Marriage

Honolulu, HI — The Hawaiian legislature has passed a measure which prohibits same-sex marriages in the Aloha State. The bill says clearly that marriage licenses can only be issued to couples comprised of one man and one woman. The State Senate approved the measure by a 21-4 vote, the House by a 34-17 margin. A conference committee ironed out slight differences in the wording of the bill, and final passage came on April 25.

As **In Step** went to press, it was unclear whether Democratic Gov. John Waihee would sign the bill. If he does, the measure will throw a significant complication into efforts by Gay and Lesbian activists to legalize same-sex marriage in the state. The possibility of Gay marriage in Hawaii has captured the imaginations and support of Gays and Lesbians nationwide.

A year ago, the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled 3-1 that denying marriage

licenses to same-sex couples was a violation of state laws banning discrimination based on gender. The decision fell short of declaring the Gay marriage ban illegal, however, and sent the issue back to the lower court where the government must prove what "compelling state interest" is served by preventing same-sex couples to wed.

In light of the legislature's recent action, to achieve the right to marry, Gay and Lesbian activists may first have to prevail in the pending case and then have to challenge the constitutionality of the new state law.

U.N. Panel Says Sodomy Laws Violate Human Rights

New York, NY — On April 11, the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations ruled that the punitive sodomy law of Tasmania, which is a part of Australia, violates the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights.

The Committee demanded that Australia take steps within 90 days to repeal the law, which provides for jail terms of up to 21 years for anyone convicted of sexual acts "against the order of nature." The ruling came as a result of a complaint submitted to the UN body by a Tasmanian Gay activist.

The Human Rights Committee said the sodomy law violates the right to privacy enshrined in the UN Covenant and that a reference to non-discrimination based on sex in the covenant includes the category of sexual orientation.

The Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group issued this statement: "This is an important decision for Lesbians and Gay men worldwide. For the first time it makes it clear that all the rights and freedoms set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights apply to all human persons regardless of sexual orientation."

The United States is a signatory of the Covenant, but individual states cannot be compelled to comply with the decision.

Oregon Judge Rules Against Anti-Gay Initiative

Salem, OR — In April, Judge Rodney Miller ruled that an anti-Gay initiative cannot appear on the ballot this November because it does not comply with state requirements for public referenda.

Judge Miller ruled that the proposal, sponsored by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance, was disqualified because it dealt with a variety of issues rather than just one, and that it violates the state constitution. The measure would prohibit granting minority status to Gays and Lesbians, restrict information on homosexuality in schools and libraries, bar state spending to "promote" homosexuality, and place conditions on the employment of Gays and Lesbians in the public sector. The OCA is appealing.

In March, the Florida Supreme Court struck down a proposed anti-Gay referendum in the Sunshine State, and in Washington, Gay rights advocates have taken pre-emptive legal action against two proposed anti-Gay initiatives in that state.

More Victories for Domestic Partners Measures

Rochester, NY — Rochester has become the latest in a growing number of municipalities to adopt a domestic partners registry and to extend benefits to the domestic partners — both Gay and straight — of city employees.

The victory came in mid-April when the Rochester City Council approved both measures and the mayor signed them. The only controversy occurred when some council members expressed concern that recognizing unmarried heterosexual relationships might contribute to more illegitimate births. The registry vote was close at 5-4. Benefits were approved by a more comfortable margin, 7-2.

In Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago, city trustees voted to extend bereavement leave and health benefits to the same-sex partners of municipal workers. The trustees defeated a proposal for a partners registry however, apparently heeding the pleas of religious leaders who said the registry would imply the city approved of equating marriage with unmarried same-sex partners.

Meanwhile, the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, representing 800 workers, reached tentative agreement with the Bureau of National Affairs to include insurance coverage for same-sex partners in the Guild's new three-year contract. Many gains for domestic partners are being achieved through the process of collective bargaining by unions.

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Actor Ron Vawter, Skater John Curry Succumb to AIDS

New York, NY — Actor Ron Vawter, who appeared most recently as a conscious-stricken attorney in the law firm which fires Tom Hanks in the movie *Philadelphia*, died of AIDS complications April 16 while on a plane traveling from Zurich to his home in New York. He was 45.

Vawter acted in both theater and films. He won critical acclaim in 1992 for his portrayal of the homophobic Gay attorney Roy Cohn in the Off-Broadway play *Roy Cohn/Jack Smith*. He also appeared in the movies *Sex, Lies and Videotape* and *The Silence of the Lambs*.

Meanwhile, England's John Curry, who won the gold medal for figure skating in the 1976 Olympics, died of AIDS complications at his home in Stratford upon Avon April 15. Curry was renowned for combining a vigorous athleticism with balletic precision in his skating routines. "I was brought up on the Royal Ballet," Curry once said, "and I hope it shows in my work."

American skater Peggy Fleming said of Curry: "He was a real purist, totally devoted to the art of skating...It's a huge loss."

Victory Fund Supports More Candidates With Record Donations

Washington, DC — The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, which gives financial contributions to qualified Gay and Lesbian candidates for public office, is expected to support the campaigns of at least 20 individuals this year. The record number of endorsements will be matched by a record amount of donations.

Through April, the Campaign Fund had already contributed almost \$200,000 to the 12 candidates endorsed so far, a figure equal to the total amount of money given in all of 1993.

This year's candidates include: John Camerlino for Denver City Council; Tony Miller for California Secretary of State; William Fitzpatrick for Rhode Island State Senate; Sheila Kuehl and John Duran for California State Assembly; Tim Van Zandt for the Missouri House of Representatives; Ken Herndon for the Kentucky House; George Eighmey for the Oregon House; Susan Leal for San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Tom Chiola for Cook County (IL) Circuit Court; Victoria Sigler for Dade County (FL) Court; and Bonnie Doumanis for San Diego City Court.

To join the Victory Fund's donor network, call (202) 842-8679.

Georgia Gays Want Olympics to Bypass Cobb County

Atlanta, GA — Gays and Lesbians in Georgia have initiated a lobbying effort to see that the Atlanta Committee for the 1996 Olympic Games withdraws the volleyball competition from venues in nearby Cobb County.

Last year, the Cobb County Commission passed resolutions condemning homosexuality and ending all arts funding for fear the county might subsidize Gay-oriented artistic expressions. A coalition of Gays and Lesbians organized as "Olympics Out of Cobb" launched a boycott of the county's convention and sports facilities, including the Galleria Centre, where the volleyball competition has been scheduled.

The coalition is using a combination of tactics from demonstrations to behind-the-scenes negotiations to see that the volleyball venue is moved elsewhere. Support has also come from the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington.

"The Olympic spirit can never shine in a county where bigotry is allowed to flourish," said HRCF's Tim McFeeley. "The Cobb County Commissioners have made it clear that Gay and Lesbian athletes and spectators will not be welcome in their county. The Olympic Committee has a responsibility to choose another venue rather than reward a county that supports discrimination."

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — In April, the US Coast Guard issued a policy prohibiting discrimination against its civilian employees on the basis of sexual orientation. The policy covers 6,000 civilian workers and follows the lead of the Department of Transportation, which oversees the Coast Guard. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena banned such discrimination throughout his Department last year. The policy does not affect the Coast Guard's 38,000 uniformed officers who are subject to Pentagon regulations.

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Hanover, NH — The Board of Dartmouth College has voted to retain the school's ROTC program but has pledged to lobby Congress and the Defense Department against the military's anti-Gay policies. The Board said it found itself in an "unconscionable position" because the revised Pentagon policy conflicts with Dartmouth's non-discrimination policies. Nevertheless, the Board ruled that barring ROTC would "disadvantage" students.

Washington, DC — The AIDS Action Council has endorsed a Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council report, *Danger on Tap*, which calls for passage of a more strict Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. The Council cited the continuing deaths of people with HIV/AIDS who drank municipal water tainted with the cryptosporidium parasite in Milwaukee last year.

Pittsburgh, PA — The music coordinator of the Pittsburgh Penguins, the city's ice hockey team, has removed the Village People's catchy hit *Y.M.C.A.* from his repertoire after fans held up a sign saying "Real hockey fans know: Gay music's got to go!" When the song was played shortly after that incident, the entire arena thundered with loud "Boos!" from the crowd.

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund is seeking candidates for the Female Youth position on its Board of Governors. A commitment to activism, especially on Gay youth and student issues, is the primary requirement. Applications must be sent by May 15 to Don Ferguson, P.O. Box 307, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

New York, NY — The executor of Gay writer Truman Capote's estate has announced the creation of the Truman Capote Literary Trust, a charitable foundation which will award \$114,000 in grants to writers and critics on an annual basis. The Trust will be administered through the Iowa Writers Workshop at the University of Iowa and the Creative Writing Program at Stanford University.

Washington, DC — President Clinton has agreed to serve as the honorary co-chair of the annual AIDS Walk sponsored by the Whitman-Walker Clinic, which benefits AIDS services in the District of Columbia-Baltimore area. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Al and Tipper Gore have also signed on. It is not yet known whether both couples will actually join the walk.

Philadelphia, PA — More than 350 people turned out for a "Fight the Right" organizing meeting in Philadelphia in April. The unexpectedly high turnout thrilled organizers. The meeting, held at a Unitarian Church, was called to develop strategy and begin a grass roots organizing campaign against

fundamentalist groups which are increasingly targeting Gay rights.

Washington, DC — Boston attorney Deval Patrick has been sworn in as the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the Justice Department. Patrick's nomination was supported by Gay groups because of his pro-Gay record in Massachusetts where, among other things, he recommended two Lesbians for judgeships.

Salt Lake City, UT — Ten members of Utah's Log Cabin Club, an organization of Gay Republicans, have been elected as delegates to state and county GOP conventions. Ten out of more than a thousand people elected may not seem impressive, but Log Cabin leaders are pleased with their success in the conservative Mormon state.

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NGLTF Offers Helpful Publications on Gay Issues

Washington, DC — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has several new publications available which may be helpful to Gay and Lesbian groups and organizers.

The NGLTF Health Policy Institute has released *The Clinton Health Security Act Analysis* (20 pg., \$5); the Anti-Violence Project has published *Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization and Defamation in 1993* (54 pg., \$7); and the Fight the Right Project has issued *A Survey of Voters' Attitudes About Gay-Related Questions* (21 pg., \$3) and *Resource List of Groups Fighting Anti-Gay Initiatives* (5 pg., free).

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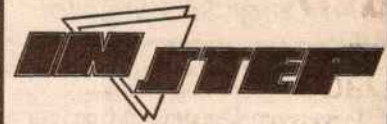
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Daddy And Boy Change Party Venue

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Sunday May 8th, 1pm, the **champagne Leather celebrity Auction** will be held at **The 1100 Club**. Come early and sign up for your paddle. Don't miss the opportunity to bid on the extensive list of items donated by leading names from coast to coast catering to the leather community. Paddles are included in the price of the weekend passes. The 1100 Club is also the site for the **Daddy Contest** on Saturday night.

Late evening party sites will be posted at **The 1100 Club** and **The Wreck Room** during and after both contests. Please note, no one will be allowed in without an invitation. See your favorite Leather Bars or Club member for details.

A limited number of Saturday Night Celebrity Banquet tickets will also be available at the above bars. For information on any and all events contact the above mentioned bars or a member of The Argonauts of WI, The Castaway MC, The Oberons or The Unicorns of Madison.

New Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group Forms

Milwaukee — A new Gay men's discussion/support group is forming and will be meeting on Tuesday evenings beginning in May.

Meetings will be held at the Village Church on Juneau Avenue in Milwaukee. The entire summer session is slated to run approximately 16 weeks, according to co-facilitator Tim Clausen.

This group will explore such topics as coming out, relationships, authenticity, growth, community, spirituality and friendship. Although space will be limited, all ages are encouraged to inquire.

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White Water Rafting and Horseback Riding

Milwaukee — Horseback riders are invited to join **Milwaukee's GAMMA** and **Madison's Frontiers** in a three-hour horse-back ride from the Bar N Ranch in the Northern Kettle Moraines. We meet on Saturday, May 14th about 11:30am at the Ranch, and ride with a guide for about an hour. Once your horse and you are adjusted, you'll be on our own for the second half of the trip. Cost is \$35. Call **GAMMA** at 963-9833 for more information and to pool rides from Milwaukee. In Madison, call 251-7424.

On Memorial Day weekend, Gay whitewater rafting will be held on the wild Peshtigo and the mighty Menominee. We will leave Milwaukee on Saturday morning and raft the Peshtigo from Athelstane, WI; camp overnight at Kosir's Camp Grounds; and raft the Menominee on Sunday. Cost is \$48 (plus transportation, meals and beverages) for the whole package; individual components may be elected. For information and reservations, please contact **GAMMA** at 963-9833.

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April 'AIDS Activist TV' Episode to be Featured in CBS News '48 Hours'

Health Care Issues to be Tackled on May 18

Milwaukee — The producers of *AIDS Activist TV*, a news and call-in program featured on Milwaukee's Warner Cable public access Channel 47, have sent footage from their April 20th broadcast to CBS News for use in a national broadcast on food and water safety. *48 Hours* producer Mead Jorgensen requested the footage for a segment examining the Milwaukee water-born cryptosporidium epidemic as part of the news magazine program's broader story on food and water safety.

The *48 Hours* story will be aired in May, and will feature the *AIDS Activist TV* footage. The footage depicts an April 7th demonstration by ACT UP Milwaukee members targeting the city's negligence in the cryptosporidium epidemic.

The cryptosporidium epidemic has claimed the lives of scores of people with HIV who drank Milwaukee water during its peak contamination period in the spring of 1993. ACT UP Milwaukee member Christopher Fons has been interviewed for the *48 Hours* story, and will also be prominently featured.

"The *48 Hours* interest in Milwaukee just shows that there is a lot going on locally that's of national importance," said *AIDS Activist TV* producer Patrick Flaherty. "My hope is that people will realize that AIDS politics and news is happening all the time, and that most of it gets little mention in other media."

Other episodes of *AIDS Activist TV* have featured needle exchange workers, student AIDS activists, and outreach specialists working with sex trade workers. The next *AIDS Activist TV*, to examine health reform efforts, will be broadcast live on Wednesday, May 18, at 8:30pm on Milwaukee's Channel 47.

Gay Men's Coming Out Group

Madison — The United, Madison's Lesbian & Gay Agency for Social Change will sponsor a Gay Mens Coming Out Support Group beginning May 17th. The group will meet Tuesdays 7-9pm, for 6-8 weeks. For more information call (608) 255-8582 or 255-4297.

Gay Men Needed for Emotional Support

MAP Needs Volunteers

Milwaukee — Because of an increase in requests by Gay men who are HIV positive, the **Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)** is looking for Gay men to provide emotional support and companionship.

Emotional support volunteers provide direct and personal companionship. Fellowship increases the support necessary for coping and helps decrease the mental stress and sense of isolation often felt by individuals living with HIV disease.

Volunteers, particularly those with daytime availability, are also needed in the following areas.

▼ **Food Pantry:** organize and distribute food to MAP consumers.

▼ **Transportation:** take consumers to medical and mental health appointments

▼ **Daily Living Assistance:** help with activities such as light housekeeping, shopping and minor yard or home maintenance

Volunteer opportunities are also available in many other areas such as the Wisconsin AIDS Library, Wisconsin AIDSLINE and fundraising.

All new volunteers receive comprehensive training to prepare them for the work they wish to do.

Initial volunteer orientation sessions will take place on Wednesday, May 11, from 6:30 until 9pm and Saturday, May 21 from 10am until 12:30pm at MAP, 315 W. Court Street in Milwaukee.

Volunteers, who outnumber employees 100 to 1, are an integral component of MAP. Volunteers hold important roles, ensuring that consumers and the general public have access to high quality, comprehensive AIDS care, prevention, and research.

Individuals interested in attending an orientation session should pre-register by calling 273-1991 ext. 265.

Milw. MACT Receives Grant

Milwaukee — The **National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT)** has awarded the Milwaukee chapter of **Men of All Colors Together (MACT)** a grant of \$565. This grant will fund a support group for persons with HIV and provide supplemental income to members with HIV or AIDS needing assistance with activity fees.

More information about these services will be announced as the programs are developed.

AIDS Prayer Service May 14

Held By Integrity/Dignity

Madison — Integrity/Dignity of Madison will offer a Prayer Service "In Time of AIDS" on Saturday, May 14, at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, at 7:30pm in the chapel. The service will include psalms, readings, hymns, and prayers and will conclude with a shared laying-on of hands for healing. The collection will benefit the Madison AIDS Support Network. Refreshments and a time for socializing will be offered afterwards in the lounge.

I/D welcomes all persons who have been affected in any way by AIDS to attend the prayer service. Persons with AIDS are particularly invited. St. Francis House is wheelchair accessible, and the service will be limited to no more than 45 minutes to accommodate PWAs.

I/D is an ecumenical Christian ministry serving members of the Gay/Lesbian community and their families and friends. In addition to sponsoring the AIDS Prayer Service, I/D will celebrate its 17th anniversary at a Pentecost Communion Service on Sunday, May 22, at St. Francis House at 7:30pm.

For more information about I/D or the AIDS service, call (608) 836-8886, or write Box 730, Madison, WI 53701.

Come Dance with the Dairyland Cowboys!

Madison — The Dairyland Cowboys is a collective of Madison area Gay men and friends dedicated to promoting country dancing and comraderie in a fun and supportive environment. Formed in December 1993, D.C. has been enjoying the beautiful dance floor and warm atmosphere of Apple Island, 849 E. Washington — a smoke and alcohol-free environment with a smoking lounge on the premises.

The group offers dances once or twice monthly with instruction provided in a variety of dance types (two-step, line, square, contra, English country, and more). Each event also includes open dance time. A fifteen week series of square dance classes is planned for the fall of 1994 for which advance registration will be required.

Previous experience, partners, and western wear are not required — only a desire to have a great time. Join in the excitement. It's more fun than eating cheese!

For more information, call Steve (608) 251-6723 or Gary (608) 255-1523. The next dance is scheduled for May 14, 8-11pm.

Unicorns Of Madison To Hold First Run

4th of July Weekend

Madison — Unicorns of Madison have announced their first run, to be held 4th of July weekend. The outdoor event will begin Friday, 1 July in a rural encampment 75 miles west of Madison, with events running through Sunday afternoon. After the official run ends, the weekend will wind down with informal events at the Hotel Washington in

Madison Sunday, 3 July and Monday, 4 July.

The military theme for the run starts with the run application or "enlistment form" and will continue with a weekend of basic training, night maneuvers and a 1940's-style USO show.

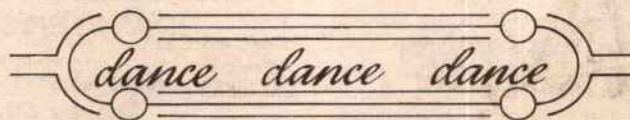
Applications must be made early. Capacity at the bivouac site is limited to 100 guests. The fee for the run, which does not include accommodations July 3 or 4, is \$80. RV hookups are available on site. Further information and enlistment forms are available by contacting the Unicorns at P.O. Box 536, Madison, WI 53701.

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HIV Open Forum In Ashland

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Out Up North will host an open forum gathering for the community of Northern Wisconsin. On **May 15th**, representatives from Bayfield, Ashland, and Douglas counties and area tribes have been invited to attend a meeting. Everyone who may be involved and/or will become involved in the prevention of HIV in the area is invited to attend. This will be an open gathering and anyone and everyone is welcome.

There are currently some programs in the area for people with AIDS but those programs are generally not advertised and may not be known by the people who need them. The area is severely unprepared for the epidemic that will all too soon affect us.

Through the home care programs offered by the counties, there is funding and resources available for people with AIDS. Part of that funding comes from the Ryan White Consortium and part from the counties. Also through the **Northern AIDS Network** there is funding for some things like transportation to and from distant doctors. These programs need to be expanded and advertised to make them more well known. There are no programs set up to help prevent the spread of HIV in the area.

This forum will be the first of its kind in the area and it is hoped it will be productive and lead to the development and instituting of needed resources. The forum will be held Sunday, May 15, at 5pm at the M&I Bank in Ashland. The group will be meeting in the basement of the building. For more information, call Out Up North at (715) 682-2890.

Coming Out Together:

6 Week Group For Friends & Family of LesBiGays

Madison — Are you sometimes shy, embarrassed, or afraid to say that your daughter (or son, grandchild, brother, sister, friend, aunt, father) is Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual?

This six week group will focus on the challenges in our relationships within our culture. Aspects of lifestyles of those we love that we don't understand or have trouble accepting can jeopardize these relationships. Group therapy is often a useful and fun way to experience and work on problems and issues, such as diversity and homophobia, inner and cultural criticisms, patterns in

relationship, conflicts and disturbing feelings.

Facilitator Helena Lee, M.S.N., will use a variety of methods that may include art, movement, discussion, inner meditation, and conflict resolution techniques to explore these dynamics.

The group meets Thursdays, 7:15-9pm from May 5 to June 23 (excluding May 26 & June 2) at The United (group room), 14 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 103 (on the Capitol square).

Contributions to P-FLAG or The United recommended. Space is limited.

Helena Lee, M.S.N., maintains a private practice at Psychology Associates and is a therapist at Madison Community Health Center. She has lead groups and worked in the mental health field for many years. Helena is the mother of a 27 year old Gay son.

For more information and to register, contact Helena at (608) 246-0876.

African American Group To Commemorate Stonewall

Coastal Events Planned

Los Angeles — With initial funding from the Ben and Jerry's Foundation and the Chicago Resource Center, the **African American Gay and Lesbian Studies Center** will commemorate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall by sponsoring educational and cultural events in San Francisco and New York that focus on the African American perspectives of Stonewall.

Through a series of three to five panel discussions in each city, AAGLSC will feature speakers who will orally chronicle African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender contemporary history and will serve as a basis for future research and documentation by AAGLSC. The New York and San Francisco events will be open to the public.

African American Gay and Lesbian Studies Center, Inc. (AAGLSC) a national organization based in Los Angeles, California is a source for collecting, cataloguing, charting, studying and disseminating data on the history, cultures and socioeconomic health status of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals of

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African descent. As part of its purpose, AAGLSC also functions as a think tank, AAGLSC will conduct studies that examine how various programs, policies and social or environmental conditions affect the well-being of African-Americans in the United States. For more information write: AAGLSC, P.O. Box 56202, Los Angeles, CA 90056-0202.

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Letters

Editor:

I am writing to alert your readers to a secretly planned meeting which took place April 20th in a suburban home between a self-selected group of Gays and Lesbians and a staff member in Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's administration. This particular group of Queers, who all seem to be active with the newly-formed and very secretive Human Rights League (HRL), have a 3 year history of holding similar meetings.

The dangerous aspect to these meetings is that, while the Mayor's office has viewed this group as being representative of our community's concerns, no agenda or goals for these meetings have ever been shared with the community at large. Even worse, this "HRL" group is apparently so ineffective at or afraid of using grass roots power to influence political decisions that no accomplishments of all these meetings have ever been announced.

A few weeks ago, this group was told that Marge Beil would be the new mayoral contact person for the Queer community. Rather than share this information with the community through the Gay press and a public meeting, a private soiree in another city was held with only this self-selected group being invited.

Clearly, this was an attempt to maintain control over an information and power loop. Now, as the anger and distrust that is bred by such secrecy is surfacing, there is suddenly some press and talk of an all inclusive meeting with Ms. Beil and the Mayor in May, but the damage is already done.

Why is all this important to talk about in public? In two years, Mayor Norquist will be seeking your votes again. When we ask him, "What have you been doing for us for 4 years?", he will be able to honestly respond that he has been working closely with a group of Gays and Lesbians who have not complained about his performance. Our chance at attaining equal rights could be sold off so that a few people can feel important.

Of course, this could only happen with our permission. I encourage Milwaukee Queers to regularly contact

Marge Beil at 286-2200 with issues of concern and to come to the meeting in May with specific questions and expectations for the Mayor. We can make it clear from the outset that there is a diversity of views in our community, and that the Mayor is actually expected to do something for us to get our votes. We all must be included and information must be publicly shared if true gains are to be made for our rights.

Sincerely,
Dan Fons, Milwaukee

Editor's Response: Please see the 'News' Section of this issue for more information on this issue & on the upcoming public meeting.

Dear Editor:

When *In Step* first reported on the first "attack" on the UW Stout Lesbian it was pretty obvious to me that it was a phony report. But those of you in the Gay press, always quick to paint us as "victims," jumped on this like a half ton gorilla. The PC Police immediately took up the cause of the latest "victim" of homophobia and it's "victim" was an instant celebrity. I bet two of my friends \$10 each that it was a faked incident.

Then came the second so-called "attack" as this poor "victim" was again

set upon by a group of homophobic maniacs. I bet my two friends another \$10 that this was a second phony report. But the Gay press bit...hook, line and sinker!

Well, I'm \$40 richer and you are again the victims of your own victimization.

When are you going to stop portraying Gay people as victims and start supporting those who prefer to live upstanding, responsible lives? We expect to be treated just like everyone else and are tired of you identifying us as a special class, worthy of special protection and special rights not afforded to others. Don't you think Gay people can be victims of crimes just like anyone else without it being a "special" crime? Grow up. Get a life!

Sincerely,
Richard Dale

Editors Response: We reported each of the incidents as they occurred, just as the mainstream press did. The chief of campus security said: "We believed her all along." Have you been listening to too much conservative talk radio?



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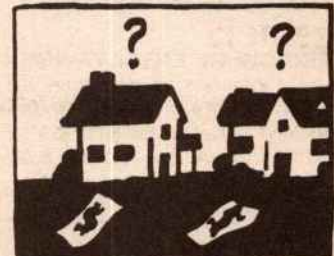
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PrideFest Announces Awesome Line Up

June 11-12 Event to Host
Over 70 Acts

Milwaukee — More than 70 acts composed of over 200 singers, dancers, comics and actors and other entertainers from three states will assure that Wisconsin's **PrideFest '94** is the largest Gay and Lesbian entertainment event in the Midwest.

PrideFest '94 will be held on June 11 & 12 at its new site just north of Milwaukee's War Memorial Art Center (which is just north of the Summerfest grounds) on the shore of Lake Michigan.

In order to accommodate the increased number of performers, PrideFest has added a second stage, named the Harvey Milk Stage, which will join the outdoor Cream City Foundation/Alyn Hess Stage. Other new additions this year include the In Step/ Club 3054 Dance Tent, an Invitational Volleyball Tournament, a multi-cultural tent, the History Tent and the Stonewall Cultural Tent.

PrideFest '94 Co-Chair Bill Meunier says the entire community has reason to be very proud of this year's line up. "We have worked throughout the year to round up the best entertainers who volunteered." Meunier lamented the fact that PrideFest had to turn down other performers because both stages were fully booked, but noted "This year's entertainment offers great diversity: hip hop to clogging; folk to high energy dance music; reggae to alternative rock and to R&B. We believe we have something for everyone."

Organizers said that the large crowd last year convinced many more acts to volunteer for this year's festival. Every act selected this year was either viewed in person, or required to submit a tape before being added to the line up.

A RAINBOW OF ENTERTAINMENT

The actual line up schedule will be printed in *In Step's* special PrideFest issue June 2, but here is a teaser of what you'll find over the two day festival:

▼ Three different revues will be presented: Hurricane Productions special Womyn's Revue; Michael Ross' (aka Echo Chambers) Stonewall Minority Revue; and the traditional festival closer, the BJ Daniels Revue.

▼ Dance troupes include the line dancing Shoreline Dancers from Milwaukee and Borderline from Minneapolis; Minneapolis' Purple Creek Cloggers; the colorful Hispanic-costumed Iberian Dancers; and the hip hop troupe ForePlay.

STONEWALL 25



PRIDEFEST

Our Time To Shine

▼ Vocalists include Chicago's Judii Lowe, Smart Answer and recording artist Erik Washington; Milwaukee's Josie Santiago, the Cream City Chorus, Fest City Singers, Singsational, Garret James, Julie Darrough and Estee Gatson; Appleton's Jill Clark and the Ladies of the Valley; and Green Bay's Kitty Rosman and Jeff Jennings.

▼ Live bands returning to PrideFest for encore performances are Milwaukee's hottest reggae group, David Robinson and Road Damage and the smooth swinging John Schneider Orchestra. Debuting at PrideFest in '94 are two R&B bands: Dr. John and the Heartaches 12 piece All Star Band, and Stokes and The Old Blues Boys. Two alternative rock bands will also make PrideFest debuts — Well and Blarney Castle. The performance art styles of Mook will be featured in the Saturday Night Pride Showcase.

Last year's Saturday night Pride Showcase Candlelight Concert spurred the addition of a second full day to this year's festival. This year, the special three hour Saturday Night Showcase will include a dramatic Stonewall salute by the Fest City Singers. Bring your candles!

Grants Insure Expansion of PrideFest '94

*CCF Comes Through
Again, Law Firm Funds
History Tent*

Milwaukee — Two grants, totaling \$6,000, have enabled PrideFest '94 to expand its offerings to help celebrate Stonewall 25. Milwaukee's **Cream City Foundation** provided a \$5,000 grant last year to help put the festival back on its feet after it had sunk into debt. This year, CCF came through with another \$5,000 grant so PrideFest could add new attractions that exhibit the richness of our community's life and culture. In addition, the Milwaukee legal firm, Brondino and Iverson, provided a \$1,000 grant to help fund the PrideFest History Tent, which will include the largest display of Gay and Lesbian history, anywhere tracking our history from the 1930's to the present.

PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier commented, "CCF is a full partner in our efforts to help build self-esteem and pride and to educate both our community and the community at large. The Foundation stands as a testimony to what we can do when to work to support each other. CCF gives out

thousands of dollars every year to help insure that the richness of Lesbian and Gay life can continue. Without its help we, like many other organizations, would be forced to either severely curtail or even to end our activities."

Meunier continued, "We are very proud to work with CCF. Its board, volunteers and donors work hard to raise badly needed funds to help our community achieve a measure of economic self reliance. We urge every friend of PrideFest to make a donation to the one group that benefits our entire community in next fall's combined giving campaign. Support the Cream City Foundation."

HISTORY TENT GRANT

Brondino and Iverson's \$1,000 grant for the History Tent has allowed PrideFest to bring in what promises to be the largest display of Gay and Lesbian history available. Besides the displays, a lecture area and a video viewing area will be part of the History Tent. Brief hourly lectures on historical events will be presented, and videos showing our history will be screened. The videos and viewing equipment will be provided by Video Adventures.

Steve Brondino, an attorney at the downtown Milwaukee law firm, announced the grant. "It is essential that everyone have the chance to learn about their history. Brondino and Iverson is pleased to be able to play a role in helping Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians learn about theirs."

In addition to the grant, the law firm has provided technical support, for PrideFest and has been serving as the PrideFest and has been serving as the PrideFest legal counsel without charge. Meunier commented, "We are gratified and honored that Brondino and Iverson is in our corner. They have already done so much for us that this grant is the icing on the cake. It is good to know that Gays and Lesbians needing legal assistance can turn to a major law firm and get high quality supportive services. The work that Brondino and Iverson have done for PrideFest has been first rate."

PrideFest Names Parade Grand Marshals

By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee — The **PrideFest Pride Council** has announced its selection of Terry Boughner, Jerry Johnson and Ron Geiman as the Grand Marshals for the June 12, 1994 Wisconsin Pride Parade.

Boughner and Johnson are the publisher and editor of **Wisconsin Light**. Geiman is the publisher and editor of **In step Magazine**.

The Pride Council announcement reads: "No group of people as diverse as

we are can come together or even begin to think of itself as a community, unless it has a solid base of information with which to work. These three individuals have labored long and hard to keep us informed on issues affecting us, efforts to organize us, social events and so much more."

"Thanks to their labor, we have come closer together as a community, and found common ground. They have helped us move forward by keeping us informed, helping countless organizations reach out into the community and giving voice to our highest aspirations as a people. Much of what we have accomplished in Wisconsin is owed to them."

"The theme of this year's PrideFest is 'Stonewall 25 Our Time to Shine.' We are proud to announce that our 1994 Wisconsin Pride Parade Marshals are three men who shine with integrity, principle, selflessness, and courage. They are a credit to us all and we are indeed proud to say that they are part of our community."

The Wisconsin Pride Parade is scheduled to begin at 12:30 on Sunday June 12th. The Parade will assemble on the PrideFest grounds which have been moved to a site just North of Milwaukee's War Memorial Center, (See related article on parade entry information.) The parade route will be detailed in a future issue.

PrideFest Booth and Parade Applications

Milwaukee — Want to get your message or your products out to thousands of people? Then the PrideFest booth area is made for you. The PrideFest Booth and Parade applications have been sent out to organizations and businesses around the state.

The packets contain information about the June 11th & 12th PrideFest, as well the PrideFest booth and parade regulations and applications.

MERCHANDISE & INFO BOOTHS

Information and sales booths can be reserved until June 1st. Applications received after May 15th will be charged a higher fee. All of the PrideFest info and sales booths will be in tents this year. The fees for reservations made before May 15th are as follows:

Information booths for groups or businesses, \$35.00, Organizational sales booths, \$75.00, Business Sales booths, \$175. The fees cover both days of the

Festival.

PARADE ENTRIES

Parade fees are \$30 for marching groups and floats and \$20 for decorated vehicles. PrideFest has added a "Decorated Vehicle" category for this year's parade judging. Any group carrying a banner identifying itself is required to pay a fee.

If you or your organization is interested in renting a booth or participating in the parade and you did not receive a packet, call the Pride Line at 272-FEST (3378), now.

You can also use your home computer to download all the necessary information and applications by calling the Back Door BBS at (414) 744-9336. This information is contained within the Back Door's PrideFest message area.

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Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

Electoral Coalitions:

One Model For Fighting The Right

How will we defeat the right wing? For the Gay and Lesbian community, the battleground is in the states. The smashing defeat on the military ban has weakened the community's political power to win federal legislative protection for sexual orientation discrimination. More importantly, the right wing is waging war in the states.

After its massive defeat at the national polls in the 1964 Goldwater race, the right wing rebuilt from the grassroots up. It not only succeeded in capturing the Presidency in 1980, but used the next 12 years to attack minority communities, abortion rights, social welfare programs, environmental protections, and unions. Since losing the Presidency in 1992, it has continued organizing at every level, from school boards on up, to form a large movement designed to win political power at the local, state, and national levels, much as the Nazis did in Germany. The anti-Gay initiatives are just one attack in their war.

The Gay and Lesbian community, except in a limited number of enclaves, does not have the votes to defeat, by itself, right wing candidates or to elect legislators whom it can trust to vote the right way on its issues. It certainly cannot defeat statewide anti-Gay ballot initiatives by itself. It can defeat right wing candidates and elect progressive politicians, however, when working in coalition with other groups that have an interest in electing progressive politicians. These coalitions also give the community an opportunity to gain straight allies on the anti-Gay initiatives.

Progressive electoral organizations in over a half dozen states provide a useful model. Five northeastern states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island) and two midwestern states (Missouri and Minnesota) have electoral coalitions that unite labor unions and community organizations, including environmental, feminist, Gay and Lesbian, and other organizations for the purpose of electing progressive politicians to office. Several western states are in the early stages of forming such coalitions.

While not agreeing on all the issues, coalition members are able to unite on a common goal — electing progressive candidates to office and defeating right wing legislators. By limiting endorsements to candidates who have the support of a super majority of the

organizations in the coalition, the candidates must be good on a wide range of issues, not just on one or two issues.

Because the coalitions are broadbased, and include organizations that normally do not work together, they can elect progressive legislators outside of existing liberal and minority enclaves. For example, a primarily white district with a lot of union members but no visible Gay and Lesbian community might well elect a candidate who has a strong union record, even though the candidate also is pro-Gay.

THE MISSOURI MODEL

Missouri Progressive Vote (Pro-Vote), a statewide coalition of over 20 different organizations, illustrates the operation of such a coalition. Two member organizations (the St. Louis-based Privacy Rights Education Project and the Kansas City-based Human Rights Project) focus on Gay and Lesbian issues, two are pro-choice, two are feminist, one is environmental, one is housing, one lobbies for a single-payer health care system, and thirteen are labor unions. Pro-Vote targets a limited number of districts — either ones with right wing representatives whom Pro-Vote would like to knock out of office, or ones where a progressive seat is threatened. It also encourages and trains new candidates to run for office, particularly leaders affiliated with Pro-Vote member organizations.

Each Pro-Vote affiliate provides two questions concerning its key issues for a candidate questionnaire. If a candidate's responses are on target, Pro-Vote then interviews the candidate. The interviews not only flesh out the candidate's positions on matters of concern to members of the coalition, but also help to educate candidates on the issues. Before a candidate is approved for endorsement, she or he must gain support from 75% of the local board members in the area where the candidate will run. Pro-Vote staff then assists the candidate, not with money, but by developing the candidate's campaign and by coordinating canvassing and phone banking. Pro-Vote

organizations provide the people power, telephones, and/or organizational mailing lists that can spell the difference between victory and defeat.

GAINING ACCESS

There is, of course, no guarantee that politicians elected through such coalitions will always vote the way Gay men and Lesbians would want them to vote (although every candidate elected with the help of the Connecticut coalition, LEAP, did vote for Connecticut's Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill). But it oils doors so they open more easily. Our community gains access to candidates that the coalition helped to elect, even if the candidate does not have a large number of visible Gay and Lesbian constituents, and provides our community with some leverage with candidates who begin to waiver on our issues. As the coalition gains strength, member organizations gain influence with legislators who were not elected with coalition help, as they begin to see the coalition and its members as politically powerful forces.

Just as importantly, by sitting as an equal at the table with a wide variety of other coalition partners, many of whom know little, if anything, about Gay and Lesbian issues, the community gains an important opportunity to educate leaders of major organizations on our issues and to gain their assistance. In turn, our organizations learn about their issues. These working relationships give our community a foot in the door to educate our allies about issues such as the anti-Gay initiatives that are sweeping the country.

While Pro-Vote is only two years old in Missouri, it is successful and growing. If such a coalition can work in Missouri, it can work anywhere.

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AIDS: Why Older Gays and Lesbians Need More Information

By Eldon E. Murray

Older Gays and Lesbians need more information about AIDS because the incidence of AIDS in their generation is larger than they think it is and because the incidence of AIDS in older persons is rising.

When most people think about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) they automatically visualize a young Gay male. While this conception is not altogether false, it is misleading because today more than ten percent of AIDS cases are found in persons over fifty years of age.

The public, through the media, is becoming more aware of the increasing incidence of AIDS in infants and children, but actually there are over five times as many cases of AIDS in persons over fifty than in those under the age of 13 and the figures in the older population are rapidly rising, totaling more than 34,000 cases nationally at the present. Cases are also rising in those below the age of 21 and are declining in the 21-50 age group.

The decline in the latter age group is at least partly due to the fact that until recently almost the entire AIDS educational program was directed to that age group, with the notable exceptions being the programs directed to teens and drug users. Moreover, what few educational efforts that were directed to women almost never included Lesbians because it was thought that Lesbians were almost risk free concerning AIDS. Cases of AIDS among Lesbians are also increasing, so much so that the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City has recently opened an AIDS prevention program for Lesbians only and are including Lesbian scenes in their safer sex films.

Older Gays and Lesbians often do not perceive themselves at risk for AIDS.

Many older people mistakenly believe that AIDS does not occur in their generation. An often heard comment runs something like this: "At least we didn't have to worry about AIDS when we were young. Sexually transmitted diseases were treatable." The implication is that older people have escaped the curse of AIDS because it only affects the young and that they, therefore, do not need to worry. However, just like other age groups, statistics show that 63 percent of older AIDS patients become infected by unprotected sexual activity.

There is some kind of false assumption that older people are not sexually active. Just because there is snow on the roof does not mean that there is no fire in the furnace. Indeed, older people usually do not have as many sexual opportunities and usually have fewer sexual contacts in a given period of time than younger people, but very, very few older people live totally without sexual contact. Another often heard comment goes something like this: "I can't get AIDS. You have to have sex to get it and I haven't had sex in five years." Even if that is true, and rarely is it more than a very large exaggeration, AIDS sometimes takes ten or twelve years to show up symptomatically and if you or any of your sex partners have had a blood transfusion before about 1985 when testing of blood began, you could be at risk.

Statistics indicate that over one third of persons over age 65 with AIDS became infected between 1978 and 1985 from blood transfusions, before blood screening tests were begun. Even current blood screening tests are not completely accurate. Some 460 persons are infected each year through blood transfusions, and although this number is quite small in comparison to the large number of transfusions given each year, it is large enough for the experts to recommend that, if possible, persons should bank their own blood in advance of elective surgery.

Older Lesbians, in particular, frequently do not feel

vulnerable to the AIDS virus, but recent studies indicate that vaginal changes after menopause may leave older women more susceptible to AIDS infection than younger women. Moreover, it is believed that due to societal pressures more Lesbians have engaged in Bisexual practices than Gay men. This does not directly make them more susceptible, but it does increase the chances, back through the chain of sexual partners, of drug related infection, even though intravenous drug abuse is rare in the over 50 population.

Many older Gays, Lesbians, and particularly Bisexuals have never discussed their sexual orientation with their doctors and doctors, in general, are reluctant to discuss sexual matters with their older patients.

Classic symptoms that indicate that a person is HIV positive or has full blown AIDS such as fatigue, muscle weakness, coughs, etc. are also classic symptoms of normal aging. This means that doctors frequently ignore or dismiss such complaints, particularly when they do not know that their patient falls into a high risk category, i.e. Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual. Without a knowledge of their patient's risk status they are also not likely to recommend the HIV test. It should, therefore, come as no surprise that older persons who have not been determined to be HIV positive, who have had their early symptoms misunderstood, and who are now showing symptoms of full blown AIDS frequently get an initial diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease instead of AIDS.

Many older persons who otherwise pay close attention to the state of their health, are blithely ignoring, for whatever reason, the fact that they, too, are a risk for AIDS.

A recent survey turned up the fact that only one out of six persons over 50 even bother to use a condom while having sex, let alone practice the other aspects of safer sex. Even people with only a minimal knowledge about AIDS seem to know that the AIDS virus is most often transmitted by sexual contact with the exchange of body fluids. (Lesbians please note that body fluids are not limited to semen and blood.) Safer sex techniques are designed to prevent the exchange of these fluids. It must be admitted that very few programs discussing safer sex are directed to older people, but older Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals must not use this as an excuse for not taking it upon themselves to learn what their younger counterparts seem to be learning and practicing routinely.

The survey also revealed that only one out of five persons over 50 who are at risk have been tested for HIV although 75% of those surveyed were aware that HIV tests are available. Even more alarming is the fact that only about one third of the persons who have been tested for HIV have also received prevention information.

Most people also know that the AIDS virus attacks the immune system and that infected people die from one of several diseases that the body's reduced natural immune system can no longer fight off. It is also common knowledge that the natural immune system weakens as we grow older. In fact, AIDS researchers frequently do not allow persons over 45 to enter experimental AIDS treatment programs because they fear that their data may be skewed by the effects of aging on the immune levels. It has also been known, at least in professional circles, for a long time that persons diagnosed with AIDS who are over 50 have a markedly shorter survival time from diagnosis to death. However, social and health care system factors (as discussed above) affecting the time of diagnosis with full blown AIDS probably have an influence on the time of survival as well as weakened natural immune levels combined with the effect of the virus. These factors only add to the urgency for older persons to get the HIV test.

One of the main reasons that persons at high risk do not get the HIV test (aside from an unwillingness to admit that they are at risk) is that they mistakenly believe that a positive test result means that they have AIDS. They fear that a positive result is an "automatic death sentence" and that there is really nothing they can do to delay or escape the ultimate "execution." This is irrational and just not true. The test simply reveals the antibodies to the virus, not the virus itself. In other words, the virus may have entered and been completely overwhelmed by

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the antibodies or it may still be hiding in the body. In either case the test result would be positive. AIDS is never diagnosed until one's immunity has dropped to extremely low levels or one of several potentially killing diseases has taken over.

Many people who tested positive as long ago as 1985-86 have seen only slight reductions in their immune levels and still show no signs of any AIDS related diseases. While a negative test can relieve the fears of AIDS and the emotional stress surrounding the possibility of AIDS, it should not be used to lower one's guard by reverting to unsafe sex practices. Sexually active persons should be tested at regular intervals.

Even a positive test result is not the "end of the world." One can immediately begin to monitor immune levels and can take charge of the situation by stopping the things known to reduce immune levels (smoking, drinking, etc.) and starting the things known to enhance immunity (regular exercise, rest, good diet, etc.). Because we do not know the effects of even commonly prescribed medications such as hypertension drugs or anti-cholesterol drugs on the immune system, a good doctor can change the dosage or even change drugs while closely watching the immune levels. There are also special drugs which in some cases are controversial, but are thought by some to delay the onset of full blown AIDS. The HIV positive person can decide whether to use them or not. A person who is HIV positive can also get involved with a support group which, in itself, can help to reduce the emotional stress which is known to reduce immune levels. All of these techniques can help to postpone or possibly eliminate the onset of AIDS, perhaps even allowing one to die quietly in one's sleep at the age of 101 years old of "natural causes."

One last thought regarding the HIV test. If you are even having occasional sex, you should be tested for your own good. However, you also owe it to your partner(s) to know your status so that if you are positive you can use only the safest of sex practices, both to reduce multiple exposures to yourself and to protect your partner(s).

It would be nice to believe that once we reach "senior citizen" status we are home free regarding AIDS, but we older people must stop kidding ourselves and get more information.

This article is meant to raise the issues concerning AIDS and older persons not to answer your questions about AIDS, safer sex, and HIV testing. You can get your questions answered and get the information you need in detail by attending an upcoming completely anonymous and professional AIDS program.

SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) in co-operation with the **Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)** and the **Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD Clinic)** will hold an anonymous AIDS and safer sex program at 1:30pm on Sunday, May 22 on the premises of MAP, 315 West Court Street (two blocks south of Walnut and just west of Martin Luther King Drive -formerly North Third Street). After presentations by professional AIDS educators directed to both Gay men and Lesbians, a short film titled "Safer Sex Shorts" will be shown. **Warning:** If you are offended by frontal nudity and/or sexually explicit scenes, you may leave the room during the showing. Trained people from the Brady Clinic will offer free, anonymous HIV testing for those who wish it beginning at 1pm and continuing throughout the program. Light refreshments will be served

Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

"Hey Arnie, You've Survived 3 Years With Full Blown AIDS — What Are You Going To Do Now?"

"I'm Going To Pittsburgh"

What, you thought I was going to say Disney World? I was just there 18 months ago, and I've never been to Pittsburgh. However Pittsburgh will wait until it's warmer outside. I do have a friend going to school in Pittsburgh, and as you can well imagine he doesn't get a lot of visitors other than his partner from Milwaukee. But for an immediate reward I'm going to New York for five days and will give you a report in my next column. Actually as you read this, I'll have been to the Big Apple and back.

As I note my third anniversary of being sick, I do want to deal with some serious issues.

YOU'VE JUST FOUND OUT YOU'RE HIV+, NOW WHAT?

You just realized that you did something really stupid. You go for an anonymous HIV test and are told you have to wait several months before the test will be

valid. So you wait and not very comfortably. Then you get tested. The results come back. You just found out you're HIV+, now what? First, try not to panic. I wish I could tell you that it's not a death sentence, but that would be a lie. However, in most cases you should be able to continue leading a relatively normal life for years, providing you take care of yourself. I don't want to sound like a Pollyanna, but you do have some control over your health.

All of the comments I make are strictly my own as a lay person, not a professional. Let's go back to your finding out you're positive. You'll need someone to talk to besides the doctor or counselor who's giving you the news. I recommend a good friend, preferably not a current or recent sex partner. Some people react quite negatively. It should be someone you really trust. If you don't have someone like that, contact your local AIDS Service Organization (ASO) and get someone. Again and again I've stressed that this is not something you should face on your own. Resume your normal life as quickly as possible. Even though you know about safer sex, make sure that's all you do. If you have any questions about sexual practices, call your local ASO. While finding out you're

positive can become all consuming, try not to let it. You still have things to do and you should do them.

After you decide how you're going to deal with the news, you can begin to think about who and how you're going to tell others. If you have a partner, he/she should be informed and urged to get tested. You should offer to go with them. If you have occasional partners you should tell them as well, of course, that is if you know who they are.

Somehow the forgotten issue in all that's said, done and written is that there is a difference between being HIV positive and actually having AIDS. This goes beyond the government definitions that define AIDS and qualify you for disability. This becomes a personal health issue. You can be classified by your T-Cell count as having AIDS, but still not be sick. It's that first opportunistic infection that becomes the defining event in one's life. It's when you know you really have AIDS.

I know there was nothing in this column to make you laugh, but remember I always say this column is sometimes serious. This was one of those times.

To be continued next time...

The Arts

By Carmen Alicia Murguía

Unlike the incredibly steamy standing-room-only Melissa Etheridge concert, I've got a **reserved seat** on Midwest Express for the Stonewall Celebration in New York. For two hours, I can count on being catered to by a **tolerant** flight attendant crew, in the company of men and women on a business trip, LesBiGays and Transgenders bound for the celebration of Unity in the Big Apple, and families en route to a summer on Long Island.

Tolerance was the theme that first came to mind when I stood in line for the Melissa Etheridge/ Mathew Sweet recent concert at the Eagle's Club. I **tolerated** the heat of the night. I **tolerated** walking in single file line amidst other lesbian fans waiting to catch a glimpse of the latest musician to come out, alongside beer-swigging, chain-smoking white male rockers and their girlfriends velcroed to their bodies. I even **tolerated** the shortage of restrooms equipped to hold the eclectic and energized crowd.

What I could not **tolerate** once I entered the \$25 concert billed as a ballroom, which was more like a gymnasium, was having to sit on the dusty floor for an hour, (for some it was 5 hours because it was general admission), and then shoved to my feet by an unruly crowd when Mathew Sweet began his intense set, followed by being physically crushed by the same sweaty audience, to the amplified presence of Melissa Etheridge.

I was so moved by her music, I did my best to close my eyes at times, and block out the **intolerant** behavior that surrounded me: Comments like "You bunch of F___'n Dykes," "Get the F___ out of my way, or I'll F___'n shove you out of the way" were common throughout Melissa Etheridge's passionate 2 hour 2-encore performance that found me fighting to stay in my place. I noticed other sisters arguing with barbaric heterosexuals, rather than enjoying the concert that had waited so long for.

What would have been the price we had to pay for assistance from the security guards who stood by and watched it all happen. Or is it me? I am just **too** accustomed to civilized behavior at jazz, r & b, and women's concerts? Or maybe, just maybe it is they who haven't gotten "it" yet and it

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Fest City Singers Have New Home

The **Fest City Singers**, (of the *History, Herstory, Ourstory* fame), is

excited to announce the location of their new home, The Studio Theatre at the Broadway Centre, 158 N. Broadway in the Third Ward.

The Fest City Singers will present five evening performances *History, Herstory, Ourstory: A Musical Review of Gay Life* at their new home. The first of two benefit performances is on Friday, June 3 at 8pm for the Milwaukee Aids Project, and the second performance to benefit Pridefest is on Friday, June 10 also at 8pm. Three other performances are scheduled for June 4, 5, and 12. Tickets are \$10 for evening performances. Reservations can be made by calling the FCS Hotline (414) 263-SING.

You can also catch FCS performing the Stonewall scene from *History, Herstory, Ourstory* as a tribute to the 25th anniversary of Stonewall at the Pridefest Showcase Saturday, June 11.

Boulevard Benefit for Sojourner Truth House

The **Boulevard Ensemble** invites you to a very special evening on Saturday, May 7. At 10:30pm, The Boulevard Ensemble will present a theatrical adaptation of Dorothy Parker's short story, **Big Blonde**. Your \$5 donation will help to support Sojourner Truth House, a Milwaukee safe haven for battered women and their children. The Boulevard Theatre, Milwaukee's

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Pulitzer Prize Winning Playwright Tony Kushner on 'In the Life'

This month, *In The Life* features an interview with Tony Award winner and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Broadway's seven hour epic play *Angels*



Bar chanteuse Michael McAssey recently performed at the M&M Club.

in America. Also featured in the May edition, a talk with David Drake, writer and star of the off-Broadway hit *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, about his venture into Hollywood with *Philadelphia*; a very open chat with very out Dick Sargent of *Bewitched* fame (suddenly, I feel my nose twitching), and a look at *Go Fish*, a lesbian love story that was the surprise hit at the Sundance Film Festival. *In The Life* airs on May 19 at 11pm on Madison's WHA Channel 21 and on May 12 at 12:30am on Milwaukee's WMVS Channel 10.

Anna Halprin Workshop in Movement/ Healing

The Dance Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will sponsor a Free Workshop with Anna Halprin, respected pioneer of modern dance and movement-as-healing on Saturday, May 21 in Room 229 of Lathrop Hall.

The first part of the workshop, from 10am-4pm, is a movement session especially designed for people facing cancer, AIDS/HIV, and other life-threatening illness. Caregivers are also invited to participate in the workshop. The general public is invited to join the workshop at 4pm for a lecture-demonstration of Ms. Halprin's work using dance, ritual, and collective creativity to create both healing and performing art.

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**Bay View Players Present
"Grand Hotel"**

The Bay View Players are staging the Wisconsin premiere of the musical *Grand Hotel* from May 5-15 in the Bay View High School Auditorium, 2751 S. Lenox St. The May 5 opening night performance is a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Tommy Tune's incredibly clever staging of the musical won five Tony awards in 1990. The sharply contrasting lives of a score of characters intersect beneath the crystal chandelier of the Grand Hotel. The musical is a director's show, and Bay View's Charmaine DeNoyer can be counted on to do something inventive and interesting.

The MAP performance begins at 7:30pm, reserved seats for that performance only are available by calling 744-6267. The play also runs May 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8pm and May 15 at 3pm. Tickets for these performances are available at the door or by calling 744-9840.



Tom Bell and Jane Tennison star in "Prime Suspect 3" on the PBS series "Mystery".

**London's Gay Underground
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The third installment of the Emmy-winning miniseries *Prime Suspect* is airing on the PBS show *Mystery!* in May. This time around, the dogged Detective Jane Tennison (Helen Mirren) is assigned to the Vice Squad and must investigate the murder of a "rent boy," a male prostitute. The search for suspects leads Tennison through London's seamy Gay underground of pimps and pushers to the upper crust hypocrites who benefit from the exploitation.

David Thewlis plays a pimp who is initially Tennison's prime suspect. Peter

Capaldi plays drag queen Vera Reynolds, a diva who knows more than she's telling. *In Step* was unable to preview the 4-part series, so can't say how damaging or Gay-positive it might be. The *New York Times* described it as "remarkably compelling," dealing with "torture, blackmail, pedophilia, coverups, homophobia, the works." Many Lesbians have followed the series for the brilliant, brainy performance of Helen Mirren as the heroic Tennison.

Prime Suspect 3 began airing on Wisconsin Public TV April 28. The next three episodes will run Thursday nights, May 5, 12 and 19 at 9pm. Milwaukee's PBS station, Channel 10, will begin

showing parts 1 and 2 on Sunday, May 8 at 9pm. Episodes 3 and 4 will follow at 9pm on May 15 and 22. Most PBS stations also repeat *Mystery!* episodes during the same week they're aired. Check your local listings.

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John Waters Spoofs
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Review by Jamakaya

John Waters has come a long way since directing queer trash classics like *Pink Flamingos* and *Female Trouble* on shoestring budgets more than 20 years ago. Those films disgusted some, delighted others and helped make the lovable drag queen Divine a star.

Waters, possibly the queerest filmmaker working today, has since gained more mainstream legitimacy. Starting with *Polyester* in 1981 and, more recently, with *Hairspray* and *Cry-Baby*, Waters' movies have become more accessible to a wider audience and as a result have been more financially successful. The upside of this is that Savoy Pictures gave him a \$13 million budget for *Serial Mom*, which shows in its top talent and sterling production values. The downside is that Waters' outrageousness has lost a bit of its subversive edge.

Not that *Serial Mom* isn't funny. It is. And the best thing about it is Kathleen Turner's over-the-top performance as Beverly Sutphin, the seemingly perfect June Cleaverish suburban housewife (pearls and all!) who has a penchant for murdering people who don't meet her strict standards of etiquette.

I've always liked Turner. Whether in her dramatic roles (*Body Heat*, *War of the Roses*) or her ventures into comedy (*Switching Channels*, *Romancing the Stone*, even the voice of Jessica Rabbit in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*), she always overdoes it. She follows the Bette Davis-Joan Crawford school of overblown characters and seems to relish it. It's not surprising that Waters incorporated into *Serial Mom* that famous scene in *Straightjacket* when a crazed Joan Crawford takes an axe to young lovers in bed. Even in her talk show appearances, Turner is forever on, playing famous actress to the hilt.

"BRECK GIRL GONE CRAZY"

Waters says of Turner: "I was drawn to Kathleen because she loves being evil in her movies. The first time I saw her in a scene where she is running down the street with a butcher's knife in her hand, it was like a dream come true. I was in cinema heaven. She's the Breck Girl gone crazy."

Turner is deliriously wacky in *Serial*



(L to R) Ricki Lake, Kathleen Turner, Sam Waterston and Matthew Lillard star in "Serial Mom".
Photo by Phillip Caruso for Savoy Pictures

Mom. Many of the biggest laughs come less from the witty dialogue than from the amazing assortment of exaggerated facial expressions Turner exhibits. She's a great clown, rolling her eyes, arching her eyebrows, scowling, grimacing, beaming sweetly one moment, projecting homicidal menace the next. Watch her manic delight as she makes obscene phone calls to a neighbor. Turner's a hoot!

Supporting her is straight man Sam Waterston as her trusting, befuddled husband and Ricki Lake as her boy-crazy daughter, Misty. As her nutcase mother is about to be arrested for multiple murders, Misty cries, "Now I'll never get a boyfriend!" Patty Hearst plays a juror who makes the unfortunate mistake of flouting Beverly's fashion sense by wearing white shoes after Labor Day. Turner shoots her (and other victims-to-be) a withering glance that says "You're dead meat!" loud and clear.

Although the context of *Serial Mom* is pure spoof and satire, I often winced at the suddenness and the brutality of the murders. Waters is famed for being gross and explicit so I shouldn't have been surprised. Among the murder weapons are a car, a scissors, a fireplace poker (we get to see a skewered liver -- yuck) and most bizarre, a lamb chop. Having been through the Dahmer case here in Milwaukee, I occasionally felt twinges of guilt over the lighthearted treatment of serial murder. The bloody explicitness detracted from the movie's comic intent.

One other problem with *Serial Mom* is that its send-up of suburban family life is not as fresh as it once may have been. American audiences have been inundated with images of dysfunctional family life for years -- on the talk show

circuit and through TV shows like the long-running *Married...With Children*. Much of the "humor" in that show drips bile. Satirizing the ideal of June and Ward Cleaver-type domesticity is becoming old hat. Spoofing media exploitation of sensational crimes is also pretty common.

Still, there's a lot to enjoy in *Serial Mom*. Check your sensitivities at the ticket booth and plan on a rollicking good time.

Some John Waters Movies on Video

▼ *Mondo Trasho* (1969): Divine makes her memorably trashy debut in this bizarre schlockfest.

▼ *Pink Flamingos* (1972): Waters' most infamous flick, with the dog shit-eating scene. Word is, Divine really did it.

▼ *Female Trouble* (1974): Lots of craziness, with Divine locked up in a women's prison, scheduled for execution. Truly outrageous.

▼ *Polyester* (1981): Harried housewife Francine Fishpaw (Divine) meets heartthrob Todd Tomorrow (Tab Hunter). For this film, Waters created "Odorama," in which theatergoers got scratch and sniff cards!

▼ *Hairspray* (1988): This sweetheated and nostalgic satire revolves around the racial integration of a teen dance show on TV in the 1960's. It boasts perhaps the strangest cast ever assembled: Divine, Sonny Bono, Pia Zadora and Debbie Harry! It was Ricki Lake's screen debut.

▼ *Cry-Baby* (1990): Cornball spoof of 1950's teen flicks with Amy Locane torn between being a "good" girl or running off with leather-clad biker Johnny Depp.

Ride 'em Cowgirls! "Bad Girls" Shoot Up the Bad Guys

*Gal Pal Western is a Lark,
But "Little Jo" is Better*

Review by Jamakaya

Women rescuing other women! Women riding horses at breakneck speed! Women totin' six shooters and rifles and blowing away the bad guys! All this and more await you in the action-packed western *Bad Girls*.

Boasting a cast that includes four of our most appealing young actresses — Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson (Idgie in *Fried Green Tomatoes*) and Drew Barrymore — *Bad Girls* is both a feminist revenge epic and (excuse my political incorrectness) a babe-fest!

Bad Girls is a delight to watch because the women are beautiful, smart and strong — a rarity in movies. They play active, even aggressive roles, usually while coming to the defense or rescue of their sisters who are put upon by lots of no-good, dirty varmints.

The four "bad girls" are prostitutes working in Echo City, Colorado in 1890. The action begins after Stowe's character, Cody Zamora, shoots a rotten scumbag who's roughing up her friend Anita (Masterson). Hookers can't get away with killing the town fathers however, so Cody is paraded through town (accompanied by a gang of religious zealots) to a hanging post. But gal pals Anita, Eileen (MacDowell) and Lilly (Barrymore) save her neck and flee the town with a posse and Pinkerton detectives in hot pursuit.

The women try to retrieve some money Cody has stashed away so they can head to the peace and quiet of Oregon, where Anita's dead husband owns a piece of land. But Cody's money is stolen by the evil Kid Jarrett, a sleazy outlaw she used to ride with, and Anita learns that a woman without a husband is unable to own land in her own right. Most of *Bad Girls* is a series of chase scenes and gunfights as the women respond to these injustices and the "law" closes in. Thelma and Louise ride again!

CARDBOARD CHARACTERS

The plot is fairly predictable in its twists and turns and its eventual

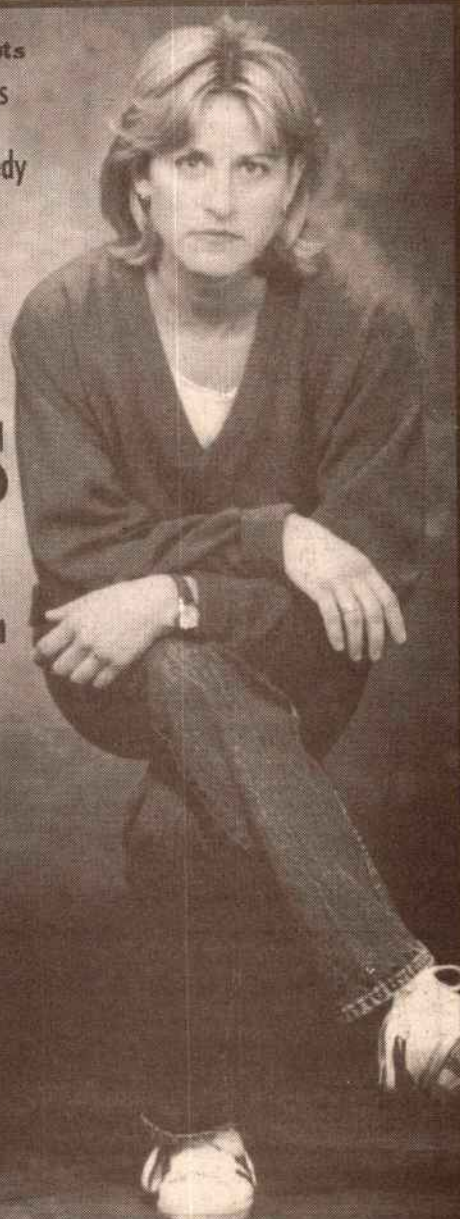
resolution. None of the characters are very deep and the villains are especially overdrawn. James Russo as Kid Jarrett and Robert Loggia as his father cuss and spit and chew the proverbial scenery to prove how really bad they are. When Kid Jarrett takes the bull whip to Cody, you'll wanna kill the fucker yourself. (There are also two "good guys" who become the women's allies. They balance the image of men as generally no-good creeps.)

We only learn a few tidbits about each woman's background, so even the main characters aren't well developed. The movie suffers from lazy writing. Apparently the four-person writing team

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Bad Girls...

thought it was enough of a gimmick to put women in the lead roles in a shoot 'em up western. So much more could have been done, including the injection of more humor. Hell, even Stallone and Schwarzenegger exhibit a self-deprecating humor about their comic book heroics. *Bad Girls* takes itself a little too seriously.

But I still liked it and recommend it to others, largely on the strength of its women. It's very empowering to see images of women who are strong and confident and willing and able to fight back. I'm not saying that all movies should depict women as gun-toting avengers mowing down men for the sake of womankind. I'd just like to see more diverse women characters, who aren't always appendages to or victims of men.

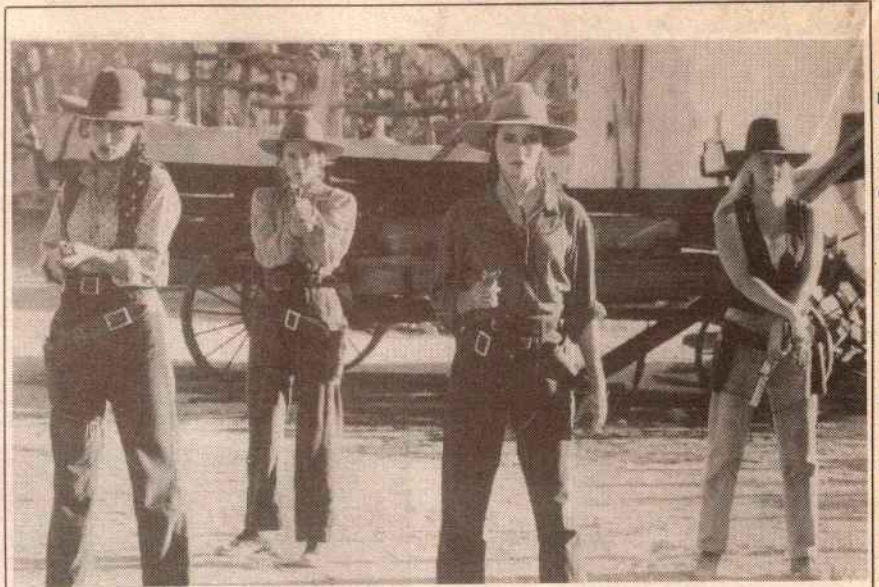
The action sequences and the expert gunplay of the *Bad Girls* are a kick, however, and the solidarity between the women themselves is inspiring. These women are simply fun to watch. And beautiful. I'd drop anything to come to Madeleine Stowe's rescue! And Andie MacDowell has a face and smile that literally light up the screen. Although there is no Lesbian content in this film, most dykes will find much to enjoy.

"LITTLE JO" & "COWGIRLS"

A much better, more thoughtful feminist western, *The Ballad of Little Jo*, is now available on video. I highly recommend it.

Unlike *Bad Girls*, *Little Jo* was written and directed by a woman, Maggie Greenwald, who wanted to seriously explore what life was like for a lone woman in the "wild west." The result is the story of Josephine Monaghan, a woman forced to cross-dress and take on the identity of a man to survive.

Little Jo is a profound exploration of sexism and violence on the American frontier and shows the incredible lengths this particular woman has to go to to find a measure of safety and independence for herself. The dignity of



From Left: Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson, Madeline Stowe and Drew Barrymore in the recently released film, "Bad Girls".

her life and the strength of character that allows her to survive incredible odds make Little Jo, played by Suzy Amis, a great woman hero. While not an overtly Lesbian character, I have no doubt Lesbians everywhere will take *Little Jo* into their hearts.

One other woman-oriented western there has been a great deal of anticipation about is *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*, directed by Gus Van Sant. Unlike the previous movies mentioned here, *Cowgirls* does have Lesbian characters (and an outrageous drag queen called The Countess!). Because Van Sant is Gay, hopes have been high that his version of Tom Robbins's funny novel would be true to its queer storylines.

The bad news is that *Cowgirls* has once again been pulled from release. Originally, it was supposed to open last November at the time the soundtrack with k.d. lang was released. Because of some negative comments at film festivals last fall, it was withheld for re-editing. The new version was to hit theatres in April, but that release date

was also cancelled. I'm beginning to doubt we will ever see it in theatres. It might just be released on video at some point.

In recent interviews, Van Sant has been distancing himself from *Cowgirls*, saying he was miserable during filming and lost his inspiration half way through. It's never a good sign when a director is dissing his own work prior to its release. He seems to be preparing people for a letdown.

We'll write about *Cowgirls* when and if it comes out. Meanwhile, go see *Bad Girls* and rent *Little Jo*.

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Fresh Talent

Talking With Writer Norman Wong

By Owen Keehnen

Cultural Revolution is a bright debut collection of eleven interconnected short stories by Norman Wong. The pieces involve three generations of the Lau family and their immigration from Macao to Honolulu capturing various moments and challenges existent in a first generation Chinese American family. Not only are cultural barriers explored, but sexual barriers as well through the emerging homosexuality of the main character, the son Michael.

Cultural Revolution is a poignant, concise, and engrossing work and has been praised by Oscar Hijuelos, John Barth, Stephen Dixon, and Christopher Bram. And it is worthy praise. Norman Wong is a great new voice on the Gay literary scene, catapulted to the forefront by the power of this collection.

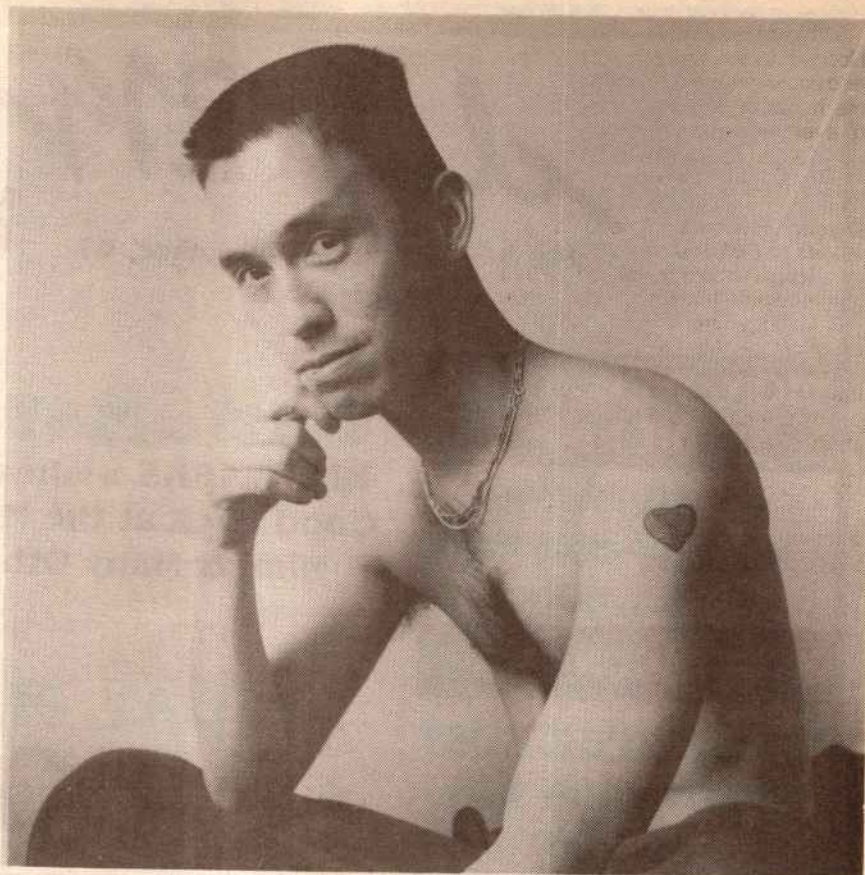


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I recently had a chance to talk to Norman Wong about his life, his book, and his writing and found that I also had the honor of being the very first person to ever interview him.

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Owen: How autobiographical are the stories in *Cultural Revolution*?

Norman: Very. When I read the stories over I know they are fiction, but the feelings are much truer than the situation. I wrote the first story *Chinese Movie* in 1986. I remembered going to the movies with my mother and concentrated on specific emotions and images and sort of went from there.

Did you always want to be a writer?

I had a high school teacher who encouraged me when I was sixteen and I've wanted to be one since then.

Which of the eleven stories in Cultural Revolution is your favorite and why?

The Chinese Barber. It's a Mother and Son story and the character Michael has an affinity for his mother and I like the way that works in the story. It's a coming of age story as well. Michael is torn between his mother and this white boy. It works, and it's just very close to my heart though it's one of the most fictionalized of all the stories.

The tornness is a common theme in your stories, the conflict between the importance of tradition and the necessity to adapt. From your experience was the generational rift greater from the Gayness or the Americanness?

Earlier on it was the Americanness and then once I hit puberty it became Gayness. One of my experiences growing up and realizing that I was Gay and attracted to men was that I wasn't able to disassociate that from being American. To me it was one and the same. That's why the character Michael is more attracted to white men than other types.

Though he's only 17 at the book's conclusion, Michael remains closeted. When did that all change for you?

I'm out to my parents, they've known for several years. They weren't crazy about it when they found out, but they don't ask me when I'm going to get married anymore.

That's always a relief. What additional factors did you as an Chinese American have to deal with in the coming out process?

A lot has to do with that fact that it's a white centric world we live in, especially here on the mainland. In the Gay community a lot of the attractive images are of white men. You see them more often and you see them everywhere. So when I was coming out in college I felt I was inferior because I

wasn't white. I had to deal with that and deal with the fact of being Gay.

Have you experienced much prejudice within the Gay and Lesbian community?

Nothing obvious. I guess I have to go back to the appearance thing. People have preconceived ideas of what Asians are and what Gay Asian men are, you know, meek, mild, more humble, smaller build, not outspoken, we're supposed to have smaller dicks. The prejudice I feel is from other Gay men believing those stereotypes.

In addition to writing you also work at Lambda Legal Defense in New York, do you hope to improve the situation a bit from that angle?

I've been going from non profit to non profit. I was at AMFAR before this and before that at GMHC. The work is mundane. I just sit in front of a computer most days and enter data and send out mailings. Things like that. I could do it anywhere, but I enjoy doing it for a good cause and I like the people. I guess it's sort of my way of making a contribution.

Describe your writing process.

When I begin a story I have a pretty good idea what will happen at the end. That is always the one thing I am sure of. I didn't change the endings on any of these stories. Sometimes I make an outline, but usually I just think it over.

How do you know when a short story is done?

It's funny you should say that, with this collection I thought it was done when I submitted it to my agent, then she sold it to my editor who low and behold said they weren't done. There was some rethinking, touching here, touching there.

What do you hope Cultural Revolution does for the reader?

Hopefully I have succeeded in presenting a picture of this family in some of their daily and some of their not so daily situations. I want to take you into their world for two hundred pages and let you feel what they feel and think what they think.

It must feel great with this collection coming out, being praised by Oscar Hijuelos, Dale Peck, Randall Kenan, and John Barth among others. What advice do you have to young writers still struggling?

When you least expect it something good will come along. I was sitting at my job at AMFAR typing away one day, kind of down, thinking "What a dreary life I have. All I want is to be a writer and I'll never be one." And that's when I got the phone call from my agent saying that she sold the manuscript.

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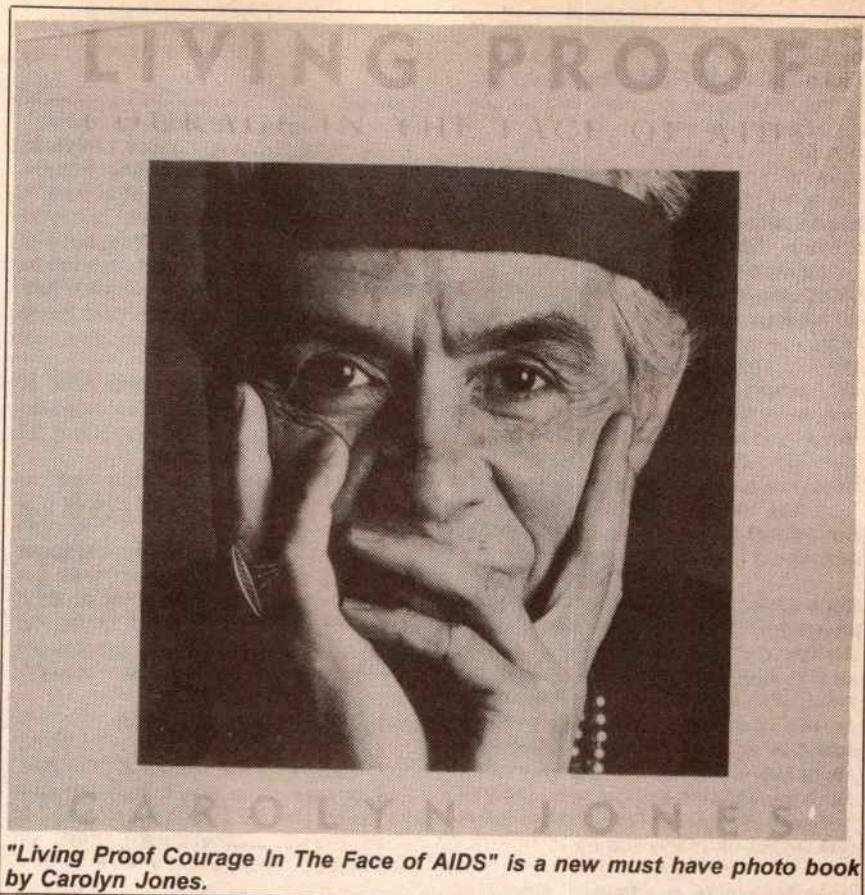
Reviews by Carl M. Szatmary

Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil
by John Berendt
Random House, HC \$23

John Berendt's *Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil: A Savannah Story* is that extremely rare work of nonfiction that transcends genre definition and emerges as one of the year's most compellingly written books.

The basic story is deceptively simple: murder. In one of the oldest and grandest of Savannah's historic mansions, shots rang out in the early morning of May 2, 1981. The victim was a handsome but erratic and often violent hustler by the name of Danny Hansford. Danny was a part-time furniture refinisher, assistant, and companion to the accused Jim Williams, a closeted Gay man, mysterious and aloof and a member of Savannah's highest level of society.

No simple murder case here. Williams would plead self-defense, always maintaining his complete innocence. Unfortunately, many of the facts of the case seemed to suggest otherwise. In the end, the case was bungled from the beginning. Following the tampering and also the withholding of evidence, in addition to overall prosecution miscues, Williams suffered through two convictions and two, corresponding mistrials. Once you throw in Savannah's self-imposed isolation, at once rarified and claustrophobic, this case's sensational elements would seem



"Living Proof Courage In The Face of AIDS" is a new must have photo book by Carolyn Jones.

to suggest the makings of a perfect *Geraldo* or *A Current Affair* episode. Instead, in the hands of a gifted writer like John Berendt, a brilliant and engaging portrait of a most unique Southern city emerges.

Effortlessly proving that truth is stranger than fiction, Berendt presents as engaging a cast of colorful and eccentric

characters that the reader is likely to encounter in any book this year. First there is the accused, Jim Williams. A self-made man who has risen to the top of the antique world, Williams will continue his antique business, for example dealings with his Faberge collection, from his communal jail cell. Assisting on Jim Williams' defense is Minerva, a voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. Then there are Chablis, an uproariously outrageous drag queen who crashes Savannah's legendary black debutante ball and the unfortunate Luther Driggs, a luckless inventor rumored to have in his possession a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah.

What truly elevates *Midnight* is Berendt's extraordinary skills at portraying the alliances, hostilities and intrigues of seductive Savannah. Unobtrusively observant and possessing a sharp, unerring ear, Berendt is able to deftly create portrayals of the participants so real and three-dimensional, that the reader cannot help but feel actively involved in the case. When the number of plot twists and red herrings are added to this mix, the result is an immensely enjoyable romp through a modern day remnant of the Old South. Most highly recommended.

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After a promising and genuine start, **Straitjacket & Tie** soon becomes adrift in a plot that tries a bit too hard to be fun and farcical. Unfortunately Stein at times seems to try to be a bit too clever and more often than not the action appears a bit forced. Yet Bert remains throughout an engaging and likable character and there are moments of outrageous humor. All in all, **Straitjacket & Tie** is a pleasant romp perhaps best to be enjoyed when the paperback edition is published.

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by Ron Geiman

The Pride season is full upon us, with all the various college LesBiGay groups having Pride Week and/or Out and About Weeks prior to finals and the end of the semester. They'll be followed by **Chicago's Pride Parade** on June 5, **Milwaukee's PrideFest June 11-12** and then the big **Unity '94/ Gay Games/ Stonewall 25** blowout in New York June 18-26. This issue, and our next several issues will be chock full of information about all those activities, so get ready for **Pride Overload!**

The **Sandra Bernhard** show scheduled for the Riverside on April 30, has been canceled due to slow ticket sales. The Riverside, which advertised the show in this magazine, and several other publications, will refund the ticket price for those who already purchased tickets. Frankly, I'm not surprised people didn't want to go see her — the last time I saw Ms. Bernhard on a Comedy Channel show she was NOT very entertaining and acted like she was quite over it. Maybe others saw that performance, and decided they were over her!

The **Melissa Etheridge** concert at the Eagles club brought out a large core Lesbian audience. You can read Carmen's impressions in her 'Arts'

column this issue, but from what I understand, there were definitely some audience cultural conflicts.

The **New Bar** hosted the Madison ABBA Gold Greatest Hits party on April 14, complete with all the ABBA memorabilia, give-aways and video memories. At Appleton's **Pivot Club**, Sage and Ashley literally dragged former Miss 1101 West, Barbie Mason, out of her closet for a long-time-coming return engagement.

It was flashback time to the music of the 70's and 80's, when disco was a Gay thing, and the infamous Factory bar was going full throttle in what is now the Broadway Arts Center, when **Club 219** hosted a weekend long Factory Reunion Party. The whole weekend was Chuck's idea (he used to own the Factory, and is now managing 219) and included plenty of great old dance music, give-aways and lots of old faces (and a lot of old tricks). The older music was such a draw that 219 is now featuring it every Saturday night. Stop in to "Disco, where all the happy people go..."

The **9th annual MilMaids Bowling Tournament** held in Madison April 16, raised over \$6,000 for the **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)**. Sun Prairie Lanes will never be the same again, I'm sure! After two shifts of bowling, all the participants descended upon **Fife's Corner Bistro** for the banquet and awards presentation. This annual benefit is held in Madison and Milwaukee in alternate years, with the host city donating the raised money to their local AIDS project. Get ready for Milwaukee, next April 29.

Comic/actor/singer Michael McAssey performed at the **M&M Club** April 17th & 24th in between gigs at Chicago's Gentry. McAssey has appeared in Broadway's **Late Night Comic** and on CBS TV's **Guiding Light**. **Backstage** said of him, "One of the wittiest bar maestros around, he offers non-stop entertainment, punctuated as often by his dazzling vocal prowess as it is by his comic genius." Now, aren't you sorry you missed him? Keep your eye out on M&M's entertainment schedule for a possible return engagement. If you can't wait, M&M is bringing the infamous (and expensive) **Rudy de la Mor Sunday**, May 15. He's a "bigger" talent that McAssey and in the same witty vein.

The **Possum Queen** finals are set for May 22nd (check our next issue for details on the finals) but there are plenty of Possum Queen Rally events scheduled until then. It's all in fun, and to raise needed funds for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. (Your vote "purchases" all go to MAP.)

Lady Miranda captured the Miss Cosmopolitan crown, a Wisconsin-USA preliminary pageant held at **Club 219** by King Productions. (There were only two contestants, so perhaps Jimmy King should take the hint that there might be



The "Hungry for Love" leather show at the 1100 Club featured lots of Midwest leather titleholders who helped raise \$422 plus food donations for the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry. Mr. Minnesota Drummer '93 Mark Warner is shown presenting the check to Gordie of the 1100 Club.



1100 Club bartenders Steve (left) and Patrick (right) with guest bartender Paul Walker, Mr. WI Leather & Wisconsin L/L Daddy.

too many WI-USA preliminaries held in the Milwaukee area?)

Runway 51 hosted the Sunset Dames show with guest vocalist Debbie on April 23 that was also a birthday bash for Sabreena and Jennifer. It was country in Milwaukee at **3B's** with country dancing and prize give-aways all night long.

The **1100 Club** was "Hungry For Love" the same night when they hosted a leather show and market as a benefit for the MAP Food Pantry. Guest appearances by Mr. Great Lakes Drummer '93 J.D. Laufman; Mr. Wisconsin Leather '93 & '93 Mr. WI Levi Leather Daddy Paul Walker from

Madison; Mr. Minnesota Leather '94 Raymond LeBrun; and Mr. Minnesota Drummer '93 Mark Warner made the evening a big success. The performers all donated their time and talents. \$422 in cash plus food donations were raised for the pantry.

Club 3054 hosted Steve's Spring Beach Party on April 24, complete with a swim suit contest, and an Annette and Frankie look alike contest to go with the free weenies and drink specials. Later that night in **Wings** it was time for the monthly full moon party, and the boys were howlin'!

The **Wreck Room** offered the live talents of Dan Schwartz on April 25.

Dan has been performing monthly at the bar, but this recent show was his last one until fall. Dan goes back East for the summer, so the WR is looking for someone to fill in for him on a monthly basis...

That brings us up to by April 28 deadline... Don't forget the **Wisconsin Levi/ Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Weekend** coming up May 6-8. The weekend is a combined effort of Wisconsin's L/L clubs: Argonauts of Wisconsin, Castaways, Oberons and Unicorns of Madison.

And of course, be sure to support the **Possum Queen** campaigns...

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WED., MAY 4

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 7-9pm.

Wreck Room: Beginning of Summer hours, open 3:30pm weekdays.

FRI., MAY 6

Wreck Room: Daddy & Daddy's Boy Weekend, kick off party, 6pm; followed

by Daddy's Boy Contest, 10:30pm, \$7.
Boot Camp: Patio Opening Party.
Za's (Green Bay): Karaoke with Kitty & Za 10-11pm, Cameo performances by Mary Richards & Lena Chavez after midnight.

SAT., MAY 7

Ballgame: Flora Dora for Possum Queen fundraiser, 5-8pm. Food, fun, prizes.

3B's: Annual Old Timer's party, 3pm-? Meet old friends from old bars.

1100 Club: WI Leather Daddy Contest 10:30pm, \$7.

L/L Daddy & Daddy's Boy Weekend: Celebrity Banquet, M&M club upper level, 6pm, \$25. (Advance purchase only.)

Frontiers (Madison): 8pm discussion on plans for a GALVANize March & Rally during MAGIC Picnic Weekend. (608) 241-2500 for location & more info.

SUN., MAY 8

Alioto's on Jackson: Special Mother's Day Brunch, served 10:30am-2:30pm. See ad for details.

3B's Bar: Possum Queen Dart Tournament, 3pm, 301 Singles.

1100 Club: L/L Daddy's Weekend Auction of Leather goods & winners reception, 1pm, \$4 admission.

Fannies: Oldies Party.

MON., MAY 9

AfterWords: Book Club discussion of Bruce Bawer's *A Place At The Table* & James Robert Baker's *Tim & Pete*, 7:30pm.

TUE., MAY 10

Club 219 Plus: Mimi Marks wishes Dominique Mahon good luck at Miss Gay USA Pageant. Mimi & many other special guests perform. 11pm showtime, \$4 door.

WED., MAY 11

Club 3054 (Madison): Beginning May 11 Primate Productions Presents *Pizzazz*, 9pm, 1st Super 70's party.

Runway 51 (Janesville): Alan's birthday bash, free tap beer 8-10pm.

THURS., MAY 12

Club 3054 (Madison): Karaoke, \$25 prize best singer; finals July 4, \$100 prize.

FRI., MAY 13

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

Pivot Club (Appleton): Madison's Excalibur Productions, showtime 10:30pm.

Club 3054 (Madison): PrideFest Rainbow Tour Show with many special guests, \$3 cover, show 10pm.

Club 219 Plus: Body Sweat, male dancers from Chicago, 11pm.

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1100 Club: Mother's Day Show, MADDQ.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Drag-A-Rama Spring '94 Tour, \$2 cover goes to NIAP & SEWAP, 11pm showtime.

Action Wisconsin: Monthly meeting of new state LesBiGay group, 2pm in Madison. Call (608) 266-8570 for location. See 'News' this issue for more info.

Wings (Madison): Fundraiser for MASN and to send Paul Walker to IML, special guests & give-aways, starts 9pm.

Club 219 Plus: Lena Chavez for Possum Queen Show, "The Way Drag Should Be," \$3 cover, door prizes, 9:30 showtime.

Runway 51 (Janesville): PrideFest Rainbow Tour Show, many special guests, \$3 cover, 10:30 showtime.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

M&M Club: Weezie For Possum Queen Rally, 2-7pm. Chicken Shit Contest (\$500 grand prize), food, beer.

3B's Bar: Tex-Mex Dinner, 6-8pm, \$5 benefits Lesbian Softball Squad.

Za's (Green Bay): Miss Emerald City USA Pageant, 10pm, \$300 cash prize. A WI-USA preliminary contest.

AIDS Prayer Service (Madison): St. Francis House, 7:30pm *In The Time of AIDS*. Refreshments & social follows.

Horseback Riding: At Bar "N" Ranch in Northern kettle Morraines, 11:30am. Open to all. Call GAMMA at (414) 963-9833 FMI. Or Frontiers in Madison (608) 274-8553.

Dairyland Cowboys Country Dance (Madison): 8-11pm, Apple Island, \$4. See Group Notes for details.

Fannies: Country Weekend.

SUN., MAY 15

Club 3054 (Madison): Felicia's "USA or Bust" World Fundraising Tour, 10pm showtime.

M&M Club: The rarified talents of the incomparable Rudy De La Mor.

Triangle: Grand Opening Party & Patio opening party, 5-close. Drink specials all day & night, shot specials.

Ellen Degeneres Live (Madison): One night only at the Madison Civic Center, 7:30pm. Charge by phone (608) 266-9055.

Milw. Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians & Gays (PFFLAG): Monthly meeting, general discussion & support. No special speaker this meeting, 7-9pm. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound.

Club 219: Wednesday Addams for Posum Queen Rally, drawings for cases of beer, afternoon.

Fannies: Country Weekend.

WED., MAY 18

Boot Camp: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 10pm-1am.

AIDS Activist TV: Are People with AIDS being left out of the Health Care debate? News & views. Milw. Warner Cable Channel 47, 8:30pm.

Volleyball: UWM's Englemann Gym canceled; resumes at 8pm, Wed., May 25.

THURS., MAY 19

AfterWords: Gay & Lesbian writers

group meeting 7pm. Provides a much needed form for writers to read & discuss writing.

FRI., MAY 20

Frontiers (Madison): Laser Karaoke Video Sing-A-Long, 8-11pm. Apple Island, 849 E. Washington, \$3 donation.

SAT., MAY 21

Boot Camp: PrideFest Benefit.
Pivot Club (Appleton): Recording artist Taylor Dayne, 11:30 showtime.

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It was an all night country and line dance party at the 3B's on April 23. These events draw a nice mixture of Gay men and Lesbians, and everyone has a great time partying together.

Sat., May 21...

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Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 door (if available).

Wings (Madison): 4th Anniversary plus Paul's Birthday and 1 Year Anniversary at Wings; Beer, food, fun starting 6pm.

AfterWords: Author Robert Rodi reads & signs copies of his new book **What They Did To Princess Paragon**, 1-3pm. Rodi is best known for his other novels, **Fag Hag** and **Closet Case**.

Commitment '94: Milw's Mini Bench-A-Thon (2pm) Spaghetti Dinner (\$5), contest for best sauce. Raffle & All Day Bake Sale. Quest speaker 6:30pm, DJ Dance 8-11pm. \$4, Village Church, 130

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SUN., MAY 22

Art For AIDS: A benefit auction & brunch for AIDS Care, Education & Research. Italian Community Center, for tickets call (414) 273-1991.

SAGE/MAP: BESTD Clinic offers free & anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 1-4pm.

Pentecost Sunday Eucharist/ID-Madison's 17th anniversary (Madison): Social hour & anniversary celebration after Eucharist. St. Francis House; 1101 University Ave., 7:30pm.
Pivot Club (Appleton): Miss Gay Fox Valley contest, a WI-USA preliminary.
Fannies: Sumo Wrestling.



Revelers at the Factory Reunion Party held at Club 219 Plus. The weekend featured classic disco music and lots of memories.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Another Mother's Day Visit

Your relationship has survived more bizarre romantic twists than Tom and Roseanne's marriage or an especially tangled episode of *One Life To Live*. Last Mother's Day, you (and your partner) survived a mother's day visit and Spot Inspection from your mother. This year, the tables are turned as you prepare to travel to his parent's home. Luckily for you, I have compiled the following DO and DON'Ts for such an adventure.

Do take the time to look your absolute best for the visit.

Do Not get all bent out of shape if she misidentifies your gender when you go a little overboard on achieving the "waif look."

Do offer to help his Mom in her garden.

Do Not wistfully mention that her son's lovemaking technique is very similar to yanking a weed.

Do indicate that you're inseparable and couldn't live without each other.

Do Not declare that he's suicidal and you're both in Co-Dependency therapy.

Do be sure to mention to his Mother what an attractive family she has.

Do Not cruise your partner's younger brother with thinly veiled sexual remarks about the franks and beans served for dinner.

Do side step controversy and skillfully avoid any political discussions.

Do Not Spew chunks all over the radio when you discover the entire family enjoys listening to Rush Limbaugh. Instead, politely excuse yourself and spill your cookies up in the bathroom.

Do remove any jewelry from pierced nipples.

Do Not drop your pants and proudly display that piece of body jewelry that matches her favorite pair of earrings.

Do be open about the fact you sleep in the same bed.

Do Not share that you've often shared that bed with a third or fourth person.

Do be honest with your feelings and express anger over any homophobic remarks.

Do Not use the "F---" word ala Madonna when expressing your anger.

Do tell her you work in entertainment industry.

Do Not explain you're employed as a drag queen and then try to initiate a discussion of the merits of leg shaving over Nair Hair Removal Cream.

Do politely ignore any family arguments or unusual behavior.

Do Not volunteer that your partner is writing a book titled, **How to survive the World's Most Dysfunctional Family**.

Do indicate that when you first met it was love at first sight.

Do Not mention that you met through a glory hole at an adult bookstore.

Do divulge your HIV status only if you feel comfortable doing so.

Do Not wig out when the entire family starts wearing Playtex living gloves, and surgical masks, each carrying their own personal can of Lysol.

Do listen politely if she asks you if you've found Jesus.

Do Not say that you think guys who wear beards and long hair are a big turn off.

Do tell her what a remarkable job she did raising her son.

Do Not tell her you would be much better off if her son was an orphan.

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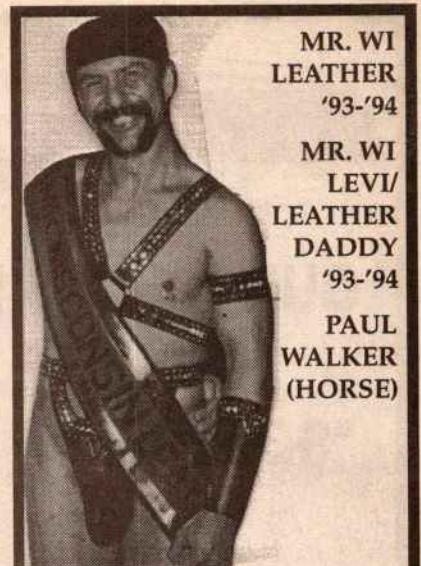
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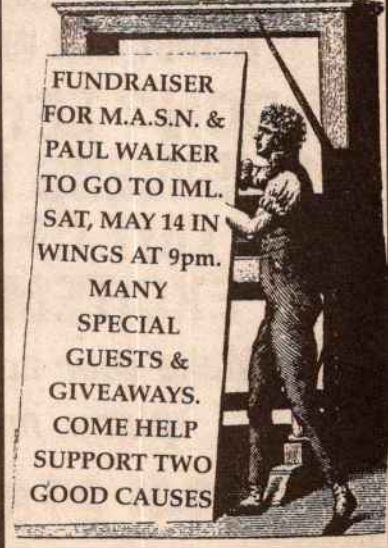


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I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the leather and gay community at large for their support and encouragement. I would also like to invite everyone to an evening of festivities and fun at WINGS and Club 3054 on May 14, which is a fundraiser with the proceeds going to supporting my efforts as a contestant at IML & M.A.S.N.



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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

The Show Must Go On?

It was all over, the performance.

The skits and sketches completed now. Lights, baby keys and floods, extinguished. The laughter caused and caught in the electronic web intended for just such a purpose. The curtain down, the performers exited stages right and left. And still the audience sat bleacher'd. Waiting.

For what?

Show's over.

But no one moved to shrug into a coat or "excuse-me" down the row to the this-way-out signs. They sat.

And finally, she pushed the curtain aside and faced them, the fans who didn't want to depart. Who wouldn't go till everything was final. Finished. Over and done. And, maybe, not even then, honestly, given the chance. Maybe if they stayed, someone would start the show all over again. No one wanted to break the spell.

Then she parted the curtain for the final call facing them where they sat, still, and wanted more and waited.

So she stood before them and thanked them for coming. In her chenille bathrobe and greasepaint and laughing condescension that was more than a trademark. An expectation. Fulfilled for them. And she, staring and shaking her head in mock disbelief, breaking the tension, said "What are you people still *doing* here? We're all *finished*. GO HOME!"

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They'd called a town meeting for seven o'clock. It was to decide what it was they were going to do now.

They had come together in committee in crisis. It was a hard birth, born of necessity and attack. The fundies had been more than organizing, they'd been menacing. Proposing an actual amendment that had every one quaking in the balance. What would we do? What *would* we do?

What they did was everything they could to stop it. After an impossibly slow start, with a single-minded purpose, they became the protection committee of record, the action organization of note, the politically correctly formulated arm movement designed to slash and stop the treat.

They raised funds and printed T-shirts, and met centrally. They sent home delegates who'd come on no particular organization's orders to go back home and organize the county committees into order and action should it become necessary.

The purpose was basic training. Military survival skills in an army to which we had not been recruited. For duties to which they were volunteering.

Everyone had wrangled over authorization and territory. Old groups sent their seniors to inspect the upstarts. Burn-outs had relit themselves with both purpose and opportunity. And newcomers had caught a gauntlet.

What was amazing was not what they did, but that, after wrestling for way too long to get to do it, that they were able to do anything at all.

They met on a regular basis. They built a tiny war chest. And grew it bigger by return requested envelopes and picnics. They put out a newsletter. They had legislative monitors and position papers and spokespeople. They caravan'd partisan audiences to TV stations to sit respectfully observant or interruptive at the Sunday morning shows on which the other side intended to parade Satan. They showed up at churches wherever the other side showed videos of our satanic parades. They fought public fear with fervor.

And they even generally did a good job of arousing the ones of us for whom arousal usually carried a very different meaning.

They held speakers trainings that had the tongue-tied making proclamations by the end. And they imported Oregonians. And Coloradists. For inspiration. And lesson plans.

You'd have been amazed.

Then an amazing thing happened. We won.

Oh, not by the weight of our picket signs.

Not even by the rightness of our cause. Or the wrong-headedness of theirs. We won because of the other side's carelessness. And our due diligence in pointing out to powers that be that they'd got the wording wrong. That the purpose wasn't stated accurately. That the petition to turn our lives back into felonies didn't stand up to judicial standards. And incidentally, that they didn't have the signatures to put our affections up for a vote.

The fundies were told to go home. Not just by us, but by Justices. Who agreed with all our arguments on human rights and wrongs, and found a way to tell them that they were not the majority our terror had crafted them into.

Oh, sure, some said it wasn't a clear cut victory. They complained bitterly that the judgement only proclaimed, "Clerical Error!" and not conspicuous conquest. But the reality is that a vanquish is a victory for the prevailing side, and for a change, we prevailed.

They can't come back again in Florida. At least not easily. That's what the clerical judgment meant. And the fundies seem kind of silly in the state now. They learned that not enough are willing put their names on the line in the name of prejudice and bias.

So now the committee has called a town meeting. Invited everyone. So they can set a new agenda.

The word disband has never even occurred. The newsletter editor would not have a printing platform. The Steering committee would be directionless. The legal committees would be without precedent. The fund-raisers would be deflated. The strategists would have no position to take on the weekends.

At the town meeting, though no one in town showed up, they preached diligence and vigilance. With no one to vote against. And so was invoked the most important of all of Newton's laws of society: *that an organization in motion shall tend in perpetuity to stay in motion.*

Sometimes I think, along with Chair, and Co-chair, with Record Keeper and Coin Keeper, it ought to be a requirement that every new organization — particularly the *ad hoc's* and the *pro tem's* — designate one official Chenille Bathrobe Wearer to stand before the assembled group at the appropriate time and loudly proclaim,

"What are you people still doing here? We're all finished. GO HOME!"

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Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

Astrological Forecast For May 1994

Less than sixty days (and counting) for the Gay Games/Stonewall 25 celebration. Who would have thought that 3 days of riots 25 years ago could set the stage for an entire liberation movement? May, meanwhile, will bring out the best in us; A Taurus Sun opens the month with sturdy self-assuredness. On the 22nd, the Sun moves into Gemini to spark our imagination and galvanize our thoughts. Read ahead to see how each sign prepares for the countdown:

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Get the word out! This is the month for shameless self-promotion and Aries are never above a little bit of extra advertising. Tooting your own horn may just pay off monetarily, as well. Your financial situation improves and you are able to cash in on your best ideas and strongest personal contacts. Don't go with your intuition — go with the obvious.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

Decide what you really want and merely ask for it — it shall be yours! The planets signify a time for reflection followed by swift action; A time to plan and implement action for future projects. You won't have to plant alone — partners are there to help. Friends, however, may not pull through for you. They have problems of their own.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

This month is a perfect time to volunteer your time for any Gay social service organization. "Give unto others" is the key to true happiness. Selfless charity may even have a payoff for you — the people you meet (and impress with your attitude and abilities) could conceivably help you out with one or two of your own personal projects. Surprise!

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Friends are there for you when you need them, but be prepared — they may ask for your help in return. Do you have what it takes to help a friend in need? Cancers are always there to pitch in, but don't give too much. Early May is the best time for you to succeed in professional aims and you'll only gain through your own efforts and sweat.

Leo (July 24 - August 23)

Sometimes it's NOT being there that has the biggest impact on your career. Beating a hasty retreat may prove to those in authority just how important you are in the scheme of things. Keep your thoughts centered on the old political rat track, but if you can tear yourself away

from the arena you'll have them begging for more.

Virgo (August 24 - September 23)

Sex is better than ever and you can enhance the enjoyment by escaping with your special someone to some faraway, exotic hideaway. Get away from it all and have fun. You may find yourself uttering just the right thing at the exact right time to transform a blah situation into something memorable and utterly transforming.

Libra (September 24 - October 23)

Are you seeking a partner or do you have someone special in mind? The early part of the month will turn out to be the perfect time to seek or reinforce one-to-one relationships. Once you've selected your quarry, the rest of the month looks ripe for deep personal involvements and heavy emotional interactions. Sex can be especially fulfilling.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)

You have been putting most of your efforts into the job and now you must ask — is that all there is? Life is more than the day to day grind. All the accolades you have garnered in the greater world are all well and good but cannot compensate for personal relationships. Get closer to those who have been there for you through thick and thin.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22)

In true Sagittarian fashion, you would rather gamble and party than work the daily grind, but work the daily grind you must! Play all you want in the early part of May, but roll up your sleeves and apply your thoughts, efforts and dreams to the bottom line. Intuition is directly on target and you will be able to psychically ascertain exactly what's needed when.

Capricorn (December 23 - January 20)

This is not the time to state your opinion — words will have a way of undoing you. Turn, instead, to small, detailed projects that are suitably designed to tear you away from the public eye. Work quietly and efficiently in the background and build your foundations carefully and quietly. Friends will be there to help you out when you think you are about to explode.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19)

Home and hearth become the center of your activities and source of joy. Spend the month gathering kindred souls close to your home base. Entertain powerful people who you wish to impress. Money continues to be an area of concern, but you are learning how to manage your finances more successfully. Thank goodness, once burned, twice careful!

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)

You still seem to lack self confidence — don't let gremlins deter you from getting out there to meet and greet. Your money situation happily improves as your own efforts produce a large influx of funds. Communication is at a peak; ask and you shall certainly receive. Think before you ask. Don't waste this rare opportunity on nonsense.

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SSBL Regular Season Kicks Off May 7

Milwaukee — The **Saturday Softball Beer League** will begin its regular season play on Saturday, May 7th. Games for this year will be held at Sijan Fields on South Kinnikinnic and California (Just north of Oklahoma Avenue). The league has 8 teams this year — Marble Arcade, Club 219, M&M, Triangle, Your Place, Club Muse, Rick's Rangers and the Ball Game.

MILW. CLASSIC MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament will be held again this year over the Memorial Day Weekend. Over 40 teams are expected to compete in three divisions. Applications have already been received from teams from Chicago and Minneapolis and others will be coming from Boston, New York, Toronto, St. Louis and other cities. Watch the next issue of In Step for all the details.

SSBL SCHEDULE

SAT. MAY 7 DIAMOND #2

11AM Marble Arcade vs Club 219
12:15pm Club 219 vs Triangle
1:30pm Ball Game vs Club Muse
2:45pm Your Place vs Club Muse

DIAMOND #3

11am Triangle vs M&M
12:15pm M&M vs Marble Arcade
1:30pm Your Place vs Rick's Rangers
2:45pm Rick's Rangers vs Ball Game

SAT. MAY 14 DIAMOND #2

11AM Rick's Rangers vs M&M
12:15pm M&M vs Club Muse
1:30pm Triangle vs Your Place
2:45pm Your Place vs Marble Arcade

DIAMOND #3

11am Club Muse vs Club 219
12:15pm Club 219 vs Rick's Rangers
1:30pm Marble Arcade vs Ball Game
2:45pm Ball Game vs Triangle

Spring H.I.T. League

Milwaukee — Although you might have missed the **Spring HIT Bowling League's** organizational meeting on May 3rd, they are still looking for individuals and teams. If you're a bowler who wants to bowl a short season Tuesdays for 10 weeks, or bowl just for fun, this league is for you.

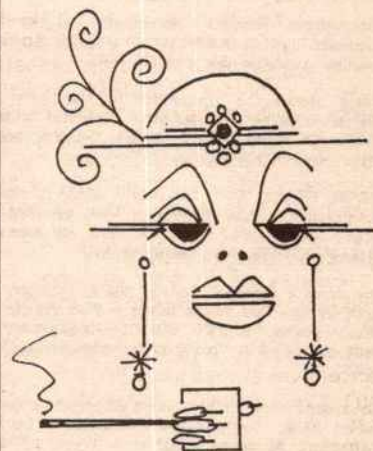


The 9th annual **MilMAIDS** benefit bowling tournament was held in Madison this year, raising over \$6,000 for the Madison AIDS Support Network.

The league starts Tues. May 10th, 7pm, at Landmark Lanes. For more info call Jeff at 332-9414.

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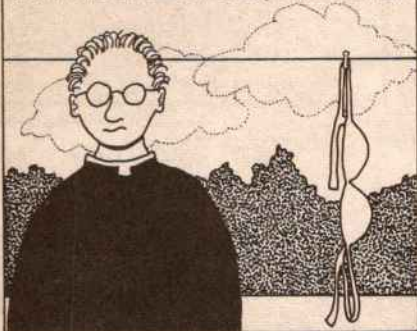
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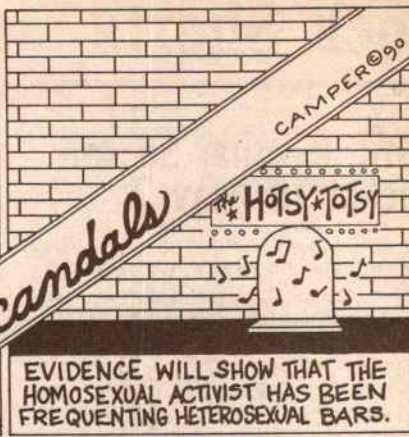
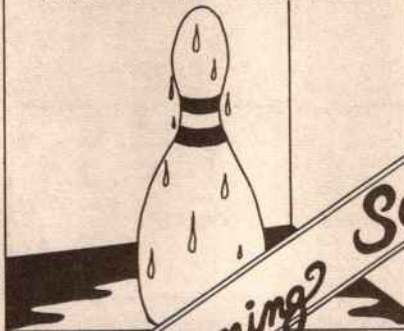
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La Crosse **CAT-O-2 TAILS:** GWM professional couple, 40 & 27. We are attractive, into music, theater and light thr. Seeking couples or singles. #25506

WI **CLUB SCENE:** 23 yr old Hispanic male, 160. Into swimming, music and the clubs. #25601

WI **NATIVE AMERICAN:** 30 yr old, 6'4", 220, blk hair, American Indian. Into outdoors, reading art and music. Please be affectionate, honest and clean. Call for home phone. #25608

WI **WHAT'S UNDER THE DRESS, FELLA?:** Seeking attractive guys into crossdressing. I love the mystery and being with a guy who is dressed fem. #11250

Milwaukee **YOU TELL ME:** 29 yr old blk male seeks a friend who is kind and knows what he wants. Please be a blk male, 21-40. Call me at home. #23108

414 Area Code **HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?:** Pent-up college guy seeks a cute campus dude. Call me at home. #23893

Kenosha **BLACK SABBATH, A FEW BREWS, WHO KNOWS?:** Bi-couple seeks more for fun. We are 40 and 21, into heavy metal, videos and social drinking at my home. #24064

Milwaukee **O SOLE MIO:** 19 yr old college student, 5'11", blonde and blue seeks guys 18-25. I am into opera and dancing. #24164

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Milwaukee **UP AND WAITING:** 32 yr old, trimmed stache and beard. Let's have some quality times and build a good relationship. Call me at home anytime. #24326

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Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking Native American or Hispanic guys. I am 6'4", 190 and very athletic and masculine. Call me at home. #21606

Milwaukee **HERE COMES SUMMER:** WM, 23, 6', 180. Seeking a guy around my age to date. I like movies and summersports. Just getting involved in the scene. #24503

WI **IT'S YOUR SERVE:** 20 yr old, 6'2", 190, blk/bm. I like biking, swimming and ping-pong. Kissing, snuggling big pluses. Honest guy seeks a guy of any age/race. #22880

WI **VERY ROMANTIC:** 43 yr old GWM seeks a guy 21-50 of any race for friendship. Into gardening, camping and fishing. Let's settle down and make a commitment. #24663

Appleton **VERY SINCERE:** 28 yr old, 6', 220. Into working out, skiing and reading. I am always willing to try new things. #22089

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 29 yr old, short hair, stche. Into the outdoors, movies, concerts and dining out. #18745

WI **JOHN OR JOAN?:** Fem guy into hiking, biking and trail walks. Dark brn eyes, 5'7", 135, slim. Seeking masculine blk males. #24818

Milwaukee **TEACH ME TO TANGO:** Fem TV seeks a blk or Hispanic male. Call me Michelle. #22207

Milwaukee **GOOD WITH MY HANDS:** 37 yr old seeks a relationship. I am a handy man and home owner. #23153

WI **DO YOU NEED A MAID?:** TV, very passable. Totally shaven. I will cook and clean and provide EVERY service. I can dress from sophisticated to sleazy. Great legs! Call me. #23161

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking guys under 30 for a hot, safe time. #9368

Green Bay **I WANT TO TRY:** Seeking Bi or married guys. 26 yr old is very interested and would love to hear from you. #23421

Milwaukee **YOUR CALL:** Seeking a hot blk guy. 28 yr old white male for a long or short term situation. #23515

Milwaukee **YNG AND SATISFYING:** Seeking good-looking guys under 22. I am very willing to satisfy. Just let me know. #19251

WI **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** Professional, healthy guy seeks a fit man in his 40's call me at home. #20766

WI **NORTHEAST:** Outdoor guy isn't into the bars, but is seeking more than a one nighter. 5'9", 175 mid 30's. #19239

WI **SLEEP ON IT:** 6'2", 34 YO, into men who are intelligent and fun-loving. Anything safe is OK. #20473

Milwaukee **I KNOW MY PLACE:** 34 year old 5'9", and med build. I am a definite btm. Seeking friends and a possible LTR. #20494

Milwaukee **CREAM OF THE CROP:** 39 yr old, ready for fun. #20769

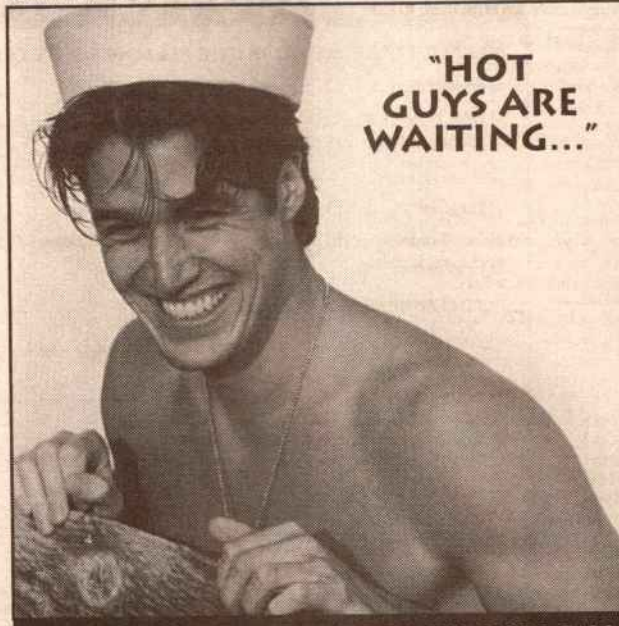
414 Area Code **DOWN TO EARTH:** Blonde and blue, 5'7", into sports, movies and all kinds of music. Seeking guys with good hearts and souls. Must be mutually respectful. #20506

608 Area Code **CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE:** 20 yr old, 5'6", 135 seeks men 20-40's for fun and excitement. #20614

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 **GWM:** 6', 165, 27 yrs old, blonde and green eyes. Into quiet times and cooking. Friends first, possible relationship. #19990

414 Area Code **CALL ME:** 6'1", dark hair and grn eyes. Seeking a guy 18-30. I love movies going out, dancing and phone talk. Gimme a call at home. #14232

WI **RIDE IN THE COUNTRY:** 20 yr old, 6'2", 185. Seeking a guy who likes to cuddle, drive around and listen to music. Please be 18-40 (preferably). #22880

WI **HERE COMES SUMMER:** 29 yr old blk male, 5'8", 150. Med-build. Into music, dance and the lake in the summer. #23108

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Milwaukee **ALL POINTS BULLETIN:** Seeking hunky Puerto Rican or blacks. #20879

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

Milwaukee **GARDEN FAN:** 35 YO. Into down to earth people, rare plants and country music. Seeking 18-35 yrs. #17697

WI **CLEAVAGE!!!:** 5'8", 165 builder. Interested in masc guys. I am a strict tp with a beard. #17812

Milwaukee **FIND ME IN THE GYM:** 41 year old workout nut loves animals, movies and dining out. Open to all ages. #17954

Milwaukee **WHERE YOU LEAD:** I will follow. 6'1", 195, 37 blonde and blue guy seeks a white male 27-37 who is good-looking and athletic. Show me the ropes. #17940

Milwaukee **YOU NAME IT, WE DO IT:** Blue eyed professional is into various experiences and would enjoy hearing from you. #18299

Milwaukee **GOING TO EXTREMES:** 28 year old white male seeks a black guy for fun excitement. I am into music, movies and socializing. #18300

Milwaukee **HAVE HAIR, WILL TRAVEL:** 25 year old guy with brn hair and eyes seeks 18-26. Hairy/aggressive A+. #18327

414 area code **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** 22 year old black male is 5'9", med built and vers. I am open to all races and enjoy the theater and quiet times. #18381

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Milwaukee **POOL PARTY:** young ht studs for pool parties that are ht, ht, ht. #16120

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking bigger guys. Hairy A+. I am 30 with a slight beer belly. Into outdoors, bicycling, movies and music. Slim guys OK, too. #18745

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

Milwaukee **KICK UP YOUR HEELS:** GWM, blonde, 30, seeking fun-loving men. I love to dance and am not into the bar scene. #19069

Milwaukee **YNG AND SATISFYING:** Seeking good-looking guys under 22. I am very willing to satisfy. Just let me know. #19251

Lacrosse **STOP THE FREEZE:** New to area. Let's warm up these Wisc nights. Like bowling golf and shopping. 2 or 3 ain't bad. #2411

Milwaukee **TWENTYSOMETHING:** 20 y/o, looking to have fun all the time, let's get together. #7625

Milwaukee **ALL THE GOOD STUFF:** bm, 40 y/o, into travel, electronics, sports, & v. interested in finding the same or anyone into fun. #8049

Milwaukee **SIZZLER:** 26 y/o, fun person: into exploring, trying new things. Looking for some wild & sizzling nights. #8173

Milwaukee **JERRY MEI:** GWM, 31, bi-okay 18-35. Big deadhead and tape collector. Btm seeks tp. #8172

Kenosha **KENOSHA:** 22 WM 5'6" .. Seeking fit man with long hair. Italian A+. Music and cuddling are the best. Pls. write. #9227

Jamesville **STUDENT BODY:** 24 y/o, gwm, work a lot, go to school. Pls call for fun and friendship. #9249

608 Area Code **IT STARTS WITH TALK:** gwm, blond, blue, dark stach, 155lbs, would like to meet new people to talk & maybe something more. #9262

Madison **28 YO 6'1",** 175 looking to talk and get together. #2206

Milwaukee **TEDDY BEAR:** 5'9" Brn and Brn. Hairy chest seeks 18-40. Pls call for my hm phone. #

Milwaukee **BACK TO SCHOOL:** 29 YO student 5' 11" BM seeks friends. #4239

Milwaukee **FEELIN GOOD:** 39 YO, 5'7" looking for any-aged hot man. I like to feel good. #8354

Green Bay **LATIN** bi-curious guy is ready to try and do anything. #9538

Milwaukee **FULL ME:** Seeking tall blk tps. I am unfulfilled. Please help me. #1476

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Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 24 YO is physically fit and gd looking. Hoping for hot safe times. Please call me at home. #9368

Madison **INTO BIKING:** rollerblading and skiing. Seeking under 25 year olds. #9462

WI **RED TP: 6',** red-haired college student seeks a really gd time and a possible relationship. #1553

WI **TOYS FOR TPS:** Call for a present. #7338

WI **SMALL OPENING:** GWM 6'1", 185 is tight and into crossdressing and cuddling. #11250

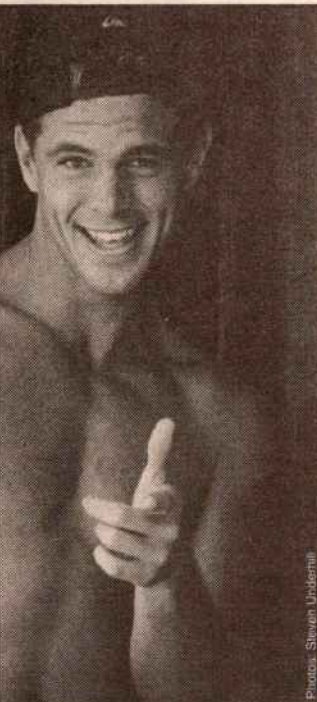


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Milwaukee **STEAMY:** 28 YO seeks other smooth and ht guys for safe action. #11256

WI **SNUGGLED UP:** Attractive blk male 200+ lbs. btm loves to get into music and cozy nights. #11509

WI **I LIKE TO WATCH:** Feel like putting on a show for this 33 YO? #11182

WI **SETTLING DOWN:** 29 year old is looking for a long term relationship. #12141

Milwaukee **WORLDLY:** 40 YO gentleman is very athletic and stached. I am a cultured model/professional. Into antiques and partying. #12558

Milwaukee **SO I LIKE DRESSES?:** 21 year old crossdressing white male seeks same types. #12602

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WI **GOOD TALK:** EZ to get along with guy seeks a white male for pleasant conversations. #12947

Madison **ZANY:** 22 year old is blonde and blue and a student at U MAD. Into Mel Brooks and Monty Python. #13239

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WI **LET'S START A FRIENDSHIP:** Hispanic male is 29 and new to the area. I will return all calls. #14034

Green Bay **I AM NEW:** 39 year old 38-28-34. I would like to try ANYTHING. #13147

Madison **QUIET MEETING:** 25 year old brn/brn and bearded is seeking 18-45 for discreet get-togethers. #12439

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Milwaukee **SSSSSHHHHHH:** Tom likes the movies and quiet times at home. Please call him there. #10523

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

Green Bay **GOOD TIME GUY:** Lenny is 38 and 5'11", 160. Looking for a friend to enjoy gd times. #10587

Madison **WEST SIDE:** 6'1" 23 year old into light workouts. #10604

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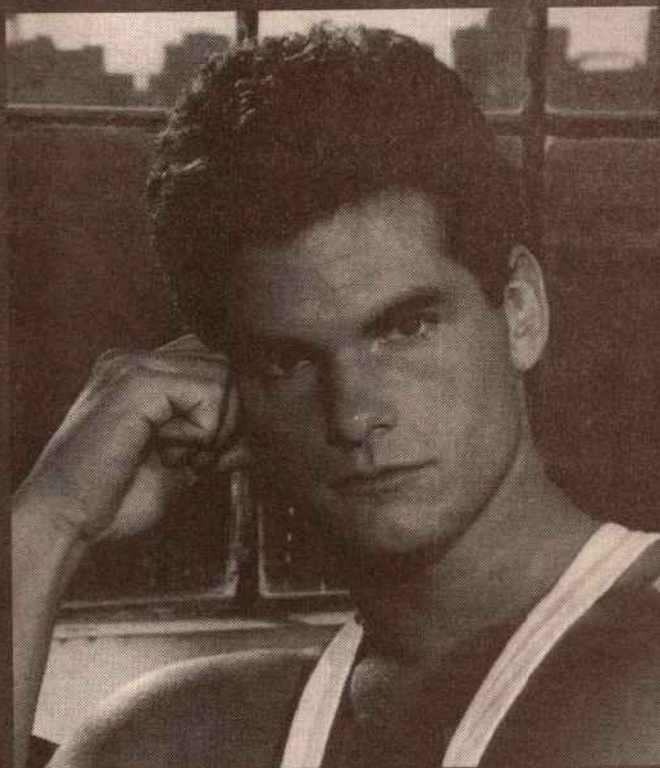
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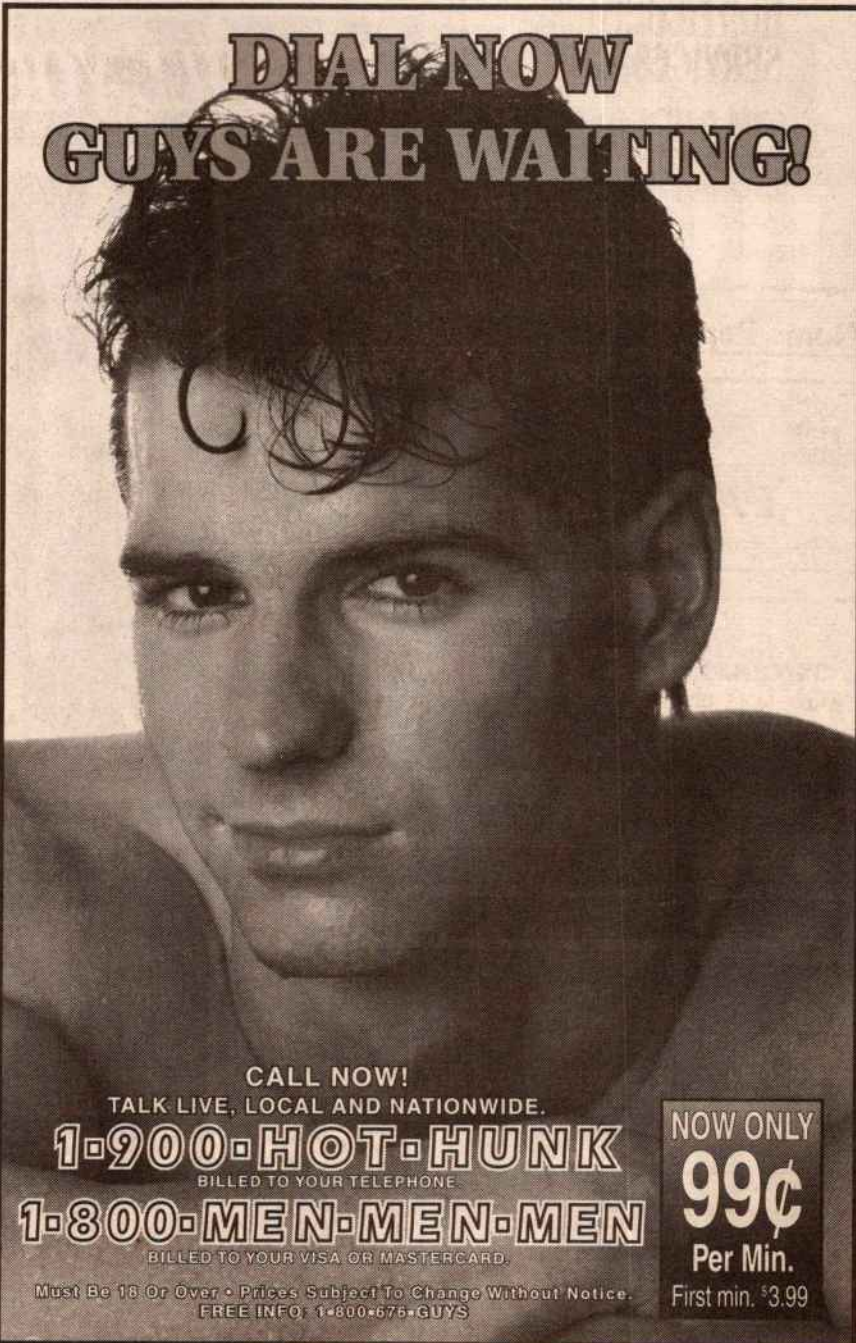
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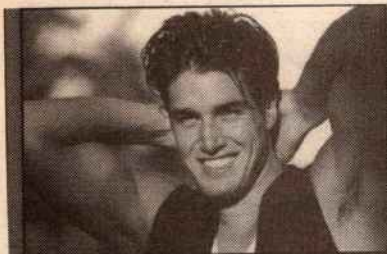
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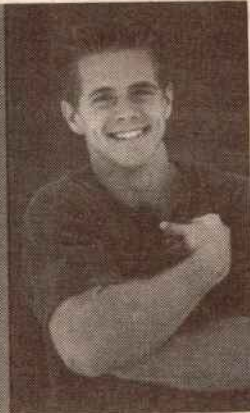
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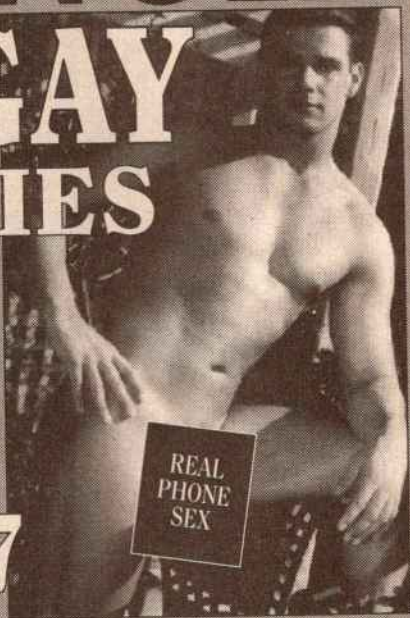
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| Gay/Lesbian Support Group | UW-O Counseling Center | 424-2061 |
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Brent
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Rod
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Ladybell Bradlee

Joe Feigly and Committee: Thanks for a great time in Madison. See you in '95 for MilMaids "10" in Milwaukee, April 29.

Milwaukee
Billy Boy: You must be the new "trick" playing with Mariah Caleb's excess skin. I hope you can deal with the "cheese"!!
Madonna

Mariah Caleb: Don't patronize me — it won't work! You will always be an insignificant nobody and a wart on the nose of humanity!!
Madonna

W.W. Wells III: I make you yawn, yet you constantly write about me in your column! You must secretly love me and are just jealous of my success!!
Madonna

Annita: My only regret is that I never killed you when I first met you... I'd be out on Parole by now...
Anonymous

Skitzoprenea: Loved the hat! Please pass the dip..Kim Spike and "Drag A Rama": Thank you for the "Wednesday" fundraiser.
Love, Dennis Milwaukee... Thank you for your continued support.

Wednesday Addams
Hot Dish Dept.: Janet Reno may attend Lena's Possum Bash on the 14.

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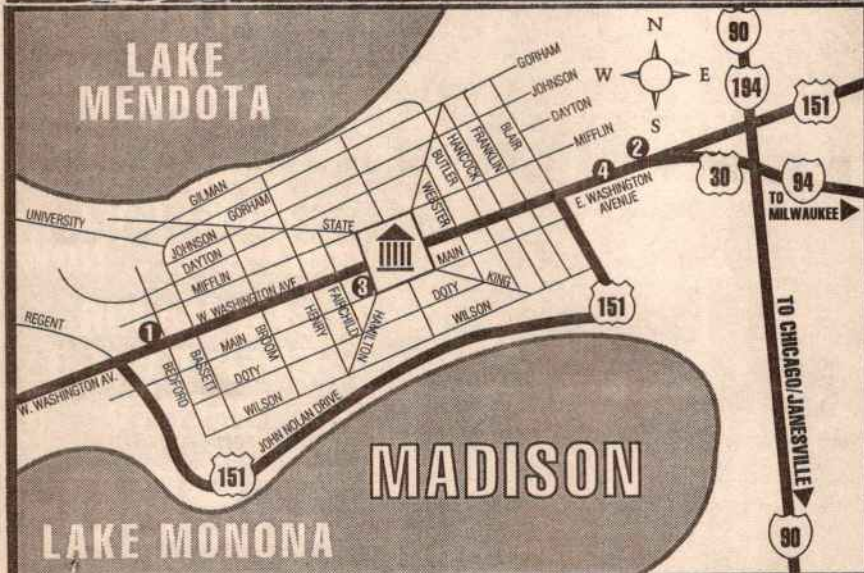
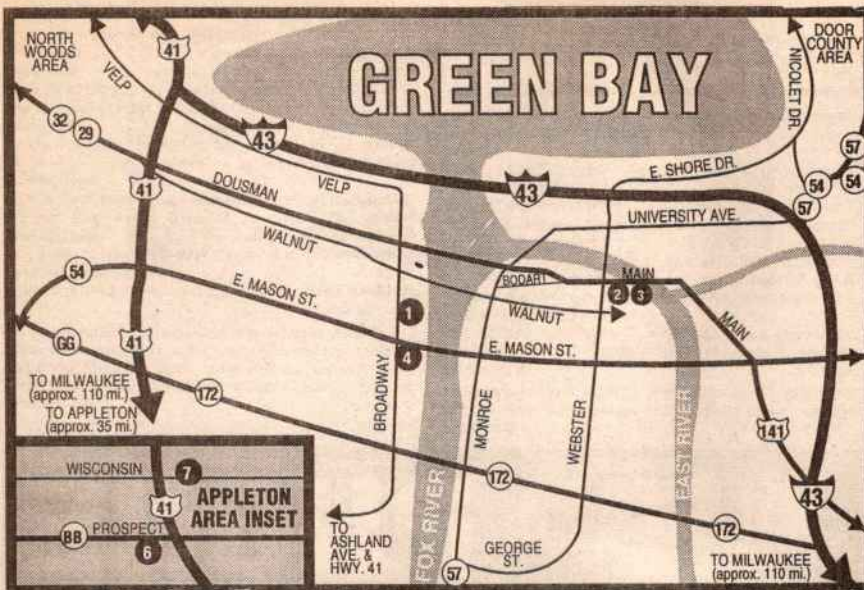
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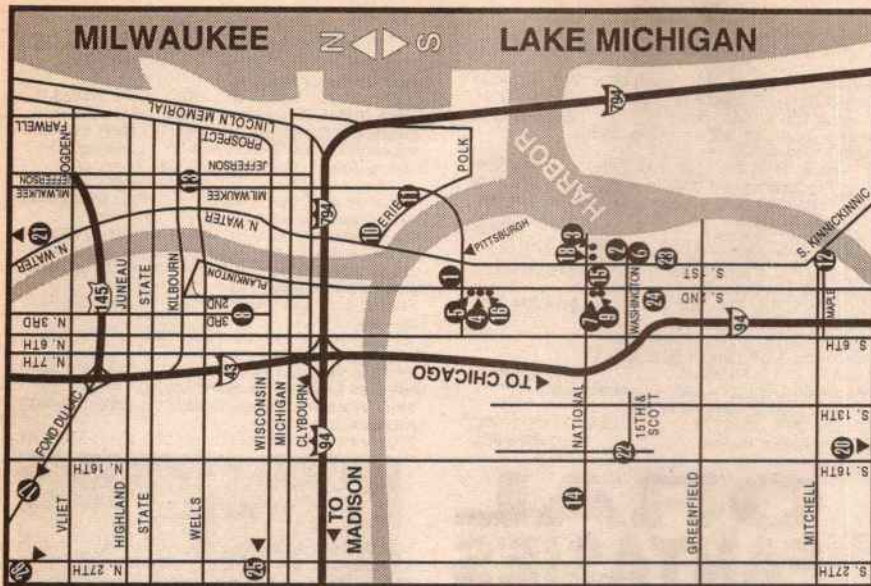
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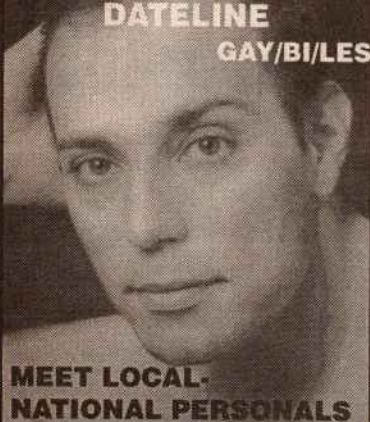
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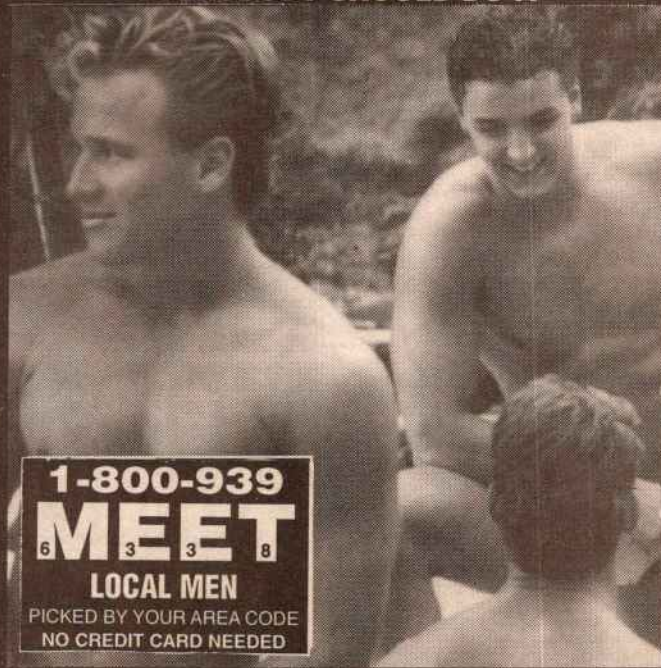


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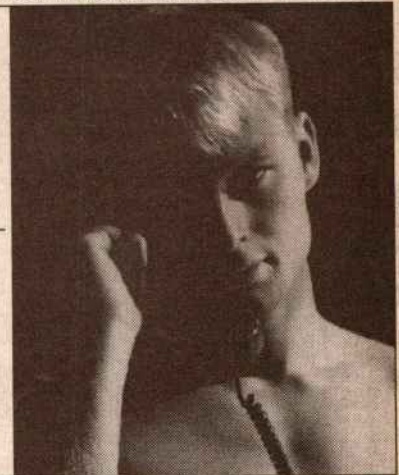
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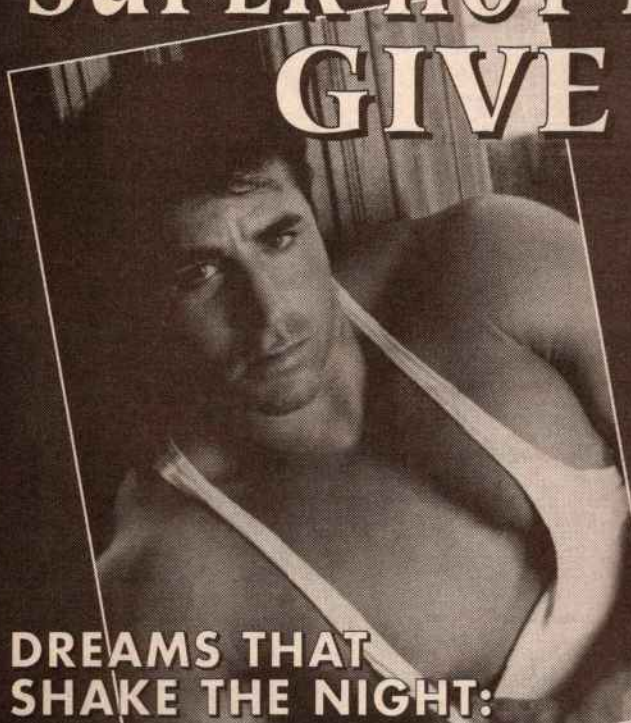
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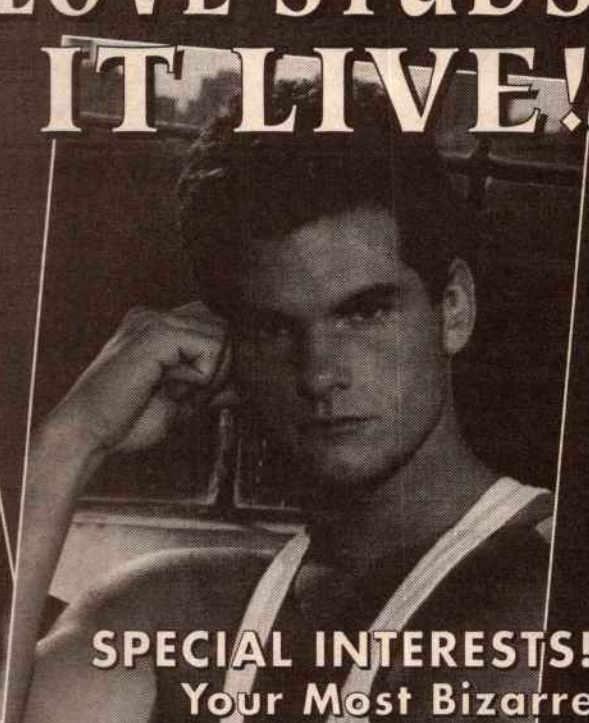


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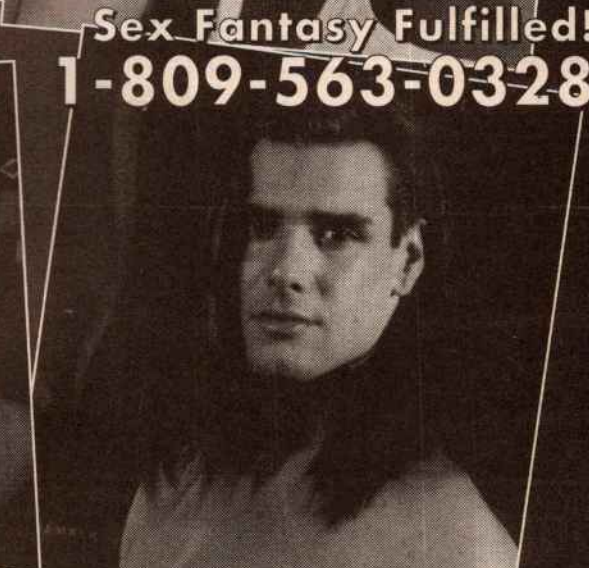
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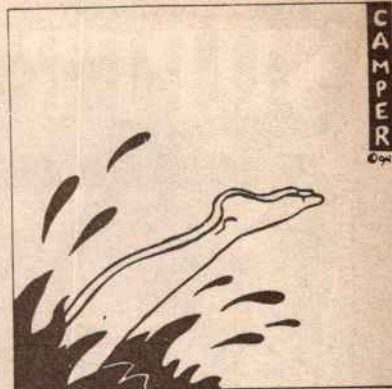
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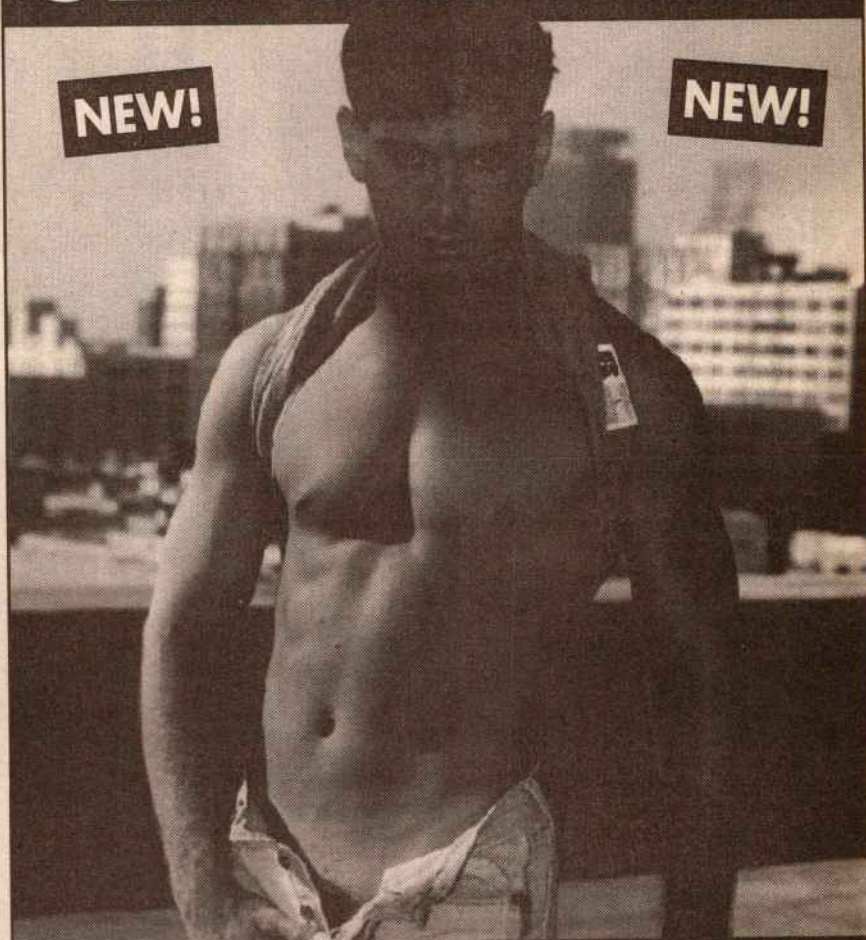
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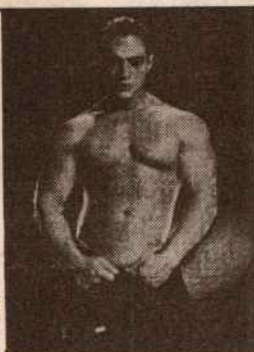
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