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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00PM LESBIAN SHORTS**

Central Park, Stellium in Capricorn, Bette Noire, Le Poison D'Amour, The Mister Sisters, Mad About the Boy, Outlaw, Cross You Heart, Dangerous When Wet, Parole, and 8 mm Lesbian Love Film.

9:00PM TOTALLY F*ED UP**

(Greg Araki, USA 1993, 80 min.)
Greg Araki shook the mainstream film world with his low-budget *The Living End* in 1992. This year he is back in full force with his long awaited *Totally F***ed Up*. Araki has assembled a cast of six racially-mixed gay and lesbian teens waiting to get into a club on Friday night, who spill their hearts between stylistic inter titles and verbal logging by one of the boys. Their search for identity in their inherited wasteland of Los Angeles, is stylistically, humorously, and quite movingly captured by Araki's unique telling.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
THE STARS WE ARE: GAY AND LESBIAN STARS**

7:00PM BOY NEXT DOOR (Mark Kidel, GB 1993, 50 mins.)
Mark Kidel's portrait is a hypnotic story of narcissism and neediness, drugs and drag. *Boy Next Door* covers nine years, from Culture Club to Boy George's rebirth as a solo celeb through tons of amazing archival footage, gripping interviews, and some very queer fashions. Looking back, a candid George concludes: "Being gay is my only saving grace."
DREAM GIRLS (Kim Longinotto and Jano Williams, 1993 GB and Japan, 50 mins.)
Girls from all over Japan dream of attending the Takaruzuka Music School and Theater. An all girl school, the women must choose either male or female parts. After an intense training (beginning with cleaning keyholes with Q-tips), the young women become stars of the theater. An all-women audience eagerly stands in line for hours to deliver love notes and lavish gifts to the 'male' stars. A fascinating depiction of gender construction, and the gap between dreams and reality, *Dream Girls*, reveals the construction of female roles both off and on stage.

9:00PM CONFESSIONS OF A PRETTY LADY
(Kris Clarke & Sarah Mortimer, GB 1993, 45 mins.)
"My Father's a proctologist, and my mother's an abstract artist, so that's how I see the world," says Grand Diva Sandra Bernhard. Surrounded by kitsch imagery: dykes on bikes, beives of bathing beauties, and tall tanned muscle girls, this film shows how Bernhard has become an icon of female sexual power. Mixing live footage from her "Giving Til It Hurts" show at Madison Square Garden with candid interviews with some surprising personalities, this documentary is a revealing and hilariously candid tour through Bernhard's life and legacy.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
THOROUGHLY POST-MODERN QUEER:**

7:00PM FRESH KILL
(Shu Lea Cheang, USA 1994, 80 mins.)
Shu Lea Cheang is on a mission to turn the cultural frenzy of downtown Manhattan into her own personal modus operandi. Yellow, Brown, Dyke, Black, White Punk, Red, Style-crazed, Straight, Immigrant, Activist, Yuppie Bastards— They're all bumping into each other right now— might as well film it! Shareen and Claire are Staten Island lovers, who are happily raising their daughter Honey. Shareen is a salvage artist, redistributing the city's waste in her graffiti-clad pickup truck. Claire works in a trendy sushi bar called Naga Saki. Cheang calls Fresh Kill "eco-cybernoia" and creates a New York where a red cloud constantly overhangs, people glow green, fish lips are contaminated, and the GX Corporation bombards the city with the slogan: "we care."

9:00PM SKIN FLICKS: LOVE AND THE COLOR OF MY SKIN

These short films speak of the conflation of race, racism, homophobia, fetish objects, and the activism of gays and lesbians of color.
A DARKER SHADE OF BLACK (Isaac Julien, GB 1994, 55 min.) is a compelling and well researched documentary by Isaac Julien (*Looking for Langston*) which examines the provocation of homophobic violence and sexism by gangsta rap and reggae music. Interviews include Ice Cube, Shabba Ranks, and cultural theorists Tricia Rose and Cornell West.
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9:00PM REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS FAST

(John Maybury, GB 1993, 60 mins.)
"A disjointed psychedelic joyride with a homo-cyberpunk sensibility, *Remembrance of Things Fast*, investigates some of the seedier rest stops along the information super-highway. Award-winning British music-video director John Maybury places Tilda Swinton (Orlando), Rupert Everett and porn star Aiden Brady in a hyper-real videoscape amid menacing dominatrices and transgender aristocrats."

—Ed Halter SF Int'l Lesbian and Gay Festival
with **THE LOVE MACHINE**
(Patrick Snee, USA 1994, 20 min.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 LOVE AND SURVIVAL

7:00PM CANCER IN TWO VOICES

(Lucy Massie Phenix, USA 1993, 44 mins.)
Acclaimed at the 1994 Sundance and Berlin Film Festivals, Lucy Massie Phenix's *Cancer in Two Voices* addresses one of the most urgent and under-represented health-care issues facing women today. This deeply moving film documents the struggle and courage of a young lesbian couple dealing with one partner's breast cancer.
FAST TRIP, LONG DROP
(Gregg Bordowitz, USA 1993, 54 mins.)
In Spring of 1988, videomaker/activist Gregg Bordowitz tested HIV-positive, quit drinking and taking drugs, and came out to his parents. Then, a good friend was diagnosed with breast cancer, and his grand parents were killed in a car accident. Anything but solemn, this activist autobiography is an imaginative kaleidoscope blast of visual stimulation, intellectual irreverence, and emotional confrontation.

9:00PM GRIEF (Richard Glatzer, USA 1993, 90 min.)

Not quite a satire of one of those wacky behind-the-scenes comedies about a low-end T.V. reality show, Richard Glatzer's *Grief* is also a skillful contemplation on AIDS, homophobia, and office culture. Executive producer Jo is leaving, and emotionally vulnerable Mark is up for his job. Mark is dealing with a crush on his best friend Bill, who has just broken up with his girlfriend. But a cute copy-machine repairman interrupts the circle of desire and grief. Meanwhile, scenes from the shows they are producing hilariously parody the goings-on in the office. Before producing his first feature, *Grief*, director Richard Glatzer wrote two features for Disney, and was director of T.V.'s *Divorce Court* for five years.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 7:00PM ALL IN THE FAMILY: GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILIES

This package of short films lovingly and humorously deals with the issue of gay and lesbian families. **Rocking the Cradle** (Kirk Marcolina, USA 1993, 26 mins.) is a highly personal documentary in which the filmmaker struggles to address his mother's fears of gay parenting, intercut with the stories of three gay/lesbian families.
Florence and Robin (Nick Finnis, GB 1994, 51 mins.) is a documentary about a lesbian couple trying to have a child through artificial insemination.

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7:00PM STRAIGHT FOR THE MONEY: INTERVIEWS WITH QUEER SEX WORKERS (Hima B., USA 1994, 59 mins.)

It's estimated that up to 10% of women engage in some type of sex work at some time in their lives. In this unique San Francisco portrait, Hima B. interviews eight lesbian and bisexual women — lap-dancers and strippers — who talk about their motivations, aspirations and identities as queer women whose jobs make them "straight for the money."
BERNICE ABBOTT: A VIEW FROM THE 20TH CENTURY (Martha Wheelock & Kay Weaver, USA 1993, 57 min.)

A View of the 20th Century is a portrait of one of the richest careers in the history of photography. The 92 year-old Abbott shines as she talks about her life, her work, and circle of friends including Andre Gide, James Joyce, and Janet Flanner. Focusing on Abbott's prolific work as an artist, this film reveals clues about her relationships with women including such notable contemporaries as Djuana Barnes and Edna St. Vincent Milay.

9:00PM GAY SHORTS

A Friend of Dorothy, *Death in Venice*, *CA, Shi Fit*, *Some of These Days*, *Virus*, and *Dottie Gets Spanked*.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
7:00PM JULIE ZANDO IN PERSON WITH: UHI OH!**

(Julie Zando, USA 1994, 38 min.)
Julie Zando's seductive re-reading of Pauline Rège's *Story of Q* is almost hallucinatory in its eroticism. Her story subverts the original text of machismo and masochism to create a thrilling investigation on the relationship between power and sex. Using and all-female cast, including women in cowboy drag, she tells the story of Oh, a waitress who craves the love of a cowboy. To be shown with other of Zando's shorts.

9:00PM POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA

(Steve McLean, USA 1994, 93 min.)
Adapted from "Close to the Knife" and "Memories that Smell Like Gasoline," fictionalized autobiographical writings of David Wojnarowicz, poet, essayist, videomaker, and performance artist, Postcards from America knots together three stories from the life of a young, gay outsider named David. Cinematographer Ellen Kurus (Swoon) develops three distinct voices for the three stories: a scary, wide-angled magic realism for the boy's tale; a dark, street-smart verité for the teen-age hustlers; and spare wind-blown wide shots of adult life. Postcards from America is smart, tough, sexy and beautiful.

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Festival passes good for all shows are \$35.00 general admission, and \$25.00 for students.
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All films for the 1995 MILWAUKEE GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FEST will be screened at the UWM Union Theatre
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Helms Introduces Legislation Targeting Gay Workers

Gingrich Says Employers Should Be Allowed to Discriminate

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — In the first volley of anti-Gay prejudice to spew forth from the Republican controlled 104th Congress, Sen. Jesse Helms (D-NC) has introduced two bills which promote discrimination against federal workers who are Gay or Lesbian while new House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich has declared that employers should be allowed to discriminate against Gays.

"This is the first indication that Jesse Helms intends to use his newly acquired power in Congress to pursue his anti-Gay obsession, a clear breach of the Republican promise to address issues that are important to Americans," said Elizabeth Birch, the new Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Voters who changed the face of Congress have overwhelmingly rejected discriminatory measures of the ilk that Helms is proposing."

One Helms bill, S.23, will give to government employees who voice prejudice against Gay and Lesbian co-workers a special exemption from workplace anti-discrimination policies.

Another bill, S.25, targets Gay and Lesbian employees for discrimination by denying their employee organizations the same rights to free association and free speech guaranteed to other employee affinity groups such as those set up by African-American, Hispanic or female workers.

There are currently 22 affinity groups for Gay and Lesbian federal workers in various government agencies and departments. The Commerce, Interior, Education, Energy, Treasury and Health and Human Services Departments as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Library of Congress and other agencies have chapters of GLOBE, which stands for Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Employees.

Following a growing trend in the private sector, at least 17 major federal agencies have included Gays and Lesbians along with other workers in non-discrimination policies. Helms's proposals will put a huge loophole in those protections and place limits on the activities of Gay/Lesbian affinity groups,

prohibiting them from advocating on their own behalf.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund believes that Helms's proposals will "promote hate speech and discrimination against federal workers."

The powerful new House Majority Leader, Newt Gingrich (R-GA), has not yet endorsed Helms's proposals, but statements he made in an interview with journalist Robert Novak on <I>Meet the Press<< in December do not auger well for Gay rights in this Congress.

In that interview, Gingrich said, "I think that your private sexual behavior should be private, period. I'm against any law which gives you legal status based on your sexual behavior."

"So you think then that a businessman should have the right not to hire a Gay person?" Novak asked.

"Absolutely. Absolutely," Gingrich replied.

ENDA is Needed

The HRCF's Birch, who was formerly an executive with the Apple Corporation, cited the private sector in her appeal for justice: "The federal government has only recently been catching up to corporate America, where half of the Fortune 1000 companies have non-discrimination policies protecting their Gay and Lesbian employees."

"A growing number of successful corporations also have Gay employee groups and diversity training," Birch continued. "If successful companies like Apple and Xerox provide equal protection to their employees, the federal government would do well to follow their example."

HRCF polled members of Congress last year regarding their own employment practices, and found broad bipartisan support for the principle that Gay and Lesbian people should not be singled out for discrimination in the workplace. Eighty-two Republicans and 231 Democrats — including majorities of both parties in the Senate — confirmed that they do not themselves discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

In addition, a poll of voters after last November's election revealed that majorities of Republicans (64%), Democrats (77%) and Independents (71%) agree that Gays and Lesbians should not be subject to unfair job bias.

Still, no overall federal law protects people from being fired or otherwise discriminated against in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation.

This injustice was brought to light on January 12 when an appeals court in Pennsylvania upheld a jury's decision that no law prohibited Demuth

Management Consultants from firing Daniel Miller after company owners learned Miller was Gay. As an added insult, Miller was ordered to reimburse the company \$110,000 for forming his own management firm after his termination in violation of a clause in his contract with his former employer.

A bill in Congress could outlaw this kind of blatant job bias. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, introduced in the Senate last year by Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and in the House by openly Gay members Barney Frank and Gerry Studds (both D-MA), would outlaw job-related sexual orientation discrimination nationwide.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has activated its 5,000 member Advocacy Network to flood the Capitol with calls and letters opposing the Helms proposals and encouraging support for ENDA instead. Gays and Lesbians and their supporters are encouraged to contact their representatives in opposition to S.23 and S.25 and in support of ENDA, which is number S.2238 in the Senate, HR.4636 in the House.

CALL YOUR REPS!

Here is the list of Wisconsin representatives along with their phone numbers and addresses:

- ▼ Sen. Herb Kohl: (202) 224-5653, (608) 264-5338, (414) 297-4451.
- ▼ Sen. Russ Feingold (202) 224-5323, (608) 828-1200, (414) 276-7282.
- ▼ Rep. Mark Neumann: (608) 752-4050.
- ▼ Rep. Scott Klug: (202) 225-2906, (608) 257-9200.
- ▼ Rep. Steve Gunderson: (202) 225-5506, (715) 284-7431.
- ▼ Rep. Gerald Klezcka: (202) 225-4572, (414) 297-1140.
- ▼ Rep. Tom Barrett: (202) 225-3571, (414) 297-1331.
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- ▼ Rep. David Obey: (202) 225-3365, (715) 842-5606.
- ▼ Rep. Toby Roth: (202) 225-5665, (414) 739-4167.
- ▼ Rep. James Sensenbrenner: (202) 225-5101, (414) 784-1111.

You can write to your senators or representatives at these addresses: Senators Kohl or Feingold, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510; Rep. _____, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

Joe Steffan Decides Not to Appeal Military Case

Suit Against New Policy Expected to be Landmark

Washington DC — Joseph Steffan, who suffered a major blow last November when an appeals court rejected his suit challenging his 1987 dismissal by the Navy, has abandoned his quest for a further appeal. Instead, Gay rights attorneys are focusing on a class action suit in New York which challenges the new Clinton-era restrictions on homosexuals in the military, a suit whose final outcome is likely to be definitive.

Steffan's decision to halt further court action was a difficult but pragmatic one. He had said all along he would fight to the finish and felt confident the Supreme Court would ultimately rule in his favor, reinstating him as a commissioned officer.

But in the past year, the legal fight over the Pentagon's ban on Gays has shifted away from the old restrictions to the newly revised "Don't ask, don't tell" policy endorsed by President Clinton and ratified by Congress in 1993.

The Clinton administration signalled its indifference to defending the old policy when it decided not to pursue an appeal in Keith Meinhold's case. Last year, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the old anti-Gay ban unconstitutional and ordered Meinhold's reinstatement. A federal court also ordered that Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was ousted under the old rules, be reinstated. Both Meinhold and Cammermeyer are currently on active duty.

Government attorneys and, now, civil rights advocates have clearly decided to give priority to the major case challenging the new policy, a class action suit called *Able v. USA*.

Able v. USA

Able v. USA was filed last March in federal court in Brooklyn on behalf of six service members, ranging from a lieutenant colonel to a petty officer. All of the plaintiffs wish to continue to serve their country, without fear of investigation or discharge based on their sexual orientation.

The suit challenges the 1993 federal law and Defense Department "Don't ask, don't tell" guidelines. The plaintiffs are represented by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In briefs filed with the court, the ACLU and Lambda claim that the statute and regulations create a system under which all Gay and Lesbian service

members are not judged on their fitness or ability to serve, but instead are subject to discharge or denied entrance altogether because of the perceived prejudices of others.

They argue that the restrictions violate the Constitution's equal protection clause because they punish Gay and Lesbian service members for engaging in speech or behavior that is otherwise completely permissible for heterosexual service members. This distinction serves no legitimate and rational government or military interest, the plaintiffs claim, but is based solely on the presumed prejudices of straight service members and civilians.

The papers further argue that the statute and regulations "burden, chill and circumscribe" all public and private speech that would tend to identify service members as Gay men or Lesbians in violation of the First Amendment and deny Gay and Lesbian service members their rights to freedom of expression and association.

Shortly after the suit was filed, Judge Eugene Nickerson issued a preliminary injunction preventing the government from initiating any discharge proceedings against the plaintiffs until a full hearing of their case is completed. On January 3, a federal appeals panel extended that injunction for another three months during which time the court has been ordered to schedule a hearing in the case.

ACLU and Lambda attorneys are happy with that decision because it means the case will be heard soon. But they are also anxious because they now have limited time in which to hone their arguments and prepare for the historic trial.

In its briefs, the government seemed to rely on the argument that since allegations of homosexuality are subject to a "rebuttable presumption" by the person under investigation the regulations do not violate free speech and equal protection guarantees.

An attorney for Lambda challenged that contention, noting that because the law extends the "rebuttable presumption" only to Gays and not to heterosexuals who might be suspected of engaging in sodomy, it is still inherently discriminatory.

Government attorneys are also likely to cite their oft-repeated rationale for the Pentagon's special policy on Gays: that it is necessary to maintain the good order and morale of the military. Many judges have deferred to the military's judgment in that regard in the past, and the Pentagon's fears are now embedded, thanks to Bill Clinton, in federal law.

In Step will report on the progress of *Able v. USA* when it is argued in court in the next few months.

STATE News Briefs

Tammy Baldwin Invited to Meeting at White House

Madison — State Rep. Tammy Baldwin has been invited to attend a meeting with White House officials on February 24 as part of a delegation of the country's openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials.

Baldwin received the invite from San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal who had been appointed by President Clinton to arrange a White House meeting with Gay and Lesbian officials. The officials hope they will meet directly with the President, but have planned a series of meetings with other administration officials and Congressional leaders as well.

Leal's letter proposed meetings with Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala to focus on Lesbian health issues and re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, with Attorney General Janet Reno to discuss federal enforcement of hate crimes laws, with AIDS czar Patricia Fleming to confer about AIDS issues, and with

Congressional leaders to lobby for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and other legislation.

The Gay and Lesbian elected leaders plan to meet February 23 to set their agenda for meeting with White House officials and to lobby members of Congress. They are inviting openly Gay Congressmen Barney Frank, Gerry Studds and Wisconsin's own Steve Gunderson to the meeting to advise them.

If all goes according to plan, "Tammy will definitely go to the White House on the 24th," said her aide, Mike Verveer. "And depending on the [state] legislative schedule, she hopes to be there on the 23rd as well."

PrideFest '95 Set for June 10-11 in Veterans Park

Milwaukee — Wisconsin PrideFest '95 is scheduled for the weekend of June 10-11 at Veterans Park on the shore of Lake Michigan. PrideFest will unfold at the same site as last year, just north of

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the War Memorial Art Museum.

PrideFest officials had approached World Festivals Inc. to negotiate use of Henry Maier Festival Park, site of Summerfest and Milwaukee's other famous ethnic festivals. But Summerfest staff are planning to upgrade the park's grounds, and Board members said they would need the weekend of June 10-11 to finish improvements before the start of Summerfest.

A Task Force of the Summerfest Board offered to allow PrideFest to share the grounds with the Miller Ride for the Arts on June 3-4, but for a variety of logistical reasons PrideFest declined. An option to hold PrideFest on the Summerfest grounds in August or September was also declined.

PrideFest co-chair Bill Meunier was philosophical about the outcome: "We already have a wonderful site that we know works well for us. The Summerfest grounds would offer many advantages. We remain committed to moving the festival there...We will have to wait until 1996."

To volunteer for this year's PrideFest, call (414) 272-FEST.

Businessman Sues Company Over Sexual Harassment

Ashland — The Wisconsin State Journal reports that a businessman has filed a federal lawsuit against the C.G. Bretting Manufacturing Co. for allegedly failing to take action to protect him from sexual harassment by a male customer.

Paul Wenner, who was the manager of electrical engineering at the Ashland company, says in the suit that his employer not only failed to protect him from the harassment but fired him eight days after he complained about it. The suit also alleges that C.G. Bretting refused to comply with a clause in Wenner's contract promising to purchase his home in the event his job was discontinued.

Wenner worked at C.G. Bretting since November, 1992 and had earned several performance bonuses for his exceptional work there. He is seeking compensation for lost wages, legal fees and pain and suffering. He also seeks additional punitive damages from the company and a public notice that it has violated the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1991.

Numerous suits have been filed nationwide charging same-gender sexual harassment on the job. They have met with mixed results (see *National News Briefs*). Wenner's case is somewhat different because most cases involve harassment by a boss or co-worker, not a customer or client. New legal ground could be broken over the liability of

business owners in that regard.

Wenner is married with two children. Since his termination, he has moved to Slinger. He currently works at Banner Welding Systems in Germantown.

Verveer to Run Unopposed for Madison Council Seat

Madison — Mike Verveer, Legislative Aide to State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, will be the sole name on the ballot April 4 when 4th District residents choose their new alderman. The filing deadline for candidates was January 3, and Verveer was the only individual to submit nomination papers.

Verveer told **In Step**: "Unless there is a massive write-in campaign, it looks like I will be succeeding Ricardo Gonzalez as 4th District alderman. I'm especially glad we'll be keeping the seat lavender."

The aldermanic position is only part-time, so Verveer expects to remain on Baldwin's staff as well. Because his election chances look solid, Verveer is using the time between now and his swearing-in on April 18 to familiarize himself with City Council procedures and to more closely examine pressing municipal issues.

Rick Beaudoin, Noted Therapist Dies of Heart Attack

Milwaukee — Richard Beaudoin, who was Clinical Coordinator of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health Services at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee, passed away January 6 after suffering a heart attack. Beaudoin was 38.

Professional colleagues, clients and friends gathered for a memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church January 11. Beaudoin had been an active member of the church, serving on the committee that chose its first woman rector.

Beaudoin was recalled as a bridge-builder and advocate for Gays and Lesbians. His colleague Gary Hollander told the **Milwaukee Journal**: "At a large medical center, it might be easy to assume that Gay, Lesbian and HIV issues would have a broad acceptance. The truth is they only get a broad acceptance if the ambassadors who are doing that work are both strong advocates and patient people. Rick was both of those."

Beaudoin was working toward a doctorate in Psychology at UW-Milwaukee and specialized in developing support systems for Gay and Lesbian youth.

In Step encourages those who knew Beaudoin to submit a more personal memorial we can run in a future issue.

Doug Nelson to Lead National AIDS Policy Group

Milwaukee — The Washington-based AIDS Action Council, the nation's most powerful AIDS lobby, has chosen Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, to once again chair its Public Policy Committee. Nelson was also re-elected to a two year term on the group's Board of Directors.

Nelson will lead the Public Policy Committee during a time of political change in Washington. "We have an enormous challenge to advance an AIDS agenda that meets the needs of a worsening national AIDS epidemic yet is acceptable to a far more conservative Congress," Nelson commented.

He said the priority for the national AIDS agenda in 1995 is the re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act and AIDS housing programs, advocating for a greater commitment by the Centers for Disease Control to empower local communities to conduct effective HIV prevention programs, and working to increase Congressional appropriations for AIDS prevention, care and research generally.

"I am honored that my colleagues in the national AIDS community have again asked me to lead this important AIDS Policy Committee," said Nelson. "We will need to organize and mobilize and advocate like we have never done before."

Milwaukee Police Commission Holds Meeting Jan. 31

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission is hosting an open meeting to obtain public comment on its controversial Citizen Complaint Process which is currently being reviewed and revised.

The open meeting (another was held January 17) is a forum for the community to receive information about the process and to offer input on ways to improve it. Individuals are asked to address three areas: what they like about the Complaint Process, what they don't like, and how to improve it.

Anyone who wishes to speak will be given up to 5 minutes, or they can submit written comments in advance to: Rules and Complaints Committee, Fire and Police Commission, 749 West State Street, Room 706, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30-8pm at the Center Street Library, 2727 West Fond du Lac Avenue.

Also Around the State...

Milwaukee — State Rep. Tammy

Baldwin received the 1994 Special Recognition Award from the Wisconsin chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union at the group's annual dinner at the Pfister Hotel January 14. The WCLU also honored the late Thomas Zander, a Gay man, with its Outstanding Lawyer Award for his years of tireless work as Director of Milwaukee's Legal Aid Society.

Madison — Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores Inc. is scheduled to open a restaurant at 2147 E. Spring Drive in Madison January 30. Representatives of The United and other community groups plan to meet with the restaurant's manager regarding how Cracker Barrel's written policy of discrimination toward Gays and Lesbians will play out in Wisconsin, which has a statute barring job bias based on sexual orientation.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

NATIONAL News Briefs

West Palm Beach Voters Retain Gay Rights Law

West Palm Beach, FL — On January 10, voters in West Palm Beach, Florida rejected an attempt by right wing forces to turn back Gay rights. Residents voted by a 5 % to 44% margin to retain the sexual orientation clause in their city's human rights ordinance. The law forbids discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The repeal effort was led by members of the Christian Coalition and the American Family Association. Its spokesperson was Sarah Brack Nuckles, a member of the City Commission, who seemed stunned by the loss. She denied the issue was discrimination and asked, "Why are we passing laws that promote and validate a lifestyle that causes untold deaths and costs?"

A coalition of groups calling itself Citizens for Fairness organized successfully against the repeal effort. "This is a victory for the fundamental value that all people should be able to live their lives free of discrimination," said spokesman Richard Giorgio.

Giorgio said the vote "takes the wind from the sails of the radical right political groups trying to spread their divisive agenda throughout Florida and across the country. They wanted a wave to sweep through Florida, but it stopped in West Palm Beach."

Supreme Court to Rule on St. Pat's Controversy

Washington, DC — The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear an

appeal brought by organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade who want to exclude a LesBiGay Irish group from participating in the annual event. The arguments are scheduled for April, so the court's intervention will not affect this year's celebration.

Last year, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in favor of the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group. It said the organization had the legal right to participate because of the state's public accommodations law, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Furious with the court's decision, the South Boston Allied War Veterans

Council cancelled the parade last year rather than allow the Gay group to march. It then filed an appeal with the US Supreme Court.

The Veteran's Council argues that as sponsor of a privately-funded religious event, it has the First Amendment right not to be associated with individuals whose philosophy is "unwanted and antithetical" to its own purposes. The State court rejected that contention, labeling the St. Pat's Parade "an open, recreational event" without a particular message.

A similar controversy has raged in New York City for years. But there, a federal court ruled that the St. Pat's

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Parade had been organized for decades by "Roman Catholic men of Irish descent" with a specific religious purpose. The Ancient Order of Hibernians was allowed to exclude the Irish Gays, who have held protest marches each year since then. (New York State also lacks a Gay rights law.)

This year, anti-Gay Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor will be Grand Marshal of the Big Apple's parade, so protests are likely to be quite lively. Of his role, O'Connor deadpanned: "There will be some, I'm sure, who will not be pleased."

Diplomatic Post Denied to Gay Man

Washington, DC — Debate continues to swirl over exactly whose prejudice caused the Clinton administration to renege on its plan to name James C. Hormel, a longtime Democratic activist and an openly Gay man, ambassador to Fiji.

Sources close to the White House told the *Washington Blade* that Clinton was planning for some time to name Hormel to the post in Fiji. But Clinton advisers got worried after Republican gains in the November elections, fearing a protracted confirmation battle over the Gay nominee in the Senate.

At about the same time, Clinton advisers learned that Fiji has strict laws against homosexuality. Offenders can be imprisoned for up to 14 years. The administration apparently decided that naming Hormel to the Fiji post might be perceived as less than diplomatic.

While Gay leaders criticized Clinton's decision to nix the appointment, Hormel exhibited his diplomatic flair. He told the *New York Times*: "There have been at least two dozen significant appointments. That's two dozen more than any administration up to now. Someone like me could not even have been considered for a position in the State Department before this administration."

Federal Workers May Be Granted Partners' Leave

Washington, DC — The *Washington Blade* reports that a new rule issued by the US Office of Personnel Management gives the green light to Gay and Lesbian federal workers to use sick leave to attend to the medical needs of domestic partners.

The rule was published in the December 2 *Federal Register*. Though it does not specifically use the term "domestic partner," experts say its broadened definition of "family" includes the unmarried partners of both Gay and straight government employees.

The rule defines family to include spouses, parents, children, brothers and sisters and their spouses, and "any

individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship."

The Office of Personnel Management indicated it expanded the definition of family to match the new definition incorporated into a law approved by Congress last year. District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, a longtime liberal and former chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was responsible for having the new language put into the bill.

She said at the time: "This is the first time I'm aware that the domestic partners of federal employees will be officially recognized by a federal statute. For that reason, this new law is a small but revolutionary step that I hope and believe will be replicated in more and more laws in the future."

Low Arrest Rate for Those Who Kill Gays

New York, NY — A survey by anti-violence groups nationwide has revealed that at least 151 bias-related homicides of Gay men and Lesbians occurred in 29 states during 1992 and 1993. The findings indicated that the murders were often gratuitously violent and that the percentage of crimes solved is lower than for other murders.

While % of all homicides in 1993 were cleared through arrests of alleged perpetrators, arrests were made in only 51% of the cases evaluated in the two-year study of Gay-related murders.

Another alarming element was the excessive amount of violence used in the murders of Gays. Sixty percent of the 151 victims were subjects of "overkill," defined as four or more gunshot or stab wounds, the repeated use of blunt objects or the use of more than one murder weapon. Many criminologists agree that hate crimes are characterized by extreme brutality.

"We have to ask the local police and the FBI to take this much more seriously than they have been taking it," Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) commented.

But New York Assemblywoman Deborah Glick said the violence did not occur in a vacuum. "We've seen a rise in the hostile rhetoric that justifies — to the ignorant, uneducated or fearful — a reason why it's okay to physically assault Lesbians and Gay men."

Judge Says Same-Gender Harassment Not Illegal

Baltimore, MD — In a decision that dramatizes how vulnerable to discrimination Gays and Lesbians are in the workforce, a federal judge ruled in late December that no federal statute prohibits same-gender sexual

harassment on the job.

In so ruling, Judge Alexander Harvey II dismissed a suit filed by David Hopkins, a former employee of Baltimore Gas and Electric, who said a male supervisor had repeatedly approached him with sexually suggestive comments and unwelcome physical advances. While such behavior was undoubtedly unpleasant, said the judge, Hopkins had no grounds for suing because no federal law prohibits such harassment.

Lee Hoshall, an attorney with the Maryland Human Relations Commission, expressed shock at the ruling and vowed: "This agency will continue to investigate and prosecute cases of same-sex harassment as long as it is harassment based on a person's sex, whether it is a male harassing a female or a male harassing a male."

Hopkins plans to appeal Judge Harvey's ruling.

Award-Winning Historian John Boswell Dies

New Haven, CT — John Boswell, whose books and lectures raised the consciousness of fellow scholars and the public alike about the history of homosexuality, succumbed to AIDS complications on December 24. He was 47 years old.

Boswell's 1980 book *Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality* won the American Book Award for History. It is esteemed as a revolutionary book because it investigated, in greater depth than ever before, homosexuality as it was perceived and as it actually existed in the Middle Ages. The book's rigorous scholarship gave credibility to the newly emerging field of Gay and Lesbian studies.

Just last year, Boswell published *Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe*. He contended that a close study of old manuscripts reveals that the church by the 12th century actually endorsed ceremonies consecrating same-sex unions.

Boswell was born in Boston, obtained his doctorate from Harvard and began teaching at Yale in 1975. He helped organize Yale's Gay and Lesbian Studies Center and became chairman of the History Department in 1990. Boswell spoke 17 languages and, in addition to his constant research, was an extremely popular teacher.

"I regard him as one of the major innovative figures in Gay and Lesbian scholarship," said Gay historian Martin Duberman. "John was very brave and pioneering. And very brilliant."

(Editor's Note: Professor Richard Mohr remembers Boswell in his "Viewpoint" article elsewhere this issue.)

Also on the Newswire...

Seattle, WA — After years of litigation, a Gay couple has finally been allowed to adopt a special needs child they had initially brought into their home for foster care. When the birth mother learned the child was placed with Gays, she sued to regain the parental rights she had earlier abandoned, but the state Supreme Court refused to hear her appeal. "I'm living here forever," four-year-old Gailen said of his new parents, Ross and Luis Lopton.

Pierre, SD — The South Dakota Supreme Court has ruled that a divorced woman who lives with her Lesbian lover can retain custody of her two children despite her ex-husband's objections. The court cited the children's stated preference to live with their mother and noted that there was no evidence of harmful effects from her care.

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an ordinance banning discrimination against transvestites, transsexuals and cross-dressers. It adds "gender identity" to the classifications of people protected from discrimination in housing, jobs and public accommodations.

Washington, DC — Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton filed an appeal with the US Supreme Court in December, asking the high court to reverse the Colorado Supreme Court's decision declaring that state's anti-Gay Amendment 2 unconstitutional. Gay advocates are confident the high court will sustain the ruling, dealing a mortal blow to other anti-Gay referendums.

Laurel, MS — The trial of Marvin McClendon for the murders of two Gay men in rural Mississippi is scheduled to begin January 30. Judge Billy Landrum decided to reserve judgment on whether the results of post-mortem HIV tests on the victims will be allowed as evidence. The defense apparently wants to rationalize the killings as self-defense.

Washington, DC — The National Law Journal has named openly Gay Commerce Department official Bruce Lehman *Lawyer of the Year*. Lehman, who was born and raised in Wisconsin, is Commissioner of US Patents and has won praise for his knowledge and expertise in intellectual property rights and patent law.

New York, NY — The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation has given a \$300,000 grant to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which will use the money to support its transition from a loose network of chapters into a strong national group. The Mertz-Gilmore Foundation gave other Gay groups, a total of \$1.3 million last year.

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INTERNATIONAL News Briefs

Same-Gender Marriages Now Legal in Sweden

Stockholm — As of January 1, Sweden became the third nation in the world to legally recognize same-gender marriages. Denmark was the first to adopt Gay marriage in 1989, and Norway followed just last year. Almost 3,000 Danish Gay and Lesbian couples have wed.

The first couple to tie the knot in a civil ceremony in Sweden were Hans Jonsson, 42, and his partner Sven Olav Jansson, 58. Within days, another dozen Gay and Lesbian couples were married. Stockholm Gays and Lesbians held a rally to celebrate on January 5.

The Swedish Parliament approved same-gender marriages last June by a vote of 171-141 with 5 abstentions. The law gives Gay and Lesbian couples all the rights of marriage except for the right to a church wedding, the ability to adopt children and access to artificial insemination.

When the Gay marriage law was passed, Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt said: "We accept homosexual love as equivalent to heterosexual. Love is an important force to personal as well as social development and should therefore not be denied."

Israeli Court Recognizes Gay Couples

Tel Aviv — The Israeli Supreme Court ruled late last year that El Al, the Israeli national airline, must provide free tickets to the partner of a Gay flight attendant just as it does to the spouses of its married employees. The high court's recognition of Gay couples may have wider application in other areas in which Gays face discrimination.

The case had been in arbitration and litigation for five years. Jonathan

Danilovich sued El Al after the airline refused to grant his partner a free ticket. The case finally reached the Supreme Court when El Al appealed a regional labor court's decision in favor of Danilovich.

Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak based the ruling on an amendment to Israel's Basic Law for Equal Rights in the Workplace which prohibits sexual orientation bias. He wrote: "The purpose of this benefit [the free ticket] is not the strengthening of the legal institution of marriage, and its denial [to Danilovich] is clear and blunt discrimination, and a violation of the principle of equality."

Amit Kama, a spokesman for Israel's Gay rights group, Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, told UPI: "On the national level, Israeli society took a huge step forward in regards to its treatment of minorities...On the homosexual level, it is very important that we are treated equally, and that the utmost institution in our country acknowledges our full rights for equality."

Australia Adopts Sexual Privacy Bill

Canberra — In December, the Australian Senate ratified an earlier decision by the House of Representatives and voted in support of a sexual privacy bill which covers the entire nation. The law was sought by Gay and Lesbian activists hoping to override the punitive sodomy law still enforced in the Australian state of Tasmania.

The Tasmanian legislature had refused to revise or repeal its sodomy statute, which mandated prison sentences for those found guilty of homosexual acts. A committee of the United Nations had ruled that Tasmania's sodomy law violated human rights.

The Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group hailed passage of the new law guaranteeing privacy in sexual matters. It was approved the day before International Human Rights Day, which commemorates the adoption of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1950.

A spokesman for the Gay group told the Associated Press: "We are rightly proud that we have brought this issue to the attention of the country, instigated federal intervention to correct an obvious human rights abuse, and created the conditions for coalition support for our rights."

While the new federal law nullifies enforcement of Tasmania's sodomy law, it remains on the books. Activists are committed to fully excising the language of the law from the statute books.

Asian Gays Hold Historic Meeting in India

Bombay — The first-ever conference on Gay rights in South Asia was held at an undisclosed location near Bombay December 27- 31, drawing about 70 people from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal. Organizers were forced to keep the conference private because of threats of violence from Hindu fundamentalists who believe homosexuality is immoral.

The conference decided one priority is to attempt to overturn India's punitive sodomy law. The law provides for up to ten years in prison for those found guilty of "carnal intercourse against the order of nature." Gays in India's prisons are frequently required to perform hard labor and are subjected to other abuses.

"We are not asking for legalizing homosexuality yet," Ashok Row Kawi told the Associated Press. "But it should not remain a criminal offense."

India's Parliament is dominated by conservatives, so the chances for sodomy law repeal are slim. The Gay activists are aware they must move forward with caution. They also called upon scholars and historians to research Gay and Lesbian literature and subcultures in India's past. Such education is needed, said Kawi, to "tell students that homosexuality existed in ancient India."

Kawi estimates there may be as many as 50 million Gays in India. But, bowing to religious and cultural traditions, many of them live closeted lives and marry opposite-gender partners.



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Aussie State Forbids Insemination for Lesbians

Darwin — The legislature of Australia's Northern Territory has passed a law restricting Lesbians and other unmarried women from access to state-sponsored artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization (IVF) programs.

The restriction was suggested by the Territory's Health Minister after publicity surfaced about an unmarried heterosexual woman who had availed herself of the government-funded medical service. The initial rationale for restricting access was to curb state expenses for artificial fertilization procedures, but Attorney General Fred Finch revealed a moral purpose at the time the law was passed.

Finch said: "The community, like the Territory government, believes that the best possible relationship for a child to be born into is a stable, loving relationship between a man and a woman. We do not believe IVF services should be generally available to single women or Lesbian couples."

Also Around the World...

Ottawa — Thirty-two-year old Real Menard, who represents a district in Montreal, Quebec, has become the second member of the 295-seat Canadian Parliament to declare that he is Gay. He joins Svend Robinson who is a representative from British Columbia. Menard came out last fall after another member of Parliament made a homophobic speech attacking Gays.

Oslo — Not to be outdone by the Canadians, a second member of the Norwegian Parliament has come out as a Gay man. But Anders Hornslien apparently came out reluctantly after activists threatened to "out" him in the Gay newspaper *Blikk*. Hornslien now joins his openly Gay colleague John-Arne Balto in the Norwegian Parliament, called the Stortinget.

Geneva — The World Health Organization reported on January 3 that the official number of AIDS cases worldwide has exceeded one million, although it is believed that due to under-reporting and misdiagnoses the real number may be more than 4 million. More than 70% of the AIDS cases are in Africa, 18% in North and South America, and the rest in Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

London — Late last year, the militant Gay group OutRage released 55 helium-filled condoms during Sunday Mass at a London cathedral to protest the Vatican's opposition to condoms and AIDS education. The activists chanted "Condoms stop AIDS, condoms save lives" while parishioners watched in amazement as the condoms floated

upward and became lodged in the central dome of Westminster Cathedral.

Shanghai — The *Shanghai Evening News* recently reported that one young woman died and another was seriously injured after they attempted double suicide by injecting themselves with a household cleaner. The women had been lovers for years, but one of them was considering bowing to convention by marrying a man. They decided on suicide instead.

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Scottsdale, AZ — The Arizona Civil Liberties Union has given former Republican Senator Barry Goldwater its *Civil Libertarian of the Year* award for speaking out in support of civil rights for Gays and for keeping abortion a safe and legal choice for women.

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Group Notes

Action WI to Elect Full-Term Reps

Jan. 21 Meeting Will Be Held at State Capitol

Madison — Action Wisconsin, the statewide Congress for Human Rights will become fully operational with the expected passage of the organization's revised By-Laws and the subsequent election of the group's first full-term regional at-large representatives at the general membership meeting to be held in the North Hearing Room of the State Capitol in Madison on Saturday, January 21 at 1pm.

In December, the pro-tem board of regional directors met in LaCrosse to hammer out the final compromises necessary to resolve areas of non-consensus which developed in the organization's initial attempt to ratify its By-Laws last October.

Mailings of the agenda and By-Law revision proposals were sent by regional representatives to all members in late December or early January.

Eligibility to vote for these reps will be limited to paid Action Wisconsin members present at the Madison meeting.

Action Wisconsin's stated goals are to fight for legislation that promotes legal recognition of LesBiGay families; to work for public school education about LesBiGay culture and history; to monitor and respond to the Radical Right's anti-Gay/ Lesbian initiatives; to promote enforcement of laws which protect Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender people; and, to create a massive network of LesBiGay, transgender and supportive others through Wisconsin.

Region III to Convene in Menasha, Feb. 7

Action Wisconsin's Northeastern regional winter meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm in the Geegan Board Room of the Menasha Public Library.

Recently elected full-term regional reps will be introduced as well attending, at-large board members.

Regional concerns regarding LesBiGay and transgender issues will be solicited and reports of discriminatory practices reported at an area health care provider and in an area school district will be reviewed.

Rideshare will be available from Green Bay and Oshkosh. Call Mike Fitzpatrick at (414) 437-7400 for more information.

A Meal with a Message

Center Project's 4th Annual "Have a Heart" Dinner

Green Bay — Feeling good after eating will take on an entirely new meaning on Saturday, February 18 at Center Project, Inc.'s 4th Annual *Have a Heart* dinner celebration.

This year's event, which begins at 6:30pm in the Sensenbrenner Memorial Union at St. Norbert College in DePere, will feature a reception with an expanded silent auction and cash bar, a meal offering new menu choices and entertainment featuring nationally and locally popular Gay/ Lesbian talent.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies again this year will be the effervescent Erin Davisson, news anchor at WFRV-TV 5 in Green Bay.

According to Karen Buschke, Volunteer Coordinator at Center Project and active on this year's dinner committee, the silent auction will feature a variety of items affordable to a wide range of incomes from the budget-conscious to the big spender. Among the items up for bid will be pieces of artwork featured in the 1995 *Wisconsin Artists for AIDS* calendar. The committee is currently soliciting donations of other items for this auction.

Menus have been significantly changed this year, but will continue the tradition of offering classic and lighter entree choices. Entrees include London Broil, Traditional Stuffed Breast of Chicken, or a Baked Orange Roughy Almondine.

This year's entertainment line-up features the nationally known CC Rae (aka Green Bay's own Randy Bouche) who will be performing portions of his 1995 show for the first time in Green Bay. Jeff Jennings, the vocally-talented Mr. Gay WI-USA, and Zoomie, Green Bay's popular contemporary, swing and country diva, will round out the after-dinner show.

Tickets remain at \$35 per person, but the individual table of 8 price has been lowered to \$240, a savings of \$40 from last year's price. To qualify for the table price, full payment and all menu selections must be returned simultaneously. Corporate tables will also be available.

Invitations we're be mailed the second week of January. If you would like to be invited, donate an item for the silent auction, make a reservation, or need more information, call (414) 437-7400 in Green Bay, or (800) 675-9400 from out-of-town.

All proceeds from the *Have a Heart* dinner will benefit Center Project, Inc., Northeastern WI's HIV/ AIDS resource center.

Winter Workshop Plans Finalized in Green Bay

People & Politics Probed at Feb. 11 Seminar

Green Bay — Positive Voice's second annual day-long winter workshop convenes Saturday, February 11 at the Midway Hotel in Green Bay. Personal and politically-motivated homophobia, same-sex domestic violence and strategies for developing healthier LesBiGay interpersonal relationships will be explored during *A Day of Self-Exploration II*.

The conference begins at 8:30am with a continental breakfast followed by a welcome address by Positive Voice's President, Dennis Krenn. Dr. Patricia Robertson, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at UW-Oshkosh will then examine the concepts of both internalized and externalized homophobia.

Following a refreshment break, Kevin Baird, Region I Rep to Action Wisconsin will offer insights on the current political climate and the concurrent rise in politically-motivated homophobia of the so-called "Religious Right."

After lunch, the two afternoon sessions will focus on highly personal issues. Kathryn Roe and Patricia Jagodinsky, co-founders of Sisters Against Violence Against Sisters (SAVAS), will present their nationally-recognized same-sex domestic violence lecture, exploring the motivations and recurring patterns of partner abuse and will outline strategies for recognizing and resolving such violence.

After a short break, Judith Hodel, Psychotherapist and Relationships Counselor will conclude the day with an uplifting presentation on ways everyone can build healthy and lasting relationships.

The workshop will conclude with an opportunity to evaluate the day's proceedings with final remarks by President Krenn.

Fees for the conference include all meals and snacks. Early registration with full payment or postmarked by January 27 is \$18 (Positive Voice members), \$22 (non-members). Registration after January 27 through February 6 is \$20 (PV members), \$25 (non-members).

Registration forms will be available at all Positive Voice events between now and February 6, at all Green Bay area bars, the Center Project, and other LesBiGay supportive businesses.

To obtain forms by mail, call or write Positive Voice, PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305, (414) 499-5533.

GALVANize Meets To Plan '95 March

Madison — GALVANize, the Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 19 to plan and organize the 1995 Pride March to be held on Sunday, July 16 in Madison.

The meeting will be held in Madison at the Wisconsin Community Fund Office, located at 122 State Street, Suite 508.

Anyone interested in attending should call (608) 256-4289 (Ben) or (608) 244-9458 (Maria). '94 T-shirts are still available in sizes M-XXL.

ACT UP Milwaukee Moves Meeting Site

Milwaukee — The new year marks a time of change for the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP). The organization's bi-weekly meetings moved January 9 to the offices of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), 820 North Plankinton Avenue. ACT UP Milwaukee meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7pm.

The move became necessary due to the old locations (the Milwaukee Public Library) policy of only allowing groups to meet in its facilities for one year at a time. In order to remain handicapped accessible (and air-conditioned), ACT UP decided to accept MAP's offer of one of its rooms.

ACT UP Milwaukee plans to continue its past efforts to fight AIDS here in Milwaukee, around the state and in the nation — including work on youth education (condom drops), improving research (AIDS Cure Project) and disseminating current information (ACT UP Milwaukee News, AIDS Activist TV and the ACT UP Internet Project). The group also hopes to expand its activities. Anyone is invited to bring new ideas and energy.

Limited parking near MAP is available on the streets and there is a surface lot across the street which will accept anyone going to the MAP offices. Tickets can be validated after the meeting.

You can find out more information about ACT UP Milwaukee by calling their message line at (414) 769-8708 or attending a meeting.

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Herstory Group Shows "Forbidden Love" Feb. 5

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's Lesbian Herstory Discussion Group will celebrate Valentine's Day early this year by presenting the popular Lesbian video *Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives* at its next meeting, Sunday, February 5. The group meets at 6p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Street.

Forbidden Love combines interviews of Lesbians who came out in the 1950's and 60's with a campy dramatization of one of the Lesbian pulp novels popular at that time. Discussion will follow. Older women are especially welcome to share their stories of Lesbian life in decades past.

The March meeting (also on the 5th) will be built around a discussion of the book *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community* by Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis. It is an oral history featuring interviews with Lesbians who were socially active from the 1930's to the 1960's in the working class city of Buffalo, New York. The book is available at AfterWords and People's bookstores.

For further information on the Herstory group, call (414) 463-9532.

The Road to Gay Self-Esteem

Milwaukee — Our self-esteem, or how much value we assign to ourselves as individuals, can be affected by many factors. Two important factors are the environment (the external) and our own individual thought patterns (the internal). Both of these can affect our sense of self-esteem in either a negative, destructive way, or in a positive, affirming way.

Dr. Nicholas Abraham will facilitate the topic at the **Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG)** scheduled for Sunday, January 22 from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place of us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$3 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

A Commitment to Love

Chicago's Gay Wedding Fair

Chicago — With issues such as domestic partnerships and spousal benefits becoming increasingly important matters of concern to the Gay & Lesbian community, the Sunday, February 5 event, *A Commitment to Love* to be held from 4:30-7:30pm at Ann Sathers, 929 West Belmont, Chicago, has been designed to meet the special needs of this growing trend.

The free to the public event will include free food, entertainment, and raffle prizes. The raffle, as well as donations taken at the door, will benefit Horizons Social Services.

Whether referred to as domestic partnerships, weddings, or holy unions, ceremonies of same sex unions are big news. Last June, a cover of *The New Yorker* featured a same sex couple on top of a wedding cake and featured an extensive article on same sex unions. Following the mass wedding ceremony held at the most recent March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights, newspapers and magazines across the country featured pictures of same sex couples exchanging vows.

In honor of love and Valentine's Day, *A Commitment to Love*, Chicago's second annual Lesbian and Gay Wedding Fair (the only wedding fair in the country to address the needs of same sex couples) will assist those planning a wedding ceremony, anniversary party or special event. *A Commitment to Love* will also be the perfect place to shop for a special Valentine's Day present.

Last year's event sold out all of its vendor spaces and provided information to same sex couples from all around the Midwest. This year more than three dozen vendors will be on hand to aid those planning a wedding, holy union, anniversary party or other special event. With a wide variety of businesses representing florists, caterers, party planners, jewelers, photographers and printers, as well as representatives from area churches and religious groups, *A Commitment to Love* will be the one-stop spot for anyone celebrating a union or honoring a long term relationship.

But *A Commitment to Love* is more than a wedding fair, it's a party with great food the sample and a cash bar. Entertainment for the event will be provided by some of Chicago's leading musicians, from pop performers and DJs to classical pianists, harpists and string quartets. Some of Chicago's top personalities will be modeling fashions for both formal and more casual events.

While there is no charge to attend the event, a \$2 donation to Horizons Community Services is suggested.

WI Leather Men's Assn.

Cocktail Reception Jan. 20

Milwaukee — On Friday, January 20, the **WI Leather Men's Ass'n (WLMA)** will be holding a "by invitation only" (club members must be wearing their colors) cocktail reception for the **Argonauts of Wisconsin**.

The Argonauts will be celebrating their 21st year with their *Winterquest XXI* party on Saturday night, January 21.

Anyone interested in attending can receive information from The Argonauts, PO Box 22095, Green Bay, WI 54305. Or, contact one of the L/L bars.

On Super Bowl Sunday, January 29, WLMA will be having a beer bust at the **Boot Camp Saloon** starting at 3pm.

WLMA is still in need of donations of bed(s), dressers or chest of drawers, and a refrigerator so they can house their out-of-town guest. Any and all donations are welcome.

Freeze & Sleeze™ Leather United

Indianapolis — **Leather United-Chicago** is pleased to announce that *Freeze & Sleeze™ III* will take place on January 27-29. The event is being produced by Nancy Lee Weinberger with the help of many friends in Indianapolis and Chicago, and is being sponsored by Our Place Bar in Indianapolis.

This year's Freeze & Sleeze is a tribute to David Hawn, Great Lakes Drummer Boy '92 and Ed Tobin, Mr. Indiana Leather '92. Both recently lost their valiant battles with AIDS, leaving their communities sad and without the benefit of their strength and hard work.

Proceeds will benefit The Damien Center, an Indianapolis AIDS organization providing information, counseling, services and a food pantry. Past events have raised over \$25,000 for Gay/Lesbian organizations.

Friday, January 27, will kick-off the weekend at OP's, 231 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, at 10pm with a Meet & Greet to welcome dignitaries and guests, followed by dancing and partying.

On Saturday, January 28, a Leather Market will be held at the North Meridian Inn, 1530 North Meridian, Indianapolis, from Noon to 5pm. Indianapolis community-based organizations and leather vendors from across the Midwest will be on hand to display their goods.

The main event, *A Night of Leather Fantasy* will start at 8pm on Saturday at OP's. The \$2 cover will help benefit The Damien Center. Special emcees will conduct a Silent Auction of donated

items, including a weekend package to Int'l Mr. Leather 1995 and a leather cycle jacket.

Titleholders and friends of Ed and Damien from across the US and Canada will then entertain the crowd with their fantasies and comedy sketches. Following the show will be a *Celebration of Life* dance and afterhours party, all at OP's.

A farewell brunch on Sunday, January 29 wraps up the weekend. Hosted by Metro Bar, 707 Massachusetts Avenue, the brunch starts at noon and costs \$6 per person.

Accommodations for the weekend can be arranged with the North Meridian

Inn at (317) 634-6100. Room rates start at \$39 for a single. For further information about the weekend, or to register, contact Nancy at (708) 740-7801.

AmFedVets Biennial Conference

New York — The American Federation of Veterans (AmFedVets) is holding its first Biennial Conference and Educational Summit at the New York Holiday Hills Conference Center and

Resort February 17-20.

AmFedVets is a national, not-for-profit consortium of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans, non-Gay veterans, military personnel, and supportive friends believing in equality of rights and equal access for all regardless of sexual orientation or minority status.

The theme of the conference, *Awareness Through Education — Responsibility Through Involvement*, was announced by German Lopez, President of AmFedVets. Co-chairs will be Shirley Gerow of New York and Andy Eddy of Florida.

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The cost of the conference is \$260 per person, double occupancy, and includes accommodations, food and workshops. Reservations should be made early because of limited accommodations. For information contact AmFedVets at 346 Broadway, Suite 811, Veterans Hall, New York, NY 10013; phone (212) 349-3455; fax (212) 233-6058; e-mail SWAROOP414@aol.com.

Gay & Lesbian Parents Int'l.

16th Annual Conference

Los Angeles — Gay and Lesbian parenting groups from Southern California will host the **16th Annual Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International Conference**, June 30-July 3, at the University of California at Los Angeles' Sunset Village (UCLA).

The coalition and conference is open to LesBiGay's in parenting roles, their partners, children and current or former spouses, as well as those interested in becoming parents. The Coalition is dedicated to improving the lives of their families through love, support, and educational programs designed to promote awareness, sensitivity and tolerance.

The conference will be composed of three related sub-conferences. The *Parent's Conference* will focus on issues of relevance to those who are currently parents, who function in a parenting role, or who wish to become parents. The *Young Adult's Conference* and the *Children's Conference* will examine topics of importance to the children of LesBiGay parents. Each sub-conference will feature workshops, guest speakers, special events and entertainment.

Conference fees include all meals (dinner June 30 through brunch on July 3), workshops, entertainment, a closing-night banquet, and 3 nights accommodation at Sunset Village. Child care will be available at additional cost.

For more information about the 16th Annual Conference, write to: GLPCI '95, 7985 Santa Monica Boulevard, Box 109-346, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or call (213) 654-0307 or fax (310) 652-7584.

Vietnam: The Yin & the Yang

A New Chapter in Gay & Lesbian Adventure!

Berkeley — **VeloAsia**, the premiere US touring company in Southeast Asia is offering the first *Gay & Lesbian tour of Vietnam*, March 1-16. The trip travels from Saigon to Hanoi, taking tourists to all of the country's most famous cities and historical sites as well as introduce them to Vietnam's many cultural traditions and social opportunities.

Chief among social activities will be an introduction to Gay & Lesbian life in the large and open Gay communities that abound in the cities of Vietnam. From the mountain retreat of Dalat, to the warm tropical coastal town of Nha Trang, to Hoi An's historic harbor, Danang's spectacular, undeveloped China Beach, Hue's cultural treasures to Hanoi's fabulous architecture that makes this city as rich as Paris. Optional cycling, snorkeling, hiking and other activities make this trip a must for adventurous travelers.

The *Sapa or Tonkin Alps Cycling Tour*, March 17 to 25 will amaze tourists with mist covered mountains and rice terraced valleys. Many important cultural sites are located in this region near the China border, and cyclists will meet hill tribe people living in Northwest Vietnam.

For the highly adventurous, the *Rainforest Revealed*, March 1-16, takes mountain bikers to Vietnam's central highlands, an unexplored area far from the tourist track. Cyclists will spend time

with hill tribes living along the Cambodia and Laos border.

VeloAsia allows tourists to have the experience of meeting the warm, friendly people in Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Cuba in supportive, open and Gay/Lesbian friendly environment.

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Viewpoint

Gay Generations

By Richard D. Mohr

Census folk tally a generation as 25 years. But in the Gay World — even before the temporal compressions worked by AIDS — a generation logs about every seven years, sometimes quicker. This feature of Gay time was driven home to me anew by John Boswell's obituary in Christmas Sunday's *New York Times*. I rubbed my eyes: he was only three years older than me. Though in both person and photo he always appeared an agelessly angelic youth, his career had been so accomplished and he had done so much personally for me, so much (how to say) paternally for me, that it was hard to imagine that but three New Year's separated our births.

Boswell's 1980 book *Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality* dashed the taboo covering Gay subjects in academe. It cleared the space in which Gay studies began to grow exponentially and initiated Gay-affirming discourses in the wider public sphere. Especially since it now appears that Gay progress for a long time will have to take the form of cultural rather than political change, the value of Boswell's work for Gays is inestimable.

Published just five months before his death, Boswell's final book, *Same Sex Union in Pre-Modern Europe*, is a history and prizing of Gay marriage. It's main cultural import and challenge is for Gays — and others — to take Gay relationships more seriously. It invites us to view Gayness not as something that, like eye-color or an earring, one might have in splendid isolation, but as something, like loving and caring, which is a relational property, a connection between persons, a human bonding, one in need of tendance and social concern. Think about it.

For me, Boswell performed that thankless ivory-tower chore whose real-world counterpart is helping friends move. He wrote letters of recommendation — ones that got me years off to write *Gays/ Justice* (1988) and *Gay Ideas* (1992) and one that got me promoted to full professor. I think about these good deeds often.

But Boswell was no saint. He could be quite the grouch and his obit gave cause for moral puzzlement. Boswell's writings possessed the real-world virtues of candor, boldness, and courage that are usually the first things to go in an institution as bureaucratic as the academy. So I was surprised to see that, apparently as his behest, his obit did not take advantage of the *Times* policy of listing intimate life partners among survivors and named his only as "a friend" rather than "long-time companion," the *Times*' concession to the emerging institutionalization of Gay marriage.

Further, for years Boswell had told people, including me, that his long illness was "just" Lyme's Disease, not AIDS, and so I was morally deflated to read that the cause of death indeed was AIDS. Perhaps these events have innocent explanations, but a fair cultural read of them suggests that in our actual lived experience (whatever our ideals may be), we Gay folk, even at our best, have made little moral progress beyond Rock Hudson and Liberace.

It is, of course, unreasonable to expect heroism in every dimension of a person's life. We should be glad that it occurs at all. And Boswell's heroism is already having real-world effects on new Gay generations.

Christmas Eve, the day of Boswell's death, the post brought me a card of greetings from a Gay graduate student with whom I'd been corresponding a bit, but about whose personal circumstances I knew nothing. The photo-card's classic format of family snapshot plus Xmas message is the sort of thing that has made Olin Mills the Campbell's Soup of the photo industry. Well, the student and his lover had just adopted an infant. And there they all are, without the slightest hint of irony or camp, posed against a brick wall with a piece of couch art at head level; the dads, in matching renting tuxedos, beam with pride as they jointly hold up baby Joshua swaddled only in a diaper. The photograph is at once a rune and an icon of Gay family, an imploding yet radiant fusion of American Gothic and Gay Bethlehem. Admittedly at first the photo struck me as a little bit silly, even as it was a great deal wonderful — silly because my feelings weren't instantly up there where my mind tells me my pride is.

As I sorted out my feelings, I was taken back half a dozen years to remember another Gay Family event, the one and only Gay wedding I've attended. I didn't bother to take a present, not because I was a skinflint, but because — shamefully — I clearly wasn't taking Gay relationships seriously enough, even though by that time I'd already been in one for a decade.

We have learned much from Boswell's writings, but I suspect we — and our future generations too — still have much more to learn.

Richard D. Mohr is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois-Urbana. His most recent book is A More Perfect Union.

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Dear Friends:

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Unfortunately, 13 years into the AIDS epidemic, government at all levels — local, state and federal — is still not responding adequately to the AIDS crisis:

▼ Programs of care and treatment are not sufficiently funded.

▼ Too many people still do not have access to health care.

▼ Prevention programs are severely constrained even as hope for a vaccine or cure for AIDS in the near future is waning.

▼ Basic public health concerns, such as water quality standards, are too often non-existent or inadequate.

Still, here in Wisconsin, in part because of the strong and unified voice of people concerned with HIV and AIDS issues, government agencies and policy makers are starting to respond to the needs of the AIDS community. ARCW applauds the City of Milwaukee's water quality improvement package and AIDS

funding; the state of Wisconsin's funding of an early intervention program for people with AIDS; and the federal government's increasing commitment to people outside of the country's largest urban areas.

With your help, government can and will do even more.

ARCW is organizing its public policy advocacy volunteers, and I invite you to volunteer now as an AIDS public policy advocate. Work with us to help shape public policy on AIDS. Together we can have a major impact on basic governmental policies on HIV and AIDS to better meet the needs of those we care about so deeply.

If you would like to find out more about this program, call our Public Policy Coordinator, Mike at (414) 225-1547. He'll be glad to hear from you.

— Sincerely Doug Nelson,
ARCW Executive Director

In Memoriam

Jason Doemel

Jason Doemel, age 21, lost his battle with AIDS on December 11, 1994. He was truly a fighter, a young man who possessed incredible strength.

Jason was a colorful person filled with many ideas. When he walked into a room he captivated everyone with his presence. He was a very talented and creative young man, often misunderstood. He appreciated life and loved living.

He enjoyed the outdoors and had a special talent for turning ugly weeds into beautiful gardens. He touched my life as well as many others.

He is survived by his two loving and supportive parents, Suzanne and Dale; and his two younger brothers, Jeremy and Johnathan. God Bless Them. Jason will live forever in our hearts. We love you, Jason.

— D.

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By Arnie Malmon

You Want Me To Do What?

At this point, a Happy New Year is called for, since if you're reading this you've survived another year, as have I. For this, congratulations are in order. As many of us continue to defy the odds, one can't help thinking about all of this. Managing this disease is as much or more our own responsibility as that of our physician. Now that I look back over these last almost four years, I can see some distinctive shifts in my health based on my changing attitudes.

In the beginning I didn't have a handle on AIDS or its consequences. As a result I went through a period of almost two years of being scared and feeling bad, during which I had a second bout of PCP and then CMV retinitis. After I really came to terms with everything and decided to take control of the disease and my life, things improved greatly. In that time, I have not been hospitalized again. For better or worse (I haven't decided yet) I found out that I'm one of the longest surviving patients in southeastern Wisconsin using foscarnet. This after 2-1/2 years of use.

On another short note here, I have decided to name my permanent IV site. Because of my location, here in Milwaukee, I decided to name it after a sign on the freeway. So let me wish a Happy Third Birthday to the "Port of Milwaukee." There's probably an inside joke here but I haven't thought of it.

A character created by the late science fiction author, Robert Heinlein, once said, "everybody lies about sex." Over the years, I've found this to be quite true. I've also found that people lie about arrival and departure times and when you'll really see the doctor. This all has no bearing on anything, it is simply an observation.

Recently, I was selected by my doctor to do a 24-hour urine collection. If you should be offered this opportunity and not be in a hospital, you might want to seriously consider declining such an honor. Here following is the story of the 24-hour urine collection. I needed the 24-hour urine collection to check on my creatine. My serum creatine has been at the upper reaches (2.8) of safely using foscarnet. Not to jump the gun, but my urine creatine measure was much better than the estimates had been. Anyway, I agreed to do the urine collection not realizing that a 24-hour collection means just that. All of your urine for, in my case, 10am Wednesday to 10am Thursday. So the lab brought me two urine bottles. Then they told me it had to be kept in the refrigerator. "Excuse me, but I don't

have room in my refrigerator for urine." Well, the lab brought out an ice chest for me to store it in. Since my infusion drugs necessitate me getting up to urinate every 1-2 hours all night, you can see how much fun it was.

I'm a little ahead of myself again (but that's easy to do because I move slower now than I used to), because the lab also said not to urinate directly into the container because it contained a preservative that might irritate the skin (it didn't). Like in the middle of the night I'm going to be transferring urine from one container to another. The last bad part of the experience was the fact I had two meetings, back-to-back that Wednesday

evening. So I took one of those frozen chemical blocks, put it in a shopping bag with the urine bottle. I arrived at our local AIDS Project office toting my bag, and walked around saying, "urine anyone?" It was good I took it, because I had to use it twice.

The last time I had a 24-hour urine collection was several years ago, in the hospital. The nice thing about the hospital (if there is a nice thing) is that all you have to do is urinate into a container with a large opening and press the call button.

I already told the nurse that, "I'll get you for that." So, before you agree to any procedure to do at home, get ALL of the details in advance.

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Health

Herpes-Type Virus May Cause Kaposi's Sarcoma

New York, NY — Scientists at Columbia University have reported strong evidence that a newly detected virus, similar to the herpes virus, may cause Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS), a rare cancer that afflicts many Gay men with AIDS. Their research was published in the December 15 issue of *Science*.

Drs. Yuan Chang and Patrick S. Moore found that virtually all the KS lesions from people with AIDS they analyzed contained a DNA sequence similar to the family of herpes viruses. "For a long time," said Dr. Moore, "we've suspected that KS might be caused by an infectious agent. [This is] the very first clear evidence that strongly implicates a specific type of virus in the development of KS."

The findings are only preliminary. The analysis of tissue samples must be repeated and the findings replicated by independent sources. The scientists themselves noted that they have not yet isolated the virus and mapped its structure. It is possible also that the virus is actually produced after the development of KS.

But if the viral discovery is confirmed, researchers can proceed to develop more effective treatments for KS. They may also better understand how a once benign cancer that affected a small number of older men (most of Mediterranean heritage) has become such a virulent, malignant killer affecting Gay men much more than any other group of people with AIDS.

KS is 20,000 times more common in people with AIDS than those free of HIV infection. Among those with AIDS, Gay and bisexual men are 20 times more likely to develop KS than hemophiliacs with AIDS. Women with AIDS are more likely to get KS if they contracted AIDS from sex with bisexual men than from an intravenous drug user.

HIV Most Contagious in First Months of Infection

Detroit, MI — Researchers at the University of Michigan have determined that HIV may be 100 to 1,000 times more contagious during the first two months of infection in a person's body than it is as time goes by and antibodies form.

The study, a mathematical analysis of data drawn from more than 8,000 cases of HIV-infected Gay men, indicates that HIV works much like the viruses which cause influenza or chicken pox: they are most infectious just before antibodies to the virus begin to proliferate.

Because HIV tests can only detect the presence of the virus after antibodies have formed, this finding contains a clear warning for those who may engage in unprotected sex. Individuals with recent negative HIV test results may unknowingly harbor the virus and engage in unsafe sex during HIV's most infectious period.

"The danger is that a person who tests negative and is very active sexually may be more dangerous than someone who has tested positive," said University of Michigan researcher Carl S. Simon.

The study found that the chances of infecting a partner through unprotected sex within the first two months of infection may be as high as 3 in 10. The study is published in the November issue of the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*.

Trials of Growth Hormone for Wasting Syndrome Begin

Washington, DC — The Food and Drug Administration has given approval to Serono Laboratories to begin clinical trials of Serostim, a recombinant human growth hormone, for the treatment of wasting syndrome in people with AIDS.

AIDS-related wasting syndrome (catabolism) is a profound weight loss of greater than 10% of usual body weight in an HIV-infected person. It is one of the indicators of progression from HIV infection to AIDS. AIDS-related wasting syndrome is one of the major causes of death in people with AIDS.

Randomized, placebo-controlled limited trials of Serostim on 178 patients in 12 sites nationwide revealed a average weight gain of 3.6 pounds per patient, while muscle weight increased 6.6 pounds indicating the subjects were gaining lean tissue rather than fat. The success of these preliminary findings issued last fall hastened the FDA's approval of wider clinical trials of Serostim.

"We are sincerely heartened that the FDA has granted [clinical trials] for Serostim," said Dr. Hisham Samra of Serono Labs. "There are currently no treatments available to increase lean body mass in people with AIDS-wasting, and we believe the FDA has made a compassionate decision that will help people with wasting syndrome...The HIV community's support and counsel has helped us immeasurably and will play an essential role in the continued success of our programs."

Serono Labs has set up a toll-free number for doctors and patients with HIV/AIDS. The Serostim Information Line is (800) 714-2437 and is staffed from 8am to 4pm CST.

FDA Approves Oral Test for HIV

Washington, DC — In December the Food and Drug Administration gave approval to a new HIV test which uses oral saliva specimens to determine the presence of antibodies to HIV.

OraSure, the name of the oral specimen collection device developed by Epitepe, Inc. of Beaverton, Oregon, is expected to increase the number of people willing to be tested for HIV because it does not involve the needle stick required with HIV blood tests.

OraSure consists of an absorbent pad mounted on a lollipop-like stick. The pad, treated with a salt solution to enhance antibody collection, is placed between the lower cheek and gum for two minutes. The oral specimen is then placed in a sealed vial with a preservative and sent to a laboratory for analysis. The lab conveys the result to the attending physician who informs the patient. Confirmation of a positive test result will be done through Western blot testing of the patient's blood sample. Clinical trials are currently underway for a confirmatory test using saliva specimens.

"OraSure has a number of advantages," said Adolf Ferro, President of Epitepe. "It is a non-invasive form of testing. There is no danger of a needle-stick accident. It is relatively simple to obtain a specimen. The services of a trained phlebotomist are not required. As a result, we believe OraSure will be less costly to use."

Popular Wisdom Confirmed: Women With HIV Die Faster

Washington, DC — A study monitoring more than 4,000 men and women with HIV has revealed what many AIDS workers have long observed: that women die much faster than men with HIV. But the reasons for this difference in mortality are still unclear.

The study tracked 768 women and 3,779 men with HIV over a 15 month period and found that the women were 33% more likely to die than men who were comparably ill at the time the study began. In women twice as often as men, death was the first sign that HIV was progressing. Men were much more likely to show early signs of HIV infection, like fungal infections and pneumonia.

The causes of such survival rate disparities between men and women infected with HIV are still unclear. Researchers theorize that in some cases women may wait longer to seek treatment, or that health workers treat women differently, perhaps discounting or misdiagnosing early symptoms of HIV infection. High rates of domestic violence

among HIV-infected women may also play a role in reducing their survival time.

More research needs to be conducted on women and HIV because women and children comprise the fastest-rising group of people now contracting AIDS. Ten years ago, women made up only 3% of AIDS cases. Today they constitute 15% of all new cases. AIDS is the leading cause of death for women aged 25-44 in New York City, and AIDS is the fifth-ranked killer of women aged 25-44 nationwide.

Conference on AIDS in Rural America March 10-13

St. Cloud, MN — St. Cloud University in Minnesota will sponsor a conference focusing on how HIV/AIDS is affecting America's rural communities March 10-13. The conference is called *Sowing Knowledge, Harvesting Care*.

Workshops and discussions will focus on funding and providing services to people with HIV/AIDS in rural communities. Health professionals, social workers and educators from small towns will share their knowledge and tips on how to best serve people with HIV/AIDS in rural areas.

The conference fee, which includes all handouts, lunches, refreshment breaks and a dinner, is \$195 payable to Rural AIDS Conference, Center for Continuing Studies, 720 Fourth Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498. For further information, including hotel accommodations, call Educational Conferences at (612) 255-3082.

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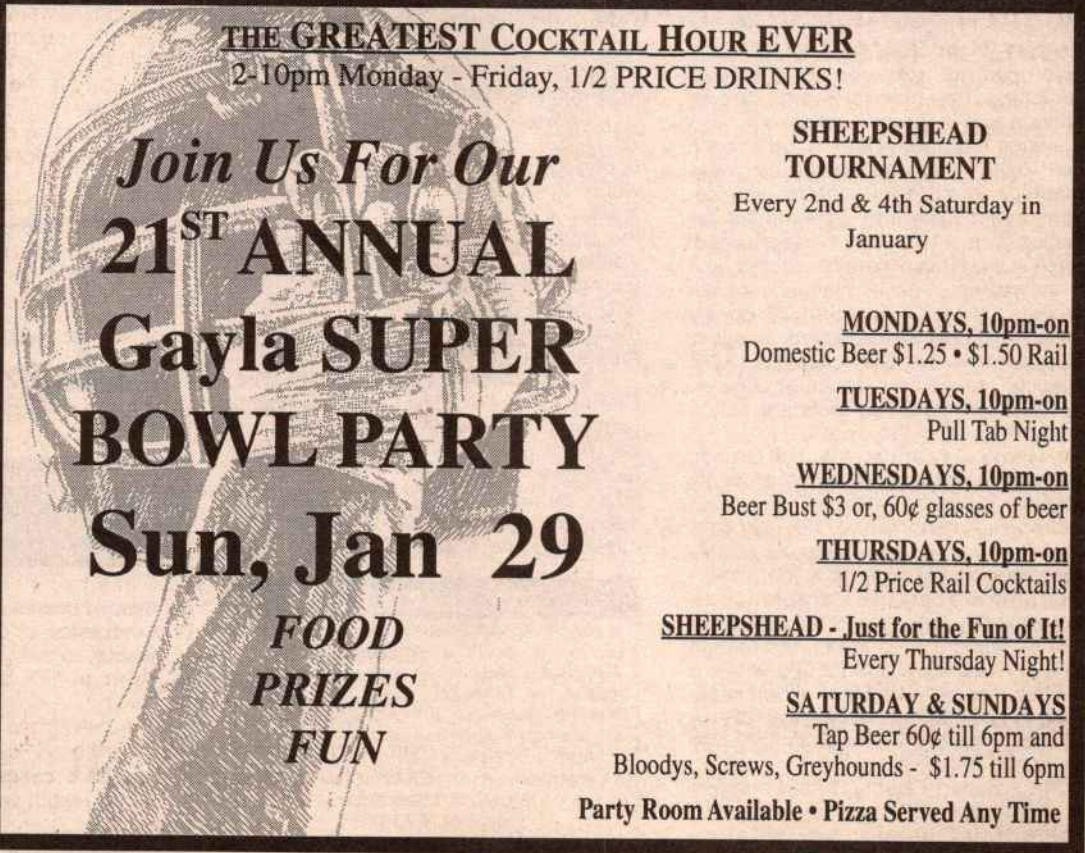


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By Arlene Zarembka

Spinning the 1994 Elections

Several Gay male commentators have taken pains to proclaim that the November elections really weren't so bad for Gay men and Lesbians.

Tim McFeeley was quoted in the Nov. 11 **Washington Blade** and Dec. 8 **In Step** as saying that now that Republicans are in control of Congress, they will be inclined to curtail anti-Gay legislation "to prove that Republicans have something positive to do other than taking potshots at Gay kids." Hastings Wyman, Jr., in his November 18 commentary stated that, "... [G]iven the Idaho and Oregon results, the new Republican establishment isn't likely to push any anti-Gay measures," and in a December 2 commentary, touted Newt Gingrich's April statement in favor of "tolerance" for Gays as a positive sign. Chicago writer Paul Varnell wrote in his election commentary in the **St. Louis News-Telegraph** that the replacement of Democratic congressional leaders "by Republicans, especially in the south, represents little loss for Gays." Richard Mohr wrote in his election commentary in the Nov. 24 **In Step** "... Lesbians and Gays need not worry too much that we are losing the political wars, for we continue to win the cultural ones."

Their arguments are: 1) the Oregon and Idaho anti-Gay initiatives were defeated; 2) all 13 Senators who co-sponsored ENDA and were up for re-election won, 110 of 120 co-sponsors of ENDA in the House were re-elected, and 11 newcomers have pledged to co-sponsor ENDA; 3) a record 39 openly Gay candidates were elected to public office; and 4) the GOP "Contract with America" makes no mention of Gays.

All true. Yet these facts are only a very small part of the picture.

1) Anti-Gay Initiatives. The Oregon and Idaho initiatives were more overtly anti-Gay in their language than was Colorado's Amendment 2. Yet only 51% voted "no" on Oregon's Measure 13 this November, down from a 56% "no" vote in 1992, probably because Measure 13 was less virulently anti-Gay than had been 1992's Measure 9. In Idaho, the margin of victory was fewer than 3,000 votes. It is questionable whether either state would have defeated the initiatives if they had been merely a Colorado-style "no civil rights" initiative.

In Alachua County, Florida, voters not only repealed a local ordinance prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination (by a 57% majority) but

adopted an ordinance prohibiting any future inclusion of sexual orientation in civil rights ordinances (by a 59% majority). Moreover, according to Nadine Smith, executive director of the Human Rights Task Force of Florida, the attorney defending the validity of the "no civil rights" ordinance in court is attacking all civil rights laws, including the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act.

2) Support for ENDA. The fact that the numbers of Senators and Representatives co-sponsoring ENDA held steady is a major achievement. But translating that fact into victory for ENDA seems unlikely. Newt Gingrich has a 0% voting record from the HRCF (and a 100% rating from the Christian Coalition), and since the November elections has stated that employers should be allowed to discriminate based on sexual orientation. Nancy Kassebaum, slated to chair the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over not only ENDA but also AIDS legislation, has only a 20% HRCF rating. Richard Tafel, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans, recommends that ENDA be pulled from Congress, and that the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement proceed state by state and company by company to achieve nondiscrimination protections. His argument, quoted in the Dec. 2 **Blade**, is that, "Many Americans find expansive civil rights legislation as one of the most visible and offensive types of government intrusion." With friends like Tafel parroting the Republican *laissez faire* capitalist line, we might as well kiss ENDA (and any other federal civil rights legislation) good-bye.

3) Openly Gay elected officials. While the increase in the number of openly Gay elected officials is a matter worth celebrating, increased visibility alone is a slim defense for the attacks of the radical right. There was a large and visible Gay and Lesbian community in Germany in 1933, but that certainly did not stop the Nazi takeover, nor save Gay men (and every other group despised by the Nazis) from the concentration camps.

4) The Contract with America. The Contract states what House Republicans plan to accomplish in the first 100 days of the new Congress. As Rep. Gunderson (R) himself admitted in an interview with the **Blade**, "After the first 100 days, there's no question that they intend to have a second agenda," and


that social issues, including Gays, are likely to be part of the second agenda.

But even the first Contract includes thinly-disguised attacks on Gays. Item #4 of the 10-point Contract is the "Family Reinforcement Act." The Act speaks of "strengthening rights of parents in their children's education," among other things. Does anyone want to guess the Republicans' view on diversity curricula or teaching about homosexuality in the schools, particularly if a parent objects?

In the April 1 interview with Chandler Burr, where he professed "tolerance" for Gay men and Lesbians, Gingrich himself proclaimed that it is "madness to pretend that families are anything other than heterosexual couples," that "re-establishing the centrality of marriage and of the role of a male and female in that relationship is a very central issue of the next 20 years," and that it is "fundamentally and profoundly wrong" to "educate kindergartners in understanding Gay couples." According to the **Seattle Gay News**, Gingrich promised Lou Sheldon that he would hold hearings on the "homosexual agenda as it is relevant to the public schools."

It will not be easy to figure out the best strategies to take in the new climate. But we should at least stop kidding ourselves about the threats we face.

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The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

What Will '95 Hold for Artists?

To begin my first column of the year, I asked a few artists the following question: "What will 1995 hold for you?" This is how they responded:

"Because of how I'm perceiving the world around me, in 1995 I will take bigger and bolder risks and deviate further from the conventional. I'm lucky to have a strong audience of diverse people, and I would include the audience as a player to explore with me."

**Jinx Davis,
The Mode Theater**

"Every year I set goals for myself. This year, it's to get good video documentation of my work. (Also) I'm in a position in my career between an emerging artist and a professional one. In 1995, I would like to make that leap."

**Joseph Rabensdorf,
Performance Artist**

"We survive in '95! To be able to live another year to produce new works by new playwrights. To continue taking risks, and do as well as we did in 1994."

**Michael Neville,
Artistic Director
Playwrights Studio Theater**

There Is Power In Numbers

When deadline week arrives, so do the artists tracking me down everywhere — except the shower, that is. This past week, I was immersed in an on-the-spot informational interview at my day job, and the following morning I awoke to the voice of an eager supporter. What this has shown me is that the artists/ art directors both Gay and straight, are enthusiastic about doing their part for the LesBiGay community, and I hope we as a community are doing enough to show our support either by funding or by attending as many alternative events in music, dance, poetry, performing arts, theater and galleries, as we do mainstream. Now, let's get on with the show!

DANCE

Keeping Dancers Dancing

Keeping Dancers Dancing is a 3-part mini-series to return the injured dancer to full performance level, conducted by Patricia Holman a

Feldenkrais Practitioner. *Keeping Dancers Dancing* will be held at Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee, Milwaukee, on January 29, February 19 and March 5 from 1-5pm.

The cost for the entire series is \$80 and \$40 for a single workshop. To pre-register, please call Patricia Holman at (414) 277-1040.

"Choices" to Premiere at ARTS/AIDS Festival

Et toi, tu dances? Milwaukee's chamber ballet company, will premiere *Choices*, its new ballet for middle school children and their families, at the *Danceworks ARTS/AIDS Festival*, 727 N. Milwaukee, Milwaukee. The festival showtimes are 7pm on January 20 and 3pm on January 22.

In a recent conversation with **Bill Dempsey** one of the supporting players of *MOOK*, the band that coordinated bands and composed songs especially for the ballet, he said, "*Choices* is a diversity of music that reflects a lot of different talents that are out there in the city. It includes funk, jazz, rock, dance and rap, both serious and funny, music that is accessible."

When asked what message the musicians (that include **Pat McCurdy, Mrs. Fun, the Yell Leaders, the Blow Pops, Fulani and Kris World**), were trying to get across, Bill responded, "*Choices*, especially for children of the

middle school level got to have the truth about HIV/AIDS without being talked down to or being terrified, either. It's too serious of a situation that we're facing. We called upon a variety of artists to collaborate on a creative response to the prevail in lives about HIV/AIDS, and put a human face on it."

After opening at the festival, *Choices* will travel to Milwaukee area middle schools in conjunction with the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Teen Peer Counseling Program. For further information, call Danceworks at (414)276-3191.

Danc'n, Danc'n, Danc'n for AIDS

People interested in having a great time and at the same time raise money to benefit the comprehensive care, education, research and advocacy programs of the **AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin**, are invited to attend the second *Danc'n for AIDS* dance extravaganza, Saturday, February 11 at the MECCA Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee. From 7 to 11:30pm, the hottest DJ's and live entertainment will keep the dance music going!

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MUSIC

Houston Grand Opera's World Premiere of "Harvey"

The Houston Grand Opera presents an Opera New World production, the world premiere of **Stewart Wallace** and **Michael Korie's** *Harvey Milk* on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30pm at The Wortham Center's Brown Theater, Houston, Texas.

Harvey Milk was inspired by the life and assassination of San Francisco's first openly gay elected public official, City Supervisor, **Harvey Milk**.

For more information on this inspirational opera, please call (713) 546-0200. Even if we cannot be there with them for opening night, perhaps we can be there in spirit.

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Present Music Ensemble

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concert are \$13 for general admission and \$7.50 for students/children. Tickets can be purchased at the PAC box office (414) 273-7206 or by calling Present Music at (414) 271-0711.

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THEATER

Second Annual Audiences for AIDS Raises Its Curtains

Thirty-one Milwaukee area performing arts organizations will raise their curtains in January, February and march in support of AIDS care, education and research as they take part in *Audiences for AIDS*.

Organized by the Milwaukee AIDS Project Arts Action Committee, each participating group will supply members of its audience with a red ribbon and donation envelope at some or all of its performances. Curtain speeches prior to the performances will highlight the work done by the MAP and encourage audience members to wear their red ribbons and give generously.

Groups include the Milwaukee Ballet, Different Drummer Theatre

Alliance, and Wild Space Dance Company. For a complete listing and more information on *Audiences for AIDS*, call 273-1991.

Theatre X Presents First Annual Guest Artist Series

The first of February marks the beginning of **Theatre X's** first annual *Guest Artist Series* that celebrates cultural diversity. This series at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, runs from February 1-26 and features works by noted Latina and African-American playwrights.

February 1-12 is *The Have Little*, written by **Migdalia Cruz**, one of America's premiere Puerto-Rican artists, runs from February 1-12. *The Have Little* is a compelling tale of a family's daily struggle for survival in the barrio. Lilly Rivera, one of the "have littles" of the world, experiences life in the barrio as she is forced to test the strength of family ties and true friendship.

The Have Little is being produced by **Teatro Latino**, Wisconsin's only bilingual theater company dedicated to fostering the growth of Latino artists in Milwaukee.

February 15-26 is *For Black Women Only (But Don't Forget About Our Men)*, by author **Dr. Ingrid Hicks** an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UW-Medical School, Milwaukee. *For*

Black Women Only examines the relationships between black men and women.

Narrated by **ManPoetry**, music and lyrics are woven with slides and transformed into stories, told by three generations of strong African-American women.

Showtimes for both performances are 7:30pm Wednesday and Thursday, 8pm Friday and Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday. Ticket prices for shows are \$12 except for Thursdays "Pay what you can" night and discounts for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Broadway Theatre Center or by calling (414) 291-7800.

POETRY

Woodland Pattern Book Center Celebrates 15th Anniversary

In conjunction with Woodland Pattern Book Center's 15th Anniversary, and to benefit Woodland Patterns ongoing efforts to serve the literary and artistic community, Woodland Pattern is hosting a *Marathon Reading*, Saturday, January 28, from 1pm until "everyone has read!"

More than 70 local poets, authors and performers covering a wide spectrum of Milwaukee's artistic community, will appear to perform or read original works. Each person appearing will be sponsored by a business, friend or relative with the proceeds going to Woodland Pattern.

The exciting event will take place at 720 E. Locust St. Admission is \$5 for the general public, \$4 for members of Woodland Pattern. Call for more information at (414) 263-5001.

GALLERIES

Art Exhibit Focuses On AIDS Awareness

The **Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition**, in collaboration with the **St. Camillus AIDS Ministry** and **BESTD Clinic**, has organized a special display of art in the Studio Theatre lobby of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, from February 1-12.

Numbering a total of 36 prints, the exhibit features the work of Hispanic, Latino, and artists of various nationalities worldwide.

"This is an innovative and creative way of raising awareness about the social, psychological and emotional dimensions of AIDS in the Hispanic/Latino Community," states Arlene Sandoval, Chairperson of the Wisconsin Chapter of the MHAC.

Created in part by the National Education Association Health Information Network and ARTIS Association of Paris with the purpose to raise AIDS awareness worldwide, the

23" x 32" silk screens range from thought-provoking to the informative.

For more information, call (414) 278-0555.

Winter Gallery Night

An evening of gallery-hopping begins on Friday, January 20 at 5:45pm at the Milwaukee Art Museum Vogel/Helfaer Galleries and continues throughout East Town, the Historic Third Ward, and Walkers Point.

This *Gallery Night* will feature special performances at Arte de Mexico-Galeria Francisco X. Mora, Walker's Point Center for the Arts, and Tory Folliard Gallery.

Call the MAM special events line at 224-3200 for more information.

POTPOURRI

Playwrights Studio Theater will hold auditions for its Fourth Annual *Festival of Ten-Minute Plays* on the fourth floor of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells Street, on Saturday, February 4 from 10am to 5pm.

The festival will run from Friday, March 17 through Sunday, March 26 at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

Actors are asked to present one two-minute contemporary monologue, comedic and dramatic. A resume and a head shot are required. Call (414) 476-8984 for an appointment.

The **Milwaukee Players** guest director, **Kim Beck** will hold open auditions for *Harvey* by **Mary Chase**. Auditions will be held on Monday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 24 at 7pm, at the 55+ Center, 2414 W.

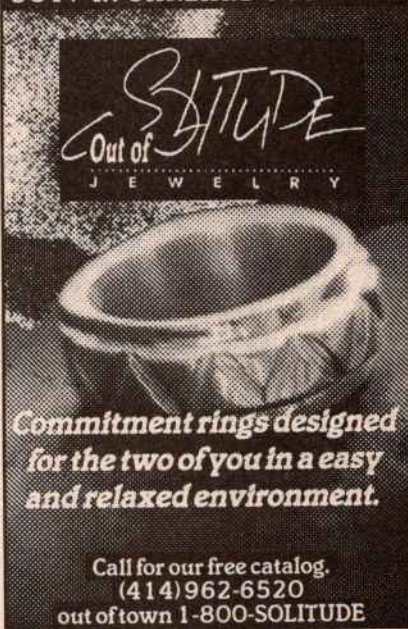
Mitchell Street, Milwaukee.

A cast of six men and six women are needed. Auditioners will read from the script. For further information, call (414) 647-6075/6050.

Athena Productions is seeking submissions from lesbian performers and artists for the *Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest*, in September. The *Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest* is a one day womyn's music festival which will be held on September 23, 1995 in Northern Illinois.

For further details, call or write Athena Productions, 217 S. 2nd St., Ste. 193, Dekalb, IL 60115, (815) 758-0739 or (708) 786-5377.


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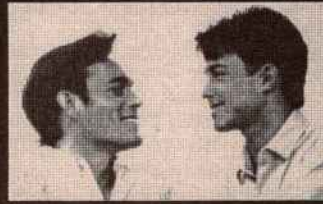
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Gay/Lesbian Film Fest at UW Milwaukee Will Chase Away the Winter Blues

Wide Variety of Films January 26-February 2

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The 4th annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee begins a weeklong run January 26 just in time to help us all shake the mid-winter blues. A wide variety of films will screen at the UW-M Union Theatre in a festival sponsored by Great Lakes Film and Video and funded by the Cream City Foundation.

The festival includes four major feature films playing for the first time in Milwaukee: Greg Araki's *Totally F***ed Up*, about the trials and tribulations of a group of Gay and Lesbian teens (see related story); Richard Glatzer's *Grief*, about the inter-relationships between Gays and straights who produce a campy TV show; Steve McLean's *Postcards From America*, based on the writings of artist David Wojnarowicz; and *Fresh Kill*, Shu Lea Cheang's loopy "eco-cybernoia" fable.

The festival also features documentaries on Boy George, Sandra Bernhard and queer sex workers, films that explore Gay and Lesbian families, homophobia in gangsta rap, breast cancer among Lesbians, as well as shorts on dating, sex, relationships, racism, AIDS, transgenderism and more.

Lest all of that sound too heavy, be assured that there is a great deal of humor mixed in with the pathos. Of the films and videos I was able to preview, the evening of Lesbian shorts looks to be especially hilarious. The Gay short *Love Machine* had this hard-core dyke laughing herself silly. And the pairing of the Boy George film *Boy Next Door* with *Dream Girls*, about an all-women cross-dressing theater troupe in Japan, is guaranteed to entertain and fascinate both Gay men and Lesbians.

Responding to criticisms made in past years that the films were too strictly divided into separate men's and women's programs, Matt Frost, organizer of this year's fest, has scheduled several double bills of Gay and Lesbian films that share similar themes. The hope is that Gay men and Lesbians will view these films together, interact more and perhaps learn more about each others' experiences.

Outstanding double bills that will appeal to both men and women include the aforementioned *Boy Next Door* and

Dream Girls on January 27; *Cancer in Two Voices* and *Fast Trip, Long Drop*, which deal with life-threatening crises, on January 29; *Rocking the Cradle* and *Florence and Robin*, about Gay and Lesbian families, on January 31; and *Darker Shade of Black*, *Long Time Comin'* and *Greetings From Africa*, which center on issues of race and Gays and Lesbians of color, also on January 31.

Theatre & Tickets

All films and videos will be screened at the UW-M Union Cinema, located on the second floor of the UW-M Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. There is a parking garage on the east side of the Union (enter on Kenwood) as well as street parking in the blocks just south of the Union.

Tickets for individual shows are \$5 general admission, \$3 for students with ID's. Festival passes which cover every film being shown are \$35 for general audiences, \$25 for students. All tickets and passes will be available at the door. For any further information, please call (414) 229-6971.

Fest at a Glance

Here is a run-down of the movies scheduled with some brief comments about films I was able to preview.

Thursday, January 26

7pm: **Lesbian Shorts:** *Outlaw* is a thoughtful documentary about

transgendered activist Leslie Feinberg, author of the Lammy-winning book, *Stone Butch Blues*. *Mister Sisters* and *Mad About the Boy* complement *Outlaw* but deal in a humorous way with dykes being mistaken for men. *Bete Noire* is a delightful spoof of hard-boiled detective movies, this time featuring Gil McNabb as the Lesbian "dick." Also included: *Central Park*, in which two women (our cover models this issue) make love while drifting in a boat on Central Park Lake; *Dangerous When Wet*, an Esther Williams spoof; *La Poisson D'Amour*, goofy hijinx with fish and sex puns; and more.

9pm: *Totally F***ed Up*: Greg Araki zeroes in on the hopes and anxieties of six Gay and Lesbian teens. An excellent cast of young actors creates compelling characters each facing a choice or crisis, but the film is often marred by heavy-handedness in its writing and execution. The alienation of Andy (played by River Phoenix look-alike James Duval) loses its poignancy after we're barraged with none-too-subtle conceits like close-ups of his t-shirt declaring, "I blame society." Two Lesbian characters are peripheral. I'd still recommend it. There are moments of teen angst and revelation most queers will strongly identify with. (See related story for more in depth analysis.)

Friday, January 27

7pm: *Boy Next Door* is the saga of George O'Dowd's rise and fall and rise



(L to R) Roko Belic, Jenee Gill, Susan Behshid, Gilbert Luna, Lance May and James Duval in "Totally F***ed Up" screening at 9pm on Thursday, Jan. 26.

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as pop star Boy George. It's paired with *Dream Girls*, a fascinating look at the Takaruzuka Theater School in Japan where girls don drag to play all the roles. The schoolmasters are conservative men whose goals are to instill discipline and endurance so the girls become better wives, while crowds of adoring female fans have a completely different agenda, swooning over the handsome drag kings!

9pm: *Confessions of a Pretty Lady* is a moderately entertaining documentary about singer/comic/actress Sandra Bernhard. Bernhard is much more popular among Gay men than Lesbians, many of whom are apt to spew when they hear the editor of the *Advocate* call her a Lesbian role model for the 90's or hear two drag queens tout her as a progressive leader of the Gay movement for posing in *Playboy*. Ratifying this mindless diva-devotion is the inane Camille Paglia. Pul-leese!

Saturday, January 28

7pm: *Fresh Kill* is nearly impossible to describe. It has a wonderfully rich and bizarre multi-cultural cast set against the backdrop of decaying garbage and radioactive fish lips in New York City. The central characters are a Lesbian couple with a little girl who gets mysteriously kidnapped. That's about it for plot. Along the way, there are wry takeoffs on public access TV, cyberpunks, corporate paternalism,



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Carlton Wilborn, Illeana Douglas and Craig Chester star in the ensemble comedy, "Grief" directed by Richard Glatzer, finally comes to Milwaukee Sunday, Jan. 29 at 9pm.

recycling, Indian mysticism, yuppie businessmen, canned cat food and the apocalypse. *Fresh Kill's* pace is as frenetic as the Big Apple itself and its jumble of ideas and images is as infuriating as it is stimulating.

9pm: *Remembrance of Things Fast* by John Maybury promises to investigate

the "seedier rest stops along the information super-highway" populated by "menacing dominatrices and transgener aristocrats." It stars queer Brit favorites Tilda Swinton and Rupert Everett. It's paired with the hilarious Gay short *The Love Machine*, about a series of hapless Gay naifs smitten and then abandoned by the Gay swinger of the title. Designed, costumed and shot in a sort of '60's retro style, *The Love Machine* is an instant camp classic.

Sunday, January 29

7pm: A program called "Love and Survival" features *Cancer in Two Voices* about a Lesbian couple's struggle with one partner's breast cancer, and *Fast Trip*, *Long Drop*, a self-portrait and analysis by HIV-positive videographer Greg Bordowitz.

9pm: *Grief* finally comes to the big screen in Milwaukee just as it's about to hit the video shelves. But *don't be a couch potato!* This comedy-drama will be great to see with a large and responsive queer audience. *Grief* is about the inter-relationships of a group of TV writers producing the side-splittingly tacky daytime drama "Love Judge." Mark (played by Craig Chester of *Swoon*) is grieving for his partner lost to AIDS but is attracted to bisexual co-worker Bill (Alexis Arquette) who, in turn, is sleeping with colleague Jeremy (Carlton Wilborn). Further complications ensue when their boss, the wicked-tongued Jo (played by dragster Jackie Beat) announces she's quitting, causing all the principles to jockey for her position. Despite its downbeat title, *Grief* is funny, sweet, thoughtful and wonderfully irreverent.



"Fresh Kill", a thoroughly post-modern Queer film, screens at 7pm on Saturday, Jan. 28.
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Director Kirk Marcolina's "Rocking The Cradle" is one of the films set to screen Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7pm during the "All In The Family" night.

Tuesday, January 31

7pm: A program on Gay and Lesbian families features Kirk Marcolina's *Rocking the Cradle*, in which the experiences of three queer families are intercut with the filmmaker's conversation with his own mother, who expresses her fears about Gay parenting. One highlight has two Gay men, shopping for baby furniture, engaging in debate with other customers. Nick Finnis's *Florence and Robin* is also on the bill. It's about a Lesbian couple's quest to have a child through artificial insemination.

9pm: This program focuses on racism, homophobia and Gays and Lesbians of color. It features the new film by *Looking for Langston* director Isaac Julien, called *A Darker Shade of Black*, which explores homophobia in dancehall, reggae and gansta rap music. Among the chief offenders interviewed are Shabba Ranks and Buju Banton. *Darker Shade* is paired with *Long Time Comin'*, a portrait of African-Canadian singer Faith Nolans and her best friend, artist Grace Channer, both out Lesbians and political activists. Nolans' beautiful blues numbers complement Channer's paintings and multi-media creations beautifully. Also scheduled: *Greetings From Africa*.

Wednesday, February 1

7pm: *Straight for the Money: Interviews with Queer Sex Workers* is a documentary about eight Lesbian and Bisexual women who willingly play "straight" by working for their livings as strippers and lap-dancers. This provocative film is paired somewhat improbably with *Berenice Abbott: A View From the 20th Century*. It's about award-winning Lesbian photographer Berenice Abbott whose work spanned the decades from the 1920's to the 1980's and whose friends included such queer luminaries as Andre Gide, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Janet Flanner and

Djuna Barnes. The 92-year-old Abbott was interviewed extensively just before her death a few years ago.

9pm: This diverse series of Gay shorts includes moments of sublime filmmaking and trash. Most notable is the slickly produced half hour film *Death in Venice*, loosely based on the Thomas Mann novel but set in Venice Beach. It's about a sexually repressed Gay professor (an "expert" in romantic love!) who goes on vacation to ease work-related stress, only to become aroused by his sister-in-law's gorgeous 17-year-old Gay son. Needless to say, he, the boy and the unsuspecting mother are thrown into crisis. Also scheduled: *A Friend of Dorothy*, about a shy college student named Winston and his desperate, humorous attempts to connect with another man; *Some of These Days*, a mini-soap opera about

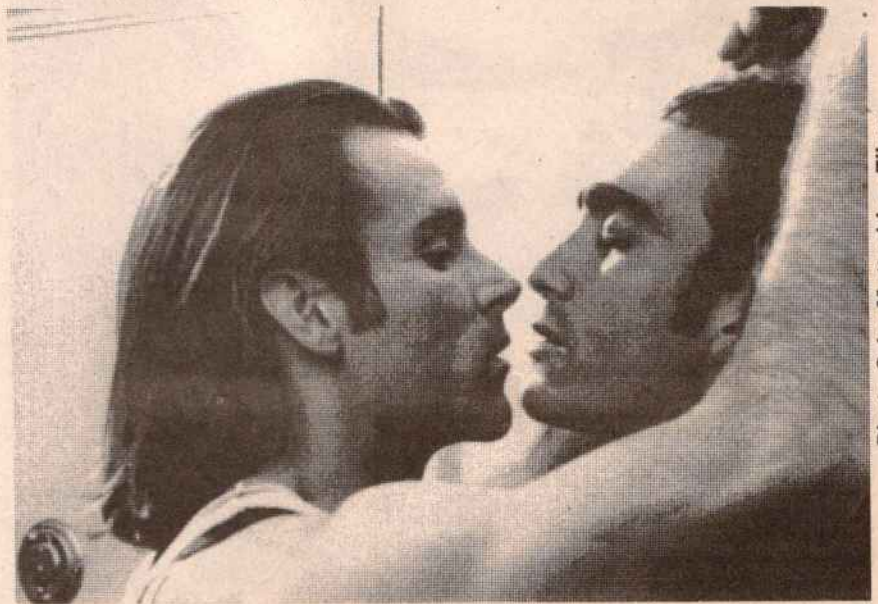
tangled relationships among friends; also *Virus*, *Dottie Gets Spanked* and *Shit Fit*, which is (unfortunately) self-explanatory.

Thursday, February 2

7pm: Chicago-based filmmaker Julie Zando will be on hand to answer questions about her film *Uh! Oh!*, which purports to be a re-reading of the S&M porn classic *The Story of O*. I'm not sure that using an all-woman cast in any way "subverts the original text" or gives us any new take on "the relationship between power and sex." My objection is not to the S&M content but to its tedious presentation. Then again, maybe that's the point. Perhaps Zando can answer such questions but, frankly, no one could pay me to sit through this awful movie again. Maybe I'm wrong. See it for yourself and make up your own mind. But don't say I didn't warn you.

9pm: *Postcards From America* is a feature length adaptation of the writings of frequently censored artist David Wojnarowicz, who succumbed to AIDS several years back. *Postcards* is a powerful but unrelentingly bleak tone poem about his abusive upbringing, his years as a young hustler and his dangerous quest for anonymous sex with very rough trade. I kept waiting desperately for any sense of redemptive value or transcendence in his life — for instance, did he find any fulfillment through his art? — but it never surfaces. One redeeming feature of *Postcards* however is its stunning cinematography. It was photographed by Ellen Kuras who also shot the mesmerizing *Swoon*. Otherwise, it is much too long and extremely depressing.

Any further questions, call Great Lakes Film and Video at (414) 229-6971.



"Some of These Days" will screen at 9pm Wed., Feb. 1, as part of the Gay Shorts program.

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Film Maker Gregg Araki's Newest Release To Screen at Film Festival

only in film festivals, usually at the tail-end when folks were tired, so not too much attention was paid (although he did win some minor awards for both) until *The Living End* came out, which brought media attention, and did guerilla-business throughout the world. And that is bound to keep you going if you're a struggling and angry film-maker.

His latest, *Totally F***ed Up*, is the strongest of the bunch, continuing his love-affair with the style of the aging French New Wave film-maker, Jean-Luc Goddard: an open-structured, plot-free, gaze into the lives of queer teens struggling with their emergent identities in an indifferent Los Angeles.

As Araki writes, "the narrative (what there is of it) follows the interconnected experiences of six racially-diverse young

By Dale Reynolds

His Best Yet

Gregg Araki isn't the easiest guy in the world to get along with; just ask the producers and distributors of his films. (And the critics he's annoyed with abusive phone calls.) But he's a talented live wire, this 33-year-old Japanese-American resident of Los Angeles, California.

Araki burst onto the international filmic scene two years ago when his fabulously successful *The Living End* earned a million U. S. bucks in world-wide distribution. He was criticized at the time by film critics for a weak and meandering script, an old and continuing problem for him, but was justly lauded for his energetic and wrathful direction.

Now he has a fourth film in distribution, the eighty-five-minute-long, troubled Gay teen flick, *Totally F***ed Up* (the asterisks are part of the title, since humanity clearly cannot accept the word "Fucked" spelled out for all to see).

[*Totally F***ed Up* will screen at the '95 Milwaukee Gay & Lesbian Film Festival on opening night (Jan. 27, 9pm). \$5 general admission; UWM Union Theatre (2200 East Kenwood Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Milw). For more information call (414) 229-6971 or see the Film Festival article in this section.]

A maze of personal contradictions, Araki, originally from Santa Barbara (a historic, pretty, "white" town 100 miles north of Los Angeles) has earned his reputation as an artist—albeit a temperamental one—from his four low-budget (nothing over \$40,000), Gay-themed features. He describes his style as "guerilla film-making", which essentially means shooting on the quick, without permission, anywhere and whenever you want to. It's a style fraught with artistic and moral peril, of course, and the end result often has the quality of your great-aunt Matilda's blessed home videos, but because they're about depressed Gay and Lesbian youth and their equally frustrated straight friends, it's often riveting viewing.

His first two films, unlike the latter duo, were in black and white, long and reasonably tedious. *Three Bewildered People in the Night* (1987) and *The Long Weekend* (*O'Dispair*) (1989) were seen



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queer friends: aspiring film-maker Steven (Gilbert Luna), his loyal artist boyfriend, Deric (Lance May), terminally bummed Andy (James Duvall), skater-dude Tommy (Roko Belic) and trendy dykes Michele (Susan Behsid) and Patricia (Jenee Gill). As Steven and Deric's relationship comes undone and Andy falls in love with a sexy, edgy stranger named Ian (Alan Boyce), life becomes more and more complicated for the adolescent sextet." In a nutshell, that's what we see up there on the screen. The film is dimly lit, grainy, hard to understand sometimes, with actors who are both theatrically trained and otherwise, but is undeniably electric and fixating.

In all his films, Araki has cast the best non-union actors he could, allowing an essential element of honesty to his work. However, with a potentially crucial component, which of the actors are actually Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or straight, is not addressed directly by him in interviews (rather sensible, actually) since careers are still side-tracked in Hollywood by the perception of homosexuality; concerning the current film, he merely alludes to one of his leads being homosexual, leaving it up to the viewer "to guess which one". The actors are all so totally committed to the work, however, that you would guess all were. And unless he's lying to protect them, perhaps we can hope homophobia is dying out amongst actors, if not among casting directors and studio heads, especially those who are Gay themselves.

"A Curious Prudery"

There's another more puzzling aspect to his work, however. Considering how "revolutionary" he's trying to be in his work, there's a curious prudery in his refusal to explore filmic nudity. As mainstream Hollywood warms up to it (as Europeans did long ago), male nudity has begun to catch up with female pulchritude, especially in homosexual-themed films, but Araki refuses to use it. As he said to me two years ago, and this presumably hasn't altered, "I've never meant [it] to be important to my films... frankly, when sex is in the air, I'm much more interested in what's going on in the two men's heads than their dicks... besides, the films aren't about sex, but love. They're not meant for a porn-age audience."

Araki is sexy in a grungy way, cute, in the shortish side, with straight black hair, cut conventionally short. He carries with him a palpable anger at the world, based on who-knows-what, that has begun to cause him some potentially serious trouble as he continues to work. One producer, who demanded anonymity, was furious after an attack by the flash-point director, insisting to me he'd never work with the strident man again, although he ended up working with him anyway. Araki's been known to

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have his assistant call up recalcitrant critics and lambast them for their critical opinion of him. At the end of *F***ed*, a card gives a special thanks to several dozen names, followed by "a big fucking no thanks to you all know who you are." While grammatically inaccurate, it makes his point that he seemingly doesn't care who he alienates, a somewhat refreshing attitude in artistic circles, unless you happen to be a part of the group he's attacking.

Whatever that anger, fury, indignation, or resentment is about, it probably isn't yet being addressed in his private life—he's single, and regularly turns down requests for interviews with journalists. Araki holds a BA degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a MFA in Film Production from the prestigious University of Southern California. He's currently working on his fifth, sixth, and seventh scripts: *The Secret Movie*, what he calls a teenage *Last Tango in Paris* road epic; *Nowhere*, "a radical antithesis to [the excessively yuppie television show] *Beverly Hills 90210*—more nihilistic L.A. youths on the rampage; and *The Separation of the Earth From Its Axis*, about a Gay kid who falls in love with a single father. He continues to have Gay on the brain, fortunately, as there's still a dearth of quality films about young Gay people, and *Totally F***ed Up* will do good business among film-literate folk of whatever sexual or political persuasion. He explained the genesis of *F***ed* recently: "Like all my movies, it [came] from a number of inspirations. One of the initial sparks was [an] article about the disproportionate percentage of Gay teen suicides which begins the film. Another was a small news-item about a troubled Gay boy who killed himself by drinking Drano [a lye product] and drowning in his family's swimming pool. And I felt a need to respond to the unrelenting barrage of institutionalized homophobia—from the media, from ignorant politicians, from rabid cultural 'watchdogs'.... [My film] is a kind of twisted cross between avant-garde experimental cinema and a queer John Hughes flick."

Generational Insight

In *F***ed*, Araki is trying to let us in on a generation who should be finding plenty of role-models, and upbeat lives to lead, but who aren't. Especially in urban areas such as Los Angeles or New York, American Gay teens are given a wider

range of opportunities to live open lives than ever before. Except for the specter of AIDS, to be Gay has never been easier or more accepted. But Araki's kids are unhappy, drugged, angst-ridden. They spend their time with each other, helping out as family as best they can, either in school or in work, but for Andy, nothing can go right. And they feel completely cut-off from their older homosexual role-models, who might act as important guides to the future. As one of the characters in the film says: "Everything that homos are supposed to like—disco music, drag shows, Joan Crawford—I hate!" But critics are noticing him: Janet Maslin in the *New York Times* recently raved, "[He] brings an angry intelligence to bear upon disaffected characters, so that his work plays vigorously as part movie, part manifesto." It's what makes his work here so energetic, plus the fact that his weakness in script-writing is less obvious as the story is told more with visuals than with dialogue.

William Morrow Publishing/NY is coming out with a bound version of his screenplays, *The Living End* and *Totally F***ed Up* this year, which should help propel the stubborn and talented filmmaker onto a higher echelon. Whether or not he learns to play the "Hollywood game" in order to advance his career, or continues on his own highly idiosyncratic way, is very much open to discussion, speculation, and continued observation. It's probable he doesn't know himself. But you can be sure he will be controversial and scrappy. In fact, you can bet on it.

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TV/Video

NBC to Air Uncensored Cammermeyer Saga February 6

Los Angeles, CA — Ignoring protests by the conservative Family Defense Fund, NBC plans to air in its entirety on February 6 the two hour TV drama *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*, starring Glenn Close. It was produced by Barbra Streisand.

Right wing groups expressed opposition to broadcasting the docudrama about the highly decorated Army nurse who was kicked out of the military for being a Lesbian. They specifically objected to a scene in which Close, playing Colonel Cammermeyer, kisses her lover Diane, played by Judy Davis.

But NBC is refusing to cave in to the pressure. A network spokeswoman said that *Serving in Silence* is "an insightful and moving portrayal of one woman's struggle to save her career and hold her family together. NBC will air the film as delivered."

Streisand and Cammermeyer are hosting a gala premiere of the TV movie in Hollywood on January 23 with proceeds going to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Close, currently performing on Broadway in the musical *Sunset Boulevard* recently held a private showing of the film for fellow cast members.

About her smooch with Davis, Close told *Out* magazine: "We were a little nervous, but each time we did it, we got less self-conscious...During that scene with Judy, I had a revelation of what it's like to be Gay. I thought, 'It's kind of nice to kiss a woman.'"

"For a Lost Soldier," "Forbidden Love" on Home Video

New York, NY — Two of the most popular films on the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival circuit last year, *For a Lost*

Soldier and *Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives* are now available on home video.

For a Lost Soldier is a nostalgic, dreamily romantic film about first love and lost love. It tells the sensitive coming-of-age story of a lonely Dutch boy befriended by a handsome Canadian soldier during the liberation of Europe in 1944-45. The soldier awakens the boy's sexuality but also breaks the boy's heart when his unit must move on.

Forbidden Love is the award-winning Canadian film that features interviews with Lesbians who came out in the decades before Stonewall. These compelling testimonies are interspersed with a campy dramatization of the Lesbian pulp novels popular in the 1950's, ending in a lushly photographed Lesbian sex scene.

If your local video store does not stock these films, request them. *For a Lost Soldier* is available from Orion Home Video, *Forbidden Love* from Women Make Movies Home Video.

Support Needed to Keep "My So-Called Life" on TV

Los Angeles, CA — *My So-Called Life*, the critically acclaimed ABC drama about teenage life which features a prominent Gay character and regular Gay-themed storylines, is in danger of disappearing from TV. The show is going on hiatus after the January 26 episode and, because of poor ratings, may never be back.

In a December episode, the character Rickie Vasquez, played by openly Gay actor Wilson Cruz, was kicked out of his home by his parents after they learn he is Gay. Other episodes have focused on Rickie's first crush on another boy and his first heartbreak. The program has been praised by critics for its realistic depictions of teenagers' feelings and crises.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is encouraging Gays and Lesbians to write to ABC and the show's producers to ask that *My So-Called Life* be given a second chance. Letters can be sent to Randi Cohen, ABC Productions, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, 5th Floor, Century City, CA 90067, (310) 557-6901, and to Marshall Herskowitz and Ed Zwick, Executive Producers, *My So-Called Life*, Bedford Falls Co., 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Homophobic Lyrics to be Cut from "Victor, Victoria"

Los Angeles, CA — Blake Edwards, who is producing the upcoming Broadway show *Victor, Victoria* based on his hit movie, has ordered that some homophobic lyrics in one of the new

songs be rewritten.

Edwards said the song, *You'd Be Surprised*, will "either be reworked so that it reflects the sensibilities of the movie, or it will not be in the show." Complaints from actors who had to sing the song during auditions motivated Edwards' decision to make a change.

The 1982 movie musical *Victor, Victoria* was well received by the Gay and Lesbian community for its positive, Gay-friendly message. But the song written for the stage version by lyricist Leslie Bricusse contained lines like: "If you knew who's a tough, but who's a real powder puff, you'd stand with your back to the wall," and "'Til the laws are revised...convicts are compromised...Boy Scouts and choirboys terrorized."

Comments can be sent to Blake Edwards at 11777 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 520, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

"Basic Instinct" Sequel Features Lesbian Villain

Los Angeles, CA — The creative team responsible for the homophobic thriller *Basic Instinct* is at it again. Director Paul Verhoeven and screenwriter Joe Eszterhas are currently filming *Showgirls* which features — guess what? — an evil, backstabbing Lesbian.

Described as "an erotic, exotic and often gritty expose of life behind the scenes on the [Las Vegas] strip," *Showgirls* follows the travails of Nomi Malone, "a young woman thrust into a world where friends are few and obstacles are many." Those obstacles include a cocaine-addicted Lesbian named Cristal who pressures Nomi for sex and demeans her.

Concerns about this latest sensational depiction of a Lesbian can be expressed to Director Verhoeven, Producers Alan Marshall and Charles Evans and Co-Producer and Screenwriter Eszterhas at *Showgirls*, c/o Carolco Pictures, 8800 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069, (213) 850-8800.

Also of Interest...

Santa Monica, CA — *Just for Fun* is a new video, especially suited for teenagers, which examines issues around homophobia and violence against Gays and Lesbians. For more information, contact Direct Cinema Limited, P.O. Box 10003, Santa Monica, CA 90410, 800-525-0000.

Fremont, CA — *Over the Rainbow*, a feature-length documentary on the evolution of the Gay/Lesbian civil rights movement in the US, is currently in production. *Over the Rainbow* includes archival film along with interviews of activists and historians. For more information, contact *Over the Rainbow*, 4583 Darrow Ct., Fremont, CA 94536.

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'94 in Review

By Carl M. Szatmary

With so many and varied titles out in 1994, the days when you could actually buy and read any and every Gay or Lesbian themed book are for all practical purposes, gone forever. *Not that I'm complaining.* The avid Gay and Lesbian reader now faces an embarrassment of riches. One might truly say: "So many books, so little time," or even that "the Love that dare not speak its name," really won't shut up, at least not in print.

Yes, it's that time of year when critics make their *Best of...* lists and occasionally even their choices for *Worst of...* A few of the exceptional titles of 1994 include *The Weekend* by Peter Cameron, *Violet Quill Reader* edited by David Bergman, Kate Bornstein's *Gender Outlaw*, Margarethe Cammermeyer's *Serving in Silence*, and *American Studies* by Mark Merlis. My vote for most over-hyped, pretentiously over-written book goes to Alan Hollinghurst's *Folding Star*.

By far the most promising trend this past year has been the marked increase in titles geared toward Gay and Lesbian teens. 1994's biggest disappointment is how far Lesbian fiction still lags behind Gay fiction, despite some truly original works like *House Rules* by Heather Lewis and *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay* by Lisa Donnelly.

From the dozens and dozens of Gay and Lesbian titles published in 1994, a few deserve to be singled out for special mention:

The "Much Ado About Nothing" Award:
Rod & Bob, by Tom Bianchi, St.

Martin's Press \$60. Why? For sixty bucks, you didn't get to see anything!

The "Rush Limbaugh Homophobia" Award:

Informed Answers to Gay Rights Questions by Roger Magnuson, Multnomah Book. This quote from the introduction says it all: "The political proposals advanced by an increasingly aggressive group of homosexual activists, who demand full social acceptance of sexual deviance, will continue to drastically alter the fabric of American culture, if left unchecked. Critical public policy issues can only be properly addressed and challenged by educated, informed people. This innocent looking book is very scary, indeed!"

The "Maybe Book Burning Isn't So Bad After All" Award:
See above.

The "You Mean They Did That Sort of Thing Back Then?" Award:

The Alienist by Caleb Carr, Random House, \$22. This superbly written detective novel explores a series of killing of youthful male prostitutes in New York City in the late 1800's. Yes, they had places like that sort of thing even back then.

The "Family Values for the Rest of Us" Award:

Reinventing the Family by Laura Benkov, Crown \$22. Ever increasing numbers of Gay and Lesbian couples are choosing to become parents. In **Reinventing the Family**, Laura Benkov chronicles the joys as well as the struggles faced by those unconventional family units.

The "Look Who's Teaching Your Children" Award:

One Teacher in 10 edited by Kevin Jennings, Alyson \$9.95. Young people today are often being taught by teachers that are out and proud. Kevin Jennings has collected a wonderful selection of personal narratives of some "everyday heroes."

The "Do Not Go Gently into That Good Night" Award:

Last Watch of the Night by Paul Monette Harcourt, Brace, \$21.95. Paul Monette remains a very angry man, not mellowed by age or by AIDS as is eloquently proven in his concluding volume to his autobiographical trilogy.

The "Keeping It In the Family" Award:
Doing It For Daddy, edited by Pat Califia, Alyson, \$9.95. Lesbian self-proclaimed Bad Girl is back with a varied collection of erotic short fiction exploring the taboo territory of daddy fantasies, from Gay male leather daddies to dyke daddies and presumably all daddies in-between (whatever an in-between daddy might be).

The "We're Just Like Everybody Else" Award:

Out in America, by Michael Goff and the staff of **OUT Magazine**, Viking, \$34.95. This colorful coffee-table book was at the top of many Gay and Lesbian Christmas lists, but did they have to make **Queer America** so ordinary?

The "If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say..." Award:

Shut Up Fag: Quotations from the Files of Congressman Bob Dornan, edited by Nathan Callahan and William Payton, \$8.95. Never at a loss for words on such diverse issues as Abortion, Gays, President Clinton and the Media, Congressman Bob Dornan proves that even if you don't have anything intelligent to say, you can say it anyway, no matter how stupid or insulting.

Latina Author Obejas to Appear at AfterWords

Milwaukee — AfterWords is pleased to welcome once again, Latina author Achy Obejas for a reading and signing of her first book of short stories, **We Came All the Way From Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?** (Cleis Press, \$10.95) on Thursday, February 2 at 7:30pm.

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Lesbians, while others are men, both Gay and straight, people with AIDS, addicts and activists.

Critical acclaim for **We Came All the Way From Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?** has been extraordinary. Writes Dennis Cooper, "Achy Obejas is an impeccable and worldly writer... in her hands, the world resonates with an indelible wholeness. A fierce and significant new voice." And from Julia Alvarez, "A fine collection, crafted without fussiness and rich in the knowledge of the confused allegiances of the heart..."

Achy Obejas' appearance at AfterWords on Thursday, February 2 replaces an earlier scheduled appearance that Ms. Obejas was forced to cancel due to illness. This event is free and open to the public.

Outwrite '95 Conference March 3-5 in Boston

Boston, MA — *Outwrite*, the annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered writers conference will be held at Boston's Park Plaza Hotel the weekend of March 3-5. It will include speeches and discussions and workshops on Gay and Lesbian writing and publishing.

Angels in America playwright Tony Kushner and *Essence* editor Linda Villarosa will be keynote speakers. Cherrie Moraga will deliver the Audre Lorde Memorial lecture. Other participants will include authors Leslie Feinberg, Norman Wong, Bernard Cooper and Sarah Schulman and journalists Donna Minkowitz and Juan Palomo.

Registration for *Outwrite '95* is just \$55 if mailed in by February 10. Make check payable to *Outwrite '95* and send to 25 West Street, Basement, Boston, MA 02111. Reservations for the Park Plaza Hotel can be made by calling 800-225-2008.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Like I said in the Dec. 22nd issue, I'm NOT going to go all the way back to mid-December to bring things up to date... *who cares* what happened at Christmas and New Year's at this point in time?! And since the 1st, there has been very little happening in Wisconsin's LesBiGay community. Besides, I was on vacation through January 8 which narrows things down even more... to the point there is next to nothing to cover in this space! Jamie didn't even have any photo shoots so photos are down. If it wasn't for the promo photos from the **Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Film Fest** coming up Jan. 26-Feb. 2 we'd really be in sad shape, photo wise. We do have a lot of News and Features for you to enjoy, so sit back and read!

The *Sheboygan Chili Cook Off* January 1st at **Blue Lite** raised \$160 from the (nearly 20 entries) chili alone. When all was said and done and the

raffle was complete, over \$400 was raised for charity. (*Free Tums anyone?*)

Bowls, bowls, bowls... I certainly hope some of the New Year's revelers made it back out to the bars in time for some football.

RAMBLINGS...

What can I say about the Packers?! If Marquette *REALLY* has to close Wisconsin Avenue, they should not close 12th Street. They want to close Wisconsin at 11th, and seal off 12th Street. That would create even more problems. I drive from the office to my near West Side home at least once a day, so I know what I'm talking about here... Also, Wells Street CAN NOT be made 2 way. It's a mess already between I-43 and west to 18th Street. Heading east on Wells, especially now that Campus Circle mini-mall is in full swing, it is often down to 1 lane, with delivery trucks on both sides! Who's kidding who here... obviously they didn't study this whole foolish plan enough!

With all the talk about the Brewers and the stadium, why haven't I heard anyone talk about the biggest up and coming sport in association with the stadium? Soccer! Why not a baseball/

outdoor soccer stadium combination? Soccer is sweeping our schools, and by the time a stadium gets built, the potential is for a huge new wave of soccer fans!

Amtrak should be banned from using any rail corridors in the state of Wisconsin if they cease funding for the Chicago/Milwaukee route!

This holiday shopping season I instituted a whole new way of dealing with surly, stupid and incompetent clerks. I went to their bosses, or called and complained, but only after giving the offender a chance to do it right on their own. I switched my Long Distance Service because I was put on hold for over 20 minutes. These are but a few examples of my new aggressiveness, and I highly recommend you adopt it. Perhaps we CAN change the retail and service industries!

The rest of the month has a great line up of special events, and we can't complain about the weather we've had (remember last year)? Check out our Calendar section for all the details!

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JAN 18

Fannies (Milw): Dart leagues start, 7pm sign-up.

AIDS Activist-TV (Milw): 8:30pm, Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47.

Wreck Room (Milw): Premiere of new weekly Wednesday night specials: wear both WR dog tags and get \$1 off drinks. Wear 1 WR dog tag, and get 50¢ off.

Zippers (Milw): Premiere of new weekly Wednesday night special. All bottle beer and Doctors, \$1.50 all nite long.

THURSDAY, JAN 19

Fannies (Milw): Pool leagues start, 7pm sign-up.

The United (Madison): Training session for those interested in volunteering on the speakers bureau. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

M&M (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 8:30-11:30pm.

BESTD Women's Clinic (Milw): Walk-in, 6-9pm.

GALVANize (Madison): '95 Pride March organizational meeting, Wisconsin Community Fund Office, 122 State Street, Suite 508, Madison. FMI call Ben (608) 256-4289 or Maria (608) 244-9548.

CAIR Conference (Milw): "Female-Based Community Intervention to Reduce HIV Risk Behavior." 3pm, CAIR Conference Room, 1249 North Franklin. FMI call (414) 287-4680.

FRIDAY, JAN 20

Fannies (Milw): Go-Go Dancers.

Argonauts of WI 21st Celebration: Reception, admitted by invitation and club colors. Sponsored by WI Leather Men's Association and the Boot Camp Saloon.

Just Us (Milw): *Designing Men*, jewelry and gifts display.

Station 2 (Milw): 75¢ tappers, 10pm-1am.

Club 219 (Milw): Body Sweat Male Dancers.

(occasional two stepping and circle dances). 8-9pm, Beginners instruction with easy dances. 9-10pm, Review and advanced dances. 10-11pm, Open dance with some instruction if needed. Marcia Holtz and Terry Floren instructors. \$4-6 sliding or what you can pay.

Madison Wrestling Club: Wrestling practice, beginners welcome, 8pm. FMI call (608) 244-8675 eves.

Galano Club (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 7-9pm.

Miss Jo'dee's Int'l America Pageant (Racine): K.A.T. Productions first WI-America preliminary.

Wreck Room (Milw): Oberon's Club Night, 10pm-1am, \$5 Beer Bust.

SUNDAY, JAN 22

Fannies (Milw): Karaoke Sing Along. **Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milw):** *The Road to Self Esteem*, 6-8pm, The Counseling Center. FMI see "Group Notes."

M&M Club (Milw): Carl Chadek's Oper Mic.

Zippers (Milw): Premiere of new Sunday night special: \$1 rail and 75¢ taps all nite long.

MONDAY, JAN 23

ACT UP (Milw): General meeting, MAP offices, 820 North Plankinton.

THURSDAY, JAN 26

Allegre (Madison): Grand Opening Celebration. Black Tie Formal. Free hors d'oeuvres, champagne.

FRIDAY, JAN 27

Fannies (Milw): Pre Super Bowl Party, call bar for details.
Apple Island (Madison): Monthly Movie Nite. Host Linda Lenzke presents *Homo Promo*, a compilation of films featuring movie trailers of Lesbian & Gay films. Plus *She's Safe*, a collection featuring the best safer sex videos and p.s.a.'s for Lesbians. New time, 7pm, \$4-\$6 sliding scale. Call (608) 845-5807 for more info. Pj's optional.
Allegre (Madison): Grand Opening Celebration, Mailbox Night. Meet the date of your dreams!
Za's (Green Bay): *Lip Sync 2*, hosted by Kate.
Pivot Club (Appleton): Rhonda Moore's Birthday Bash and AIDS Benefit Show.
Station 2 (Milw): Pre Super Bowl Party; Singing Machine at 9pm. Pitcher specials, raffles, snacks.
Club 219 (Milw): Stallions Male Dancers.

SATURDAY, JAN 28

Senior Action in a Gay Environment/ SAGE (Madison): Guest speaker from SAGE/ Milw., 1-3pm, Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue, Madison. Refreshments served, all welcome. FMI call (608) 835-8971.
Apple Island (Madison): Sister — Heal Yourself — Make a Doll! Two day doll making workshop. Using simple construction and sewing techniques we will create dolls that will speak to our souls. \$65, 10am-5pm. Taught by Wendy Fern Hutton. Call with questions and to register (608) 244-2751.
Apple Island (Madison): 4th Annual Lesbian Variety Show Encore Night, a benefit for Apple Island. Featuring Dilo, Barb & Tracy; Dyketime; Falcon River; Andrea Gustafson; Hot August Night Drummers and more including a special guest. This event is a show for women and will be ASL interpreted. Show starts at 8pm, doors open at 7:30. Tickets available at the door. \$6-\$8 sliding scale.
Frontiers (Madison): *Heritage: Common Ground*. Meet with Jewish LesBiGay group. MC'd by Steve Kirschner. Meet at Ella's Deli on State at 6:30pm and proceed at 8 to Hillel Society, 611 Langdon Street.
Madison Gay Video Club: *Fantasy Men I & II* and *Temptation*, 8pm. Call (608) 244-8675 eves FMI.
Allegre (Madison): Grand Opening Celebration, Beer Bash.
Club 94 (Kenosha): Stallions Male Dancers.

SUNDAY, JAN 29

Fannies (Milw): Super Bowl Party, call for details.
Allegre (Madison): Grand Opening Celebration, Super Bowl Bash, Bloody Mary Bar and Happy Hour all day.
M&M Club (Milw): Carl Chadek's Open Mic.
Boot Camp (Milw): Super Bowl Beer Bust Party, 3pm.
Ballgame (Milw): 21st Annual Gala Super Bowl Party, food, prizes.
Wreck Room (Milw): If you missed the *O'Briens* during our '94 Anniversary, they're back at 9pm tonight.
Blue Lite (Sheboygan): "Connie Casserole Cook Off," all proceeds to benefit AIDS.



Station 2 (Milw): Super Bowl Blow Out, open 2pm. Food, raffles, 20 oz. souvenir cup. Beers for \$1.50.
Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw): Super Bowl, \$1 17oz tappers. Raffles every quarter, food, 5 TVs.

TUESDAY, JAN 31

Citizen Complaint Process Open Meeting (Milw): The Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission hosts an open meeting so the community can receive information about the process and to offer input on ways to improve the process. 6:30-8pm, Center Street Library, 2727 West Fond du Lac Avenue. Verbal comments limited to 5 minutes each, written statements will also be accepted at the meeting. Those who are unable to attend the meetings and desire to submit a written statement should submit their statement to: Rules & Complaints Committee, Fire & Police Commission, 749 West State Street, Room 706, Milwaukee, WI 53233.
The New Bar (Madison): 11th Anniversary Celebration with European Super Diva, Lonnie Gordon. Hors d'oeuvres at 7, show at 10. \$9 ticket includes free cocktail.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 1

LaCage (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 10pm-1am.

THURSDAY, FEB 2

AfterWords (Milw): Reading and signing featuring Latina author Achy Obejas, 7:30pm. See "Books" for

details.
Club 219 (Milw): Premiere of every other Thursday Talent Night hosted by Lilly White.

SATURDAY, FEB 4

M&M Club (Milw): Singational Productions perform.

SUNDAY, FEB 5

GMDG/ Milw Movie Night: *My Beautiful Launderette*. The Counseling Center, \$3 donation. Popcorn and soda provided. Room 100.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

In The News...

Hot off the wire and just plain hot! Another dubious collection of juicy news and even juicier bits *The Milwaukee Journal* would never print...

In a shocking discovery, a Canadian scientist recently reported the development of a new test which can quickly determine a man's homosexuality merely by his fingerprints. Unfortunately, the eager scientist was disqualified for the Noble Prize after he was arrested while attempting to dust a cute lab assistant's dick and butt for prints.

According to a recent article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, genetic researchers have identified the chromosome responsible for the *Dubious Pronoun Syndrome*. The disorder is common among Gay and Lesbians who use gender neutral terms like "we" or "us" or "my roommate" when discussing social activities enjoyed with a same-sex lover with nosy coworkers, straight friends or family members.

In a stunning announcement of Jeff Stryker proportions, too-too gorgeous Brad Pitt, Superman's Dean Cain, Antonio Sabato, Jr. and the male cast members of *Melrose Place* publicly came out of the closet. As a result, thousands

of emotionally overwhelmed Gays from across the country suffered ecstasy induced *Like Water for Chocolate* deaths.

Super sex-kitten and media whore, **Madonna** continued to deny any animals were injured during or after the bullfighting sequence of the video for her hit song, *Take a Bow* despite graphic Polaroid pictures of her having sex with the bull.

CBS diva, **Connie Chung**, fresh from her controversial "it rhymes with witch" interview with Newt Gingrich's mother, has accepted a professorship at **The National Enquirer** School of Journalism. In a related story, **Sigourney Weaver** revealed her famous, "Get away from her you bitch!" challenge to the queen creature in *Aliens* was actually inspired by something Newt Gingrich whispered in her ear during a discussion of **Hilary Clinton**.

A spokesman for **Keanu Reeves** confirmed persistent reports of Keanu's Gay marriage to movie mogul, **David Geffen** and went on to say that Geffen proposed to the star of last summer's thriller *Speed* during a private screening of the mass transit thrill ride. According to reports, Geffen fell for Reeves during a pivotal scene in which Keanu's character intone, *F*** me* and Geffen immediately volunteered for the job. Video rentals of *Speed* have dramatically increased as fantasy prone Gay men rush to play that scene over and over.

Citing increasing sightings of people with big butts, The National Society for the Promotion of Beauty passed a decree outlawing the public use of spandex except for persons performing *Swan Lake*. The Society also set a limit of 10 on body piercings and banned nude pictures of the old Roseanne except for use in Repulsion Therapy for people on diets.

In Washington, DC, the Social Security Administration announced they had raised the age Americans could begin collecting social security to 70 years of age. Cast members from *Beverly Hills 90210* were quick to protest the delay claiming now they wouldn't be able to qualify for benefits for another three years.

After intense lobbying from The National Chubbies and Their Chaser's Society, the Academy Awards have agreed to nominate **The Santa Clause** as the best movie of 1994.

The newest addition to the *Star Trek* franchise, *Star Trek Voyager* features a new starship, a woman captain and a crewman shaped like a giant penis. Producers for the show denied the penis shaped crewman is designed to boost ratings by attracting more Gay viewers, but quickly added the character would be the ship's interior decorator and would fall in love with a crew member shaped like a giant mouth with a big mustache and an earring.

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Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

FYI. What's On the Agenda:

(Editor's Note: Shelly has renamed her column from "Cleaning Out My Closet" to the new, briefer, "Roberts' Rules" to start out the new year.)

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Agenda around? I can't find mine.

I'm sure that I must have one around here somewhere, in a stack someplace, but my office is a mess right now, and I was wondering if I could borrow yours. Could you fax it to me?

What, you don't have a copy either? Damn. I know that everybody in the HarrassGayterian Church got one. I'm pretty sure they were also sent out to all members of Jerry *Falsewell's* and Jim *BaKKKer's* congregations. And I think Senator Sam Dumb distributed copies to the entire Senate Armed Services Committee. None of whom I'm speaking to this week.

Well, isn't that odd. Since it's OUR agenda, you'd have thought at least one of us would be able to come up with a copy. Would have one lying around in the corner of a hard drive or a filing

cabinet somewhere. Hmmmm. I can't seem to find a one of us with her own Xerox®. As I said, "Odd."

You see, I've been in far too many corporations for far too long, to proceed without one. I've lived too long in unfocused conference rooms, participating in aimless, egotistical exercises in futility, lead by senior members (most of the conveners were men) in the service of their own ambition, to think that we can accomplish much

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without one. (This is not a Lesbian anti-male diatribe. It's just that, in my humble experience, women are usually more prone to perpetrate Parliamentary Procedure and less to commit Machievelli. A playing field I'm sure we're working handily to level even as you read.)

It seems to me to be a waste of everybody's time and attention to show up for even one more triangle conference, or rainbow committee meeting without a copy.

So I guess there's just nothing for it, but to write up a new one, right now, and distribute it to everyone, so we'll know exactly what the purpose of the gathering is, what's scheduled, and what time we can get out of the meeting and get back to getting some real work done.

For Your Information

THE GAY AGENDA

I. Call the Meeting to Order Twenty Minutes Late

This is Gay/ Lesbian Standard Time, and to presume anything different would be to defy Standard Operating Procedure. Proceed.

II. Reading of the Minutes

They proposed. We disagreed. We proposed. They disagreed. *DC al Coda.*

III. Additions or Corrections

Well, the US Parks Department was off by about seven hundred thousand. Approximately. Give or take a couple of guys in corsets, and a few bare-chested women.

97% of all the child molesters are *heterosexual*.

We don't *recruit*, we're an All-Volunteer Army.

Because it is more than likely, probably, doubtlessly, presumably, apparently, believably, feasibly *genetic*, it was your parents fault.

The uniform of the day for most of us is *not* tutu's and goatees.

Contrary to the popular wish-fulfillment beliefs of most married heterosexual females, most Lesbians do *not* hate men, unless they have ever masqueraded as married heterosexual females. Or daughters. Or employees. Or voted.

The only other people's children we want, thank you very much, are the helpless, the abandoned, the ones with AIDS, and the ones *they* don't seem to want unless we ask to adopt them.

Minutes approved as read and amended. Amen

III. Unfinished Business.

Housing and Urban Development.

Shut Up and Salute.

Insurance Benefits and Beneficiary Rights.

Job Security and Tax Equality.

Legal Marriage and Universal Spousal Prerogative.

Custody and Adoption.

Will the *Real* Queers Please Stand Up.

And why-the-hell-don't-your-folks-put-me-on-the-

Christmas-card-too? We've-been-together-18 years. -Dear?

IV. New Business

Perpetrating the following:

The Golden Rule

The wisdom to know the difference.

Family Of Wo/Man Values.

A balance of beams and motes.

V. Tabled to a Future Discussion

World domination and/ or demoralization (At least any more than it already is.)

VI. Vetoed

Subornment of Children.

Seduction of housewives and truckdrivers. (Unless volunteering)

Satanic Ritual. Bestiality. Unnatural Acts.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

There you have it. The *entire* Gay Agenda. From an entirely Gay person for a change. Not a religious fanatic of any describable wing. Because, it seems to me, if we don't get our real agenda out on the table loud and clear, they'll just keep following their hidden one.

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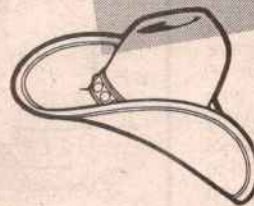
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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

The Secret Lives of Lesbians

It is often said — especially when we are attempting to explain to others why we should be treated equitably — that we are more than just our sexuality. For now, never mind the fact that we have been put in the position of trying to downplay our love for one another, of having to all but deny the fact that our sexuality doesn't fit into the narrow mold of 1 "innie" + 1 "outie" = normal sex (to borrow Roseanne's terms). No, as usual I am going to go off on a completely different topic, namely, Just what is it that this extrasexuality is composed of?

Generally, of course, when we say same-sex relationships are not just about sex, we are thinking of things like, we got to work every day, we visit the dentist, we watch TV hoping for signs of Lesbian life, and we make important financial decisions, like Breyers? Or Ben and Jerry's? These are what you call your normal everyday activities of the modern-day human. Most Lesbians engage in them. There are also those nonsexual activities with which we have all come especially to associate Lesbians: softball, rugby, music festivals, *Rescue 911*, processing emotions, goddess worshipping (and I don't mean Katie Couric), and clog dancing — or am I confused on this last item?

Anyway, there are, in addition, in the life of every Lesbian, activities that are very unLesbian-like or, at least, that are not prototypical of Lesbians. Each of us, that is, has passions that have nothing to do with Being a Lesbian, with a capital BL. There are Lesbians, for instance, whose guilty pleasure is *All-Star Wrestling*. There are those who have harbored a secret love for *Magnum, PI* or *Full House*. There are Lesbians who crave Danielle Steel, who collect Avon figurines, who privately yearned to be on *Puttin' on the Hits*. I don't happen to actually know any of these women personally, but I'm sure they exist.

I am, however, acquainted with Lesbians who demonstrate, for example, an ardent attachment to the one-woman empire that is Martha Stewart. The truth is, I live with just such a Lesbian. Given Kathy's passion for all-things-Martha-Stewart, it is hard for me to imagine anyone who doesn't know who the impishly capable Stewart is. However, in case you have missed the Martha Stewart phenomenon, she is a woman who has parlayed her own fervor — for homemaking — into a multimedia dominion: she has her own TV show, her own magazine, makes regular

appearances on the *Today* show, and now even does an American Express commercial spoofing her perky zest for offering household tips.

Kath is what you might call a Martha Stewart devotee. This is one of those little surprises you get about the woman you love after the courtship period is over — though frankly I'd take this one over a surprise like, she hasn't actually split up with her last girlfriend yet or she enjoys experimenting with medieval torture devices. Kathy, it seems, has discovered her homemaker within. While this means Martha Stewart has become a regular presence in our lives — haunting the TV screen and our video tapes, cluttering our magazine rack, bloating our recipe files — it also means that I stand to profit from all of Kathy's thusly acquired knowledge, getting to eat Martha's scrumptious menu items and reaping the benefits of her vegetable gardening tips.

So okay, Kathy's inner child has recently made known her longing for a Suzy Homemaker doll. That still doesn't explain, *Why Martha Stewart?* Aside from the fact that Martha is "really something, with that tool belt on" (according to Kathy), she's also quite charming — funny and totally at ease in front of the camera. Her appeal may also have something to do with the fact that she's been noticeably butchering it up lately — shorter hair, less femmy clothing, and a very high Black and Decker comfort quotient. There are even rumors afoot that there may be good reason for these changes, but this, we suspect, may be merely wishful thinking.

In spite of Martha's butchy appeal, I really thought Kathy was alone in her obsession. But after I saw one of our friends on a Martha-worshipping episode of *Oprah* (she says she was there by


accident) and discovered that at least one other friend of hers be — if, in fact the rumor is true (and the Martha fans we love can only hope that it is) — Martina? (Martina *does* seem to go in for those homemaker types...) Or what about k.d. lang? They'd make a mighty cute couple. On second thought, though, they might get into a few tussles about all the brisket and chops crossing Martha's table, k.d. being the good vegetarian that she is. Of course, if neither of those gals is available to fill that position, I know for a few who wouldn't mind applying. Well, only time — and the gossip columnists — will tell.

In the meantime, life will go on much as it has before, with Kathy watching Martha hand-paint napkins especially for Thanksgiving, demonstrate how to age clay pots, show us how to plant peonies, and make Christmas stollen with her mother, Big Martha — insisting all the while that Little Martha's (as she's known to her family) rakish smile and tousled blond hair have nothing to do with her interest.

And I? I wait for Kathy to put in the next crop of vegetables and to try out those recipes for Gratin of Yukon Gold Potatoes and Apple Brown Betty. As Martha Stewart might put in, when your girlfriend loves to cook and you love to eat, it's a good thing. And baby, I got a good thing.

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(Editor's Note: Can you ask Kathy to send me that Apple Brown Betty recipe.)



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JH, Chicago, IL

Well honey, the first thing you should do is go shopping. Pay for that new wardrobe with that delicious refund you'll get from his ticket. It sounds so good! Don't you just love to screw them? I do. Remember, the best way to get even with someone is to have a good time. So get thee to a guest house! Billy just came back from one and there are nothing but cuties down there. Cuties just want to have fun. And remember, for a dollar in the boot, you get a little feelie behind the dancer with the dick shirt. You'll understand when you get there... In the meantime, just get there. Cry when you get home, if you still need to.

Dear Billy:

I am 22, cute, hung and very hungry. And I am lonesome. It is hard for me to meet people; no one seems to want to approach me in bars and I'm uncomfortable with going to sex clubs. My work place is real straight, so there's no chance there. I really don't know what to do. Can you advise?

TK, Long Beach, CA

Chill down girls, I've got the phone number from Ms. Operator and made a date to talk out these problems. I put my buns on a 747 and drove myself out to Long Beach. He's not lying girls. The boy is mine! And if I didn't exactly straighten him out, it's because that cute little kink just won't go away — heads out a big six and then points out northwest by four. Dear me, the lengths a girl has to go to put our boys on the Gay and narrow. Believe girls, believe, you'll thank me later — but much later. Ohhhh those member- ship miles!

Dear Billy:

I asked my boyfriend not to give me a surprise birthday party and, of course, he gave me a surprise party — my 40th. What would you do?

WK, Newport News, VA

I guess I'd be really pissed that someone cared enough about me to go to the trouble to find some people who care enough about me to come to a

stupid party that I didn't want anyway. The nerve of him! I mean, here you are girl, deathly allergic to surprise parties, and what does the bitch do but toss you the old whoopie party. Well, you just toss him out. And about most of my readers will be under the window to catch him. Do we know a good one when we see one tossed? Sure we do. Thanks for being stupid.

Billy is keen to offer sage advice, whether requested or not. Please send your questions to: Billy Holiday, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY, 10011.

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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

The Joys of Support

After being out of the closet for eight years I've tried almost every single avenue for meeting men. I've joined gay bowling leagues, worked with gay organizations, and I've done so many parties and events that I feel like a Debutante From Hell.

I thought I had tried everything until my friend Jim pointed out that I've not done support groups. Yes, support groups.

He pointed out that meeting men at a support group makes it easier to find someone with a minimum of emotional problems and baggage. He told me that it was a neutral setting with no pressure to meet someone. And best of all, did I mention that he said that the men would have no baggage?

Right.

So we went. The meeting was held in a spare, white room ringed with a lovely assortment of chairs that only the Marquis DeSade would consider comfy. In the chairs were the members of the group. Their eyes darted around the room desperately, sweat beading on their foreheads, attempting to look nonchalant. There was so much baggage in the room that I swore Samsonite was the sponsor.

All eyes turned as Jim and I entered the room, assessed us as potential dating material, and promptly dismissed us both for our combined lack of air brushed Jeff Stryker perfection. (They also fell a bit short on the attractiveness meter.)

After a few minutes I had to crane my neck around to make sure that there wasn't someone vaguely attractive hiding somewhere. *There wasn't*. Needless to say, I was *thrilled* about being there.

So, I'm in the middle of one of Hell's Lower Pits when the topic of the night was given: maintaining a relationship. By the puzzled looks of the people around me, they were echoing my thoughts: how do you maintain something you don't have?

Silence filled the room as the couple was introduced. As the introduction of the facilitator drew to a close, the attitude of the room became like a **National Geographic** special. Everyone stared at the couple as if they were the Holy Grail about to impart wisdom and immortality.

The couple, a doctor and a nurse, began to talk. It got scary right away, and Jim nudged me in the ribs, and leaned to whisper in my ear.

"Listen to them," he said, "they're Stepford Fags."

"No kidding," I replied. "Look at the

glazed look in the nurse's eyes. You wonder if he keeps his socks and shoes on during sex, or if he's just like a Ken doll with a plastic molded crotch."

The Stepford couple continued disseminating their relationship 'secrets.' It was *bad*. They drifted from telling us why they were semi-closeted until they reached the point of no return, which came during the question about insurance.

Now, the doctor and nurse — read: *decent income bracket* — could afford decent insurance. But when it came to discussing how they set their insurance policies, it became really creepy.

The doctor, who looked like he was definitely in control, told us that his insurance policy was bigger than the one that he had taken out on his husband, the nurse. At this point, Jim and I looked at each other and knew we were in some bizarre, alternate universe and prepared to escape to reality.

But, before we could leave, I was compelled to ask the question that everyone else was avoiding.

I cleared my throat. "Excuse me," I said, "but why is the insurance policy that you have on yourself larger than the one you took out on your husband, the nurse?"

He shifted in the chair, and for a moment I thought he was actually going to sweat.

"Well," Dr. Kevorkian said, "if Scott (not his name) dies before I do, I won't need the money, but if I die first, he doesn't make as much money as I do and will need the insurance money."

"So," I continued, "you don't think that he should have an insurance policy as big as yours because he's an equal partner in your relationship and should have value commensurate with yours?"

His answer was no. As far as he was concerned, it was a logical thought to have the insurance policies set up as they were.

But you could see in his husband's eyes a glimmer of light that showed they had that discussion once upon a time.

Luckily for them it was time for the halftime break. Jim and I meandered out to where the coffee was being served and when we thought no one was looking, we slid out the side door and left, deeply grateful to escape.

As we walked home, Jim and I talked about the spectacle we had just seen. It was like a fever dream or leaving a demented codependant version of Oz's Emerald City — we couldn't believe that we had *actually* been there.

As we got to his house we decided that there would be no more attending any support group meetings and reverted to the normal behavior of the single: renting movies and eating mass amounts of chocolate chocolate chip ice cream. We may be corpulent masses of protoplasm, but at least we're happy, and *relatively* well adjusted.



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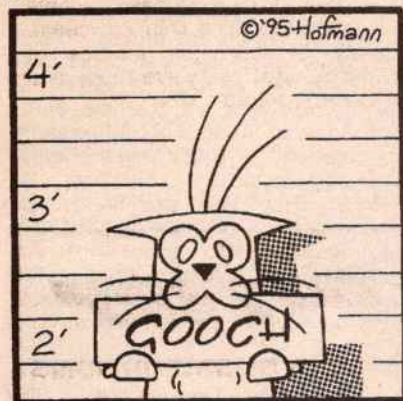
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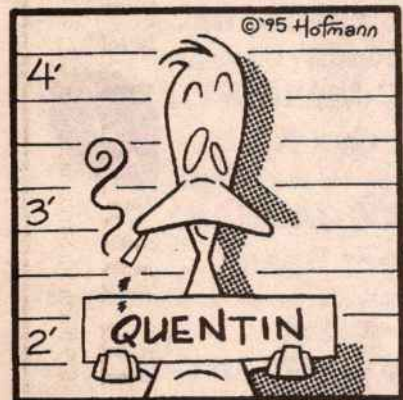
An Introduction to In Step's Newest Multi-Panel Cartoon

By Paul Hofmann

Gay, short, furry, cuddly, whiskered, quiet, discreet, reserve, level-headed, temperate, sensitive, empathetic, politically conscientious, naive, altruistic, do-gooder, on a never ending quest to find "Mr. Right." These are the words that best describe Gooch, the feline sidekick in my cartoon creation *Queer Duck*.



Gay, short, fat, loud, obnoxious, boisterous, bawdy, flamboyant, impulsive, indulgent, chain-smoking, hard-drinking, thrill-seeking, insensitive, conceited, politically unconscious, jaded, self-serving, ne'er-do-well, on a never ending quest to find "Mr. Right Away." These are the words that best describe *Quentin Duck*, the star of the strip.



In conceiving a plan for a cartoon that would appeal to the most people, I thought it important to center the strip around two characters with completely different personalities. In this way I could better illustrate the vast variety of Gay

experiences and perspectives. It's hard to imagine two so diametrically opposed characters being good friends. But they do share a common bond. They are both outsiders.

Outsiders

Quentin and Gooch represent the 90% of "the 10%." Gays and Lesbians who feel estranged from the world at large due to their orientation, and yet don't feel fully a part of the Gay subculture either. I call it "being on the outside of the outside looking in." Not especially young, not especially pretty, not especially fashionable. *Ordinary*.

Being "on the outside of the outside looking in" gives you a unique perspective. And as a cartoonist, *Queer Duck* gives me the creative outlet to share this perspective with others.

Gay people are the most diverse group of people you could possibly meet. In my cartoon I try to bring out the humor that lies in those commonalities and differences.

To my frustration, in a bi-weekly magazine I only have 25 opportunities each year to exhibit my best work and make people laugh. Therefore it is very important to me that each episode be hilarious and be one that all Gay people can strongly identify with. I want people to chuckle and say "that is so true," or "that's what happened to me."

In my strip I try to touch upon all aspects of Gay life. *Queer Duck* is about finding laughter in the Gay experience, even when laughter is hard to find. It's about homophobia, internalized homophobia, making friends, Gay-dar, cruising, dating, relationships, sex, AIDS, pop-culture, television, music, film, celebrations, fashion, and more.

But I've already said too much. I have a personal philosophy that a work of art should be able to stand on its own, independent of the artist, without lengthy explanation or critique. Art should have a life of its own, as should this cartoon. So on this very special occasion, being the debut of *Queer Duck*, I would just like to wish Quentin and Gooch a long and prosperous life. Good luck guys! And thank you Ron Geiman, Editor, for giving *Queer Duck* a home.

Paul Hofmann is a native of Green Bay, WI and possesses a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UW-Whitewater. Over the past decade he has had a number of jobs and various careers (not all of them in art) and has had the opportunity to live in Madison, Chicago, Minneapolis, and San Francisco. Paul is happy to find himself back in his hometown of Green Bay, though not so thrilled to find himself trapped in the world of retail. Paul continues to "search for himself" and is currently pursuing a new career as a Gay cartoonist. Write in care of In Step Magazine, 225 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

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Interview

The Original Disco Diva

Donna Summer — Still Mired in Controversy?

By Wayne Hoffman

It seems like every few years, Donna Summer makes another "comeback." This winter, after a five year hiatus from the pop charts, Summer has returned yet again, teaming up with mega-producers Robert Clivilles and David Cole of C&C Music Factory on her newest single, *Melody of Love*. Already topping the dance charts, *Melody of Love* will anchor a new album due out this summer. In the meantime, the single is featured alongside Summer's greatest hits on the singer's latest anthology, *Endless Summer* (Mercury). The new track, the new compilation, and her traditional (read Religious) Christmas album (*Christmas Spirit*), recorded with

the Nashville Symphony Orchestra (also on Mercury), may well place Donna Summer back on the pop charts, but she is reluctant to see it as a dramatic resurrection.

"I try not to view it as a comeback. I didn't go anywhere," she says. True enough, Summer has never gone even three years between albums. During times when success eluded her in the US, she kept selling records in Europe. And just because she lost her heavy rotation on pop radio does not mean she disappeared; she was winning Grammys for inspirational music years after disco was "dead." "You're not always where the public is at the moment you do something," she admits. "Sometimes they get it, and sometimes they don't, and you can't take it personal."

Melody of Love combines C&C's quintessentially 1990's light house sound with Summer's trademark 1970's formula: a slow orchestral intro exploding into a string-laden dance anthem. *Endless Summer* balances the new dance single with a new ballad, *Anyway At All*, produced by Michael Omartian, who provided Summer with *She Works Hard for the Money*, a decade ago. If neither song is as revolutionary today as her breakthrough *Love to Love You Baby* was in 1975, both demonstrate Summer's still-impressive energy, emotion and range.

Even if the Boston native has not visibly aged even a day since her career

began 20 years ago, Summer — who turned 46 in December — has matured artistically. She has tried her hand at gospel, rock, country, and showtunes, garnering grudging respect from critics who were all too happy to bury disco. And her current image as a devoted Christian and mother is miles away from her 1970's *Bad Girls* persona. Still, Summer knows that no matter what she sings and how she acts, people will peg her as a disco diva. Her name still evokes memories of *Thank God It's Friday*, a cake someone left out in the rain, and nightclubs filled with sweaty men singing "toot toot, yeah, beep beep."

"It's kind of to the point where it's a spoof to me, it's kind of like a cartoon," says Summer of her association with disco. "I don't want it to limit me in what I can do. I did this, I did that, I did it well, now let's move on."

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But moving on has proved difficult for Summer, as another part of her past still haunts her as well. In 1983, the *Village Voice* reported that the born-again Summer made anti-Gay remarks and referred to AIDS as the well-deserved result of the sin of homosexuality: "I have seen the evils of homosexuality; AIDS is the result of your sins." Summer's popularity within the loyal Gay community plummeted as the rumors spread, and without this core of support her career plunged

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Donna Summer

simultaneously. She is still fighting to win back her Gay support.

"I don't actually remember everything that happened," she starts, tired of defending herself, yet eager to clear her record. "I think that because of bad publicity in the past of Christians who go on and judge everybody, just the word Christian sends some people into a tailspin. I don't think it was even what I said or didn't say or supposedly said. I think some people felt threatened by the fact that they thought, 'OK, does this mean she's going to be this way?' and making these judgments on what they presumed me to become or be like, and all these rumors began to fly."

"I'm not a judgmental person."

— Summer

"It's a shame, that's just now who I am," she says. "I'm not a judgmental person."

Summer insists that despite her high profile, she had no way to refute the allegations at the time; her belated response in the *Advocate* some six years later was hardly timely enough to halt the loss of her longtime listeners.

"When words are put in your mouth in the press and you have no recourse to defend yourself and it just spreads like wildfire, you sit there and go, 'Oh my gosh, I could never put this to sleep!'

How could I ever?" she asks. "If I gave you my blood, draw blood to prove I'm telling the truth, it would never be enough. The bottom line is either you're going to believe me when I tell you the first time or the second time or the fiftieth time, or you're going to say 'She's lying.'"

While she cannot recall exactly what she *did* say that set off such a string of misunderstandings, she is certain she would never have made such a remark about AIDS, especially when she has lost so many friends to the disease herself. At the same time, she says she has grown because of the incident, from seeing the effect her actions could have on other people. But no matter what her words were at the time, she says, the time has come to move on.

"I have a lot of Gay following, and still do, and I love them as much as they love me," she says. "It's not a one-sided thing. I don't know how you can remove your history. They're a part of my history, the whole way my career started. But at some point, I'm at a loss for words. What am I supposed to do?"

"It's ten years ago," says Summer, with the last word on her alleged remarks. "If I'd have gone to jail for it the year it happened, I'd be out of jail by now."

In some ways, Summer has essentially been in solitary confinement, scorned by her US audience and unable to sell records. But she stresses, in

typically upbeat fashion, that even the tough years have helped her in the end.

"Sometimes I think that the misunderstandings and the failures have ultimately caused me more inner success. I know that sounds bizarre," she admits, "but in learning to grow with the public, I feel personally that I have far more understanding now than I would have or could have had, had some of these things not happened. It's OK to make mistakes, it's just not OK not to learn from them."

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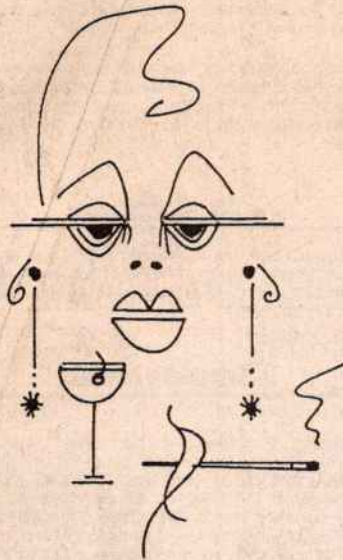
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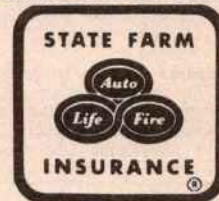
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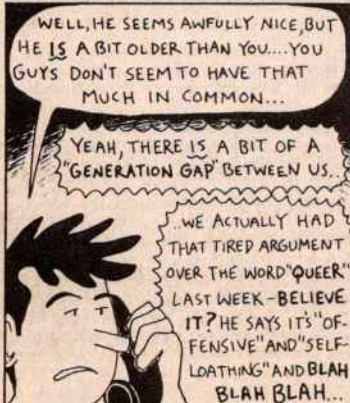
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WM 33, tired of the bars. Have many vast interests — classical music, dining out, long walks, theater and quiet evenings. Seeking NS/ND friends. Ideally seeks long term monogamous relationship. Hairy Chest is an A+. PO Box 14358, Madison, WI 53714-0358.

GWM, 20's, 6'2", 170 lbs. Br/BI seeking friends and relationship. Looking for hot, safe times. Enjoy outdoors, romance and partying, etc. I'm clean! Occupant, PO Box 282, Crandon, WI 54520.

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Attractive GWM, 19, 5'7", 120 lbs., looking for friends and ? 18-35 statewide. Like outdoors, traveling, romantic and affectionate times. Answer all. Letter, phone, photo. Boxholder, PO Box 1542, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

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GW Couple, both 24, raised in the city and lost in the woods. We would like to meet singles or couples who are interested in safe, fun, friendship, and who enjoy the outdoors of North Central WI. We are both responsible, mature, and very good looking. Please

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Passive GWM, 43, 6'2", 190 seeks to serve. Very willing to serve right guy on regular or occasional basis. Box 17333, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

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The Guide

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W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
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L/L	Levi/Leather
D	Dancing
DJ	Disk Jockey, Dancing
V	Video
F	Food Service

APPLETON & FOX VALLEY (414)

BARS

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

ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)**
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 (414)235-5100
- Men's HIV+ Support Group** Appleton 733-2068
- Family HIV Support Group** Appleton 733-2068
- PFLAG Fox Cities**
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629
- Fox Valley AIDS Project**
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2068
- UW-Oshkosh 10% Society**
207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
- Gay AA/Anon** 494-9904
- G.L.E.E.D.A. (Gay & Lesbian Education & Economic Development Alliance)** PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
- Gay/Lesbian Support Group**
UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
- Synergy (AIDS Support Network)**
PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
- Fox Valley GL Parents** 727-1975
- Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, Bi Group** (Lawrence University)
Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Scott) 832-7503

GREEN BAY (414) & NORTHEAST WI

BARS

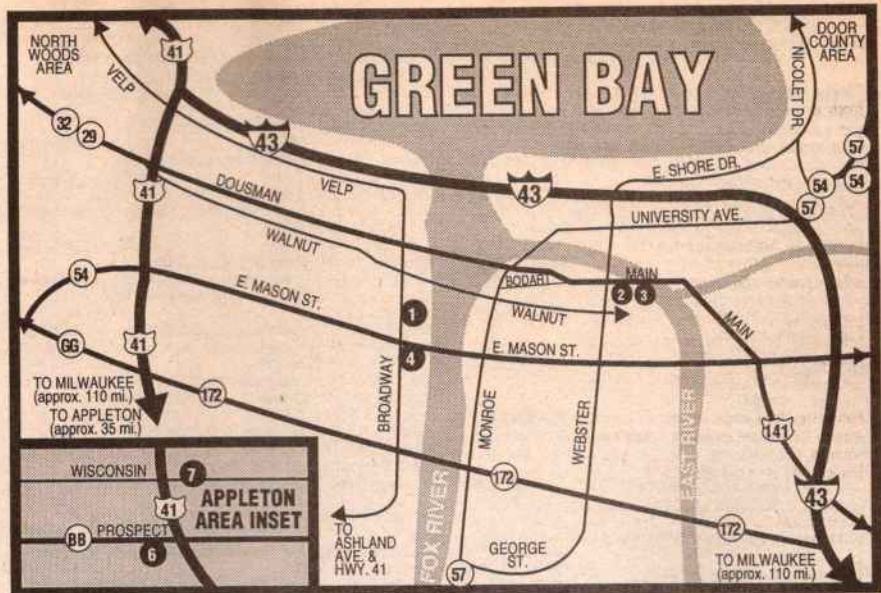
- 3 Brandy's II** (Mw, L/L)
1126 Main St. 54301 437-3917
- 1 Napalese Lounge** (MW, DJ)
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646
- 2 Java's** (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 2 Za's** (MW, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 4 Sass** (WM) 840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope (MCC Church)**
PO Box 672, Green Bay 54305 496-8688
- Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)**
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
- Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly)** Green Bay 494-9904
- Bay City Chorus** PO Box 1901, Green Bay 54308-5029
- Center Project, Inc. (CPI) (HIV Test/Counsel)**
824 S Broadway, Green Bay 54305 437-7400 or (800)675-9400
- Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-Green Bay** 465-2343
- HIV/AA (weekly meetings)** Green Bay 468-6316
- Men's HIV+ Support** Green Bay 437-7400
- Women's HIV+ Support** Green Bay 437-7400
- Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/social Group)**
Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
- Parents & Friends of GL** Green Bay 499-7080
- Positive Voice P. O. Box** 1381, Green Bay 54305 499-5533
- Men's HIV Support Group** Sturgeon Bay (414)733-2068

ACCOMMODATIONS

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



MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

- Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)**
HIV/AIDS Service Organization
PO Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.) (608)238-MASN
- Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)**
1552 University Avenue 53705 (608)262-7330

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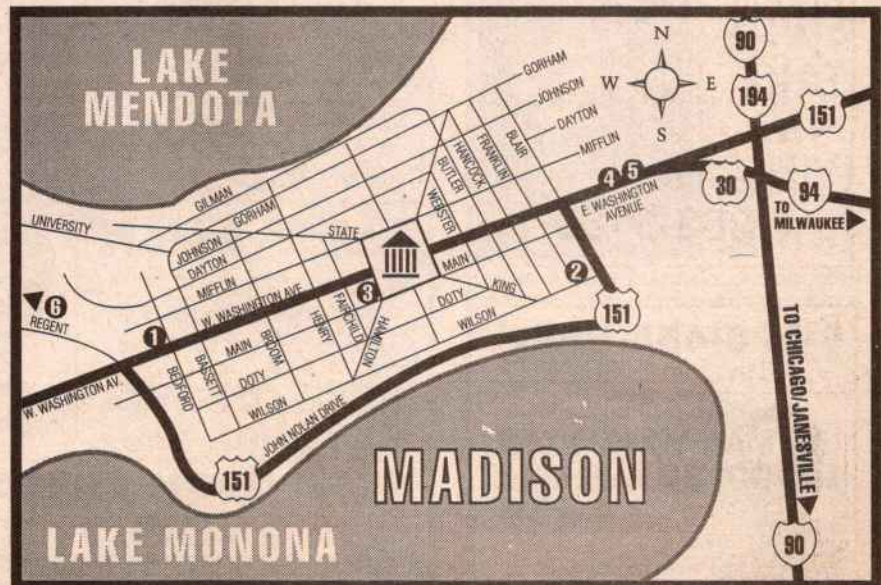
- 1 Rod's** (Mw, L/L, D)
636 W. Washington (rear) 53703 255-0609
- 1 The New Bar** (MW, DJ, V)
636 W. Washington (upstairs) 53703 256-8765
- 2 Allegre** (MW)
150 S. Blair, 53703 258-9918
- 3 Shamrock** (GS, MW, F, D)
117 W. Main St. 53703 255-5029
- 4 Ray's Bar & Grill** (MW, F)
2415 Winnebago 53704 246-3949
- 5 Geraldine's** (MW, DJ)
3052 E Washington, 53704 241-9335
- 6 Greenbush** (G/S, MW, F)
914 Regent, 53715 257-BUSH

BULLETIN BOARDS

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

ORGANIZATIONS

- AASPIN Foundation** (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWAs) 2828 Marshall Ct. Ste 210, 53705 (608)273-4501
- Apple Island** (Womens Cultural Center/Hall Rental)
849 E Washington (608)258-9777
- Bi? Shy? Why?** (Bisexual Support)
PO Box 321, 53701 (608)251-3886
- Campus Women's Center**
710 University Ave, #202, 53715 (608)262-8093
- Delta Lambda Phi** (Gay Frat)
Box 513, Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, Madison 53706
- Different Spokes** G/L/B bicycling club (608)241-8184
- 18-21 Yr Old Social Group** (608)256-2667
- Frontiers** (Gay/Bi Men's Activities Organ.) 14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703 (608)251-7424
- Gay/Lesbian Phone Line** (608)255-4297
- Gay/Lesbian Information Recording** (ask for tape #3333) (608)263-3100
- Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**
PO Box 1722, 53701
- GL Educational Employees** c/o The United (608)255-8582
- Gay Fathers c/o United** (608)255-8582
- Gay Men's Video Club**
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608)244-8675
- GALVANize** (Madison LGBT Pride)
PO Box 1403, 53701 (608)256-4289
- Kissing Girls Productions** (Lesbian Cultural Events)
PO Box 6091, 53716
- Lavender** (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group) (608)255-7447



MADISON (608)

ORGANIZATIONS

LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
Dean of Students Office, 75 Bascom Hall
Madison 53706 (608) 263-5700

LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge,
Resource Center) 336 W Dayton 53703 (608)265-3344

LesGayBi Teen Support Group
(Briarpatch & Picada) (608)251-1126/246-7606

Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

Lesbian Parents Network
PO Box 572, 53701 (608)255-8582

Madison Volleyball Group Jeff, (608)251-8716

Madison Wrestling Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608)244-8675

MAGIC Picnic Comm.
636 W Washington 53703 (608)256-3404 (EXT 220)

Men's Alanon (608)255-8582

New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
PO Box 1786, 53701 (608)241-2500

Nothing to Hide (Gay cable) (608)241-2500

Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
PO Box 1722, 53701

10% Society (student organization) Box 614,
UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 (608)262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701

The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy)
14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103, 53703 (608)255-8582

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council Ken, (608)263-4086

Womansong (Women's Choral Group) (608)246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701 (608)836-8886

Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP Milwaukee PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708

Alcoholics Anonymous (req. Gay meetings) 771-9119

Beer Town Badgers PO Box 166, 53201

Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) 272-3009

Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
PO Box 1697, 53202-1697

Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support &
discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

Cream City Chorus P. O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201 265-0880

Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 521-1259

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201

Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L TheatreCo)
PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673

Fest City Singers (Gay choral group)
PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING

Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell 276-6936

Gaylaxians (G/L sci-fi group)
c/o Emory Churness, 3815 N 49, 53210 444-3853

GAMMA (sports/social)
PO Box 1900, 53201 963-9833

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro
Milw.(GLEEMM) Larry 384-9695

Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201 562-7010

Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500

Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 271-2565

Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social)
PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862

Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611, 53234-1611

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMMA)
(Boating/social) PO Box 1768, 53201 475-6800

Human Rights League (HRL), PO Box 92674, 53202 228-1921

Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
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Imani (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians)
PO Box 92146, 53202 521-4565

Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344

Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal
defense) Box 93522, 53203 871-4839

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600

Lesbian, Gay and Bi People in Medicine (LGBPM)
c/o 3122 W Michigan, 53208 933-6581

LOC/Women of Color 873-4942

PACT (People of All Colors Together)
PO Box 12292, 53212 Veral 347-0580

MGALA (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202

Marquette LesBiGay Student Group
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club 482-0472

Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) 543-4850

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

People Living With AIDS Coalition
820 N Plankinton, 53203 273-1991

Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
c/o 3074 N Maryland, 53211 Sandy, 962-9320

PrideFest (Pride Committee)
PO Box 93852, 53203 272-FEST

The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 93951, 53203 289-9206

SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays)
PO Box 92482, 53202 after 4pm: 271-0378

Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL)
PO Box 92605, 53202

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 276-6936

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

Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273

Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)
PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122 271-2565

S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery) 442-1132

Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric)
PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202 272-3009

Wi. Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.
PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
PO Box 597, 53102 444-7177

Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 11864, 53211 481-9663

MAP Spiritual Care
PO Box 92505, 53202 273-1991

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
(UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995

Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
PO Box 92505, 53202 964-1513

The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational)
1636 W. National 647-9199

St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
3661 S KK, 53235 481-3696

St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave 271-1340

St Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Anglican Rite)
1311 W Lincoln, 53215 643-9313

First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N Astor 273-5257

Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave 273-7617

MEDICAL

Dr. Kelly Balliet (Internal/Infectious Diseases)
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 283-7837

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W Wisc., 53233 933-3600

Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing,
hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202 272-2144

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

Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group
BESTD Clinic 272-2144

Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)
HIV/AIDS Service Organization
820 N Plankinton, 53203
Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437

Sinai Samaritan G/L Mental Health Svcs.
Rick Beaudoin 937-5000

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- 27 **Just Us** (MW,D,F) 807 S. 5th St, 53204 383-2233
- 22 **Kathy's Nut Hut** (WM, G/S, F, D) 1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673
- 21 **KT & Zips Atmosphere** (MW, DJ) 2800 N. Richards, 53212 372-6330
- 7 **La Cage** (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
- 17 **Loose Ends** (GS, MW, F) 4332 W. Fond du Lac 442-8469
- 26 **Mama Roux** (MW, G/S, F) 1875 N Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
- 10 **M&M Club** (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- 20 **Station 2** (Wm, D) 1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755
- 13 **This Is It** (M) 418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192
- 12 **3B's Bar** (Mw, D) 1753 S. KK 53204 672-5580
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- 11 **Wreck Room** (M, L/L) 266 E Erie 53202 273-6900
- 9 **Zippers** (Mw) 819 S 2nd, 53204 645-8330

BOWLING

- 24 **Walker's Point Marble Arcade** (G/S, MW, F, Bowling) 1101 S. 2nd Street 647-9430

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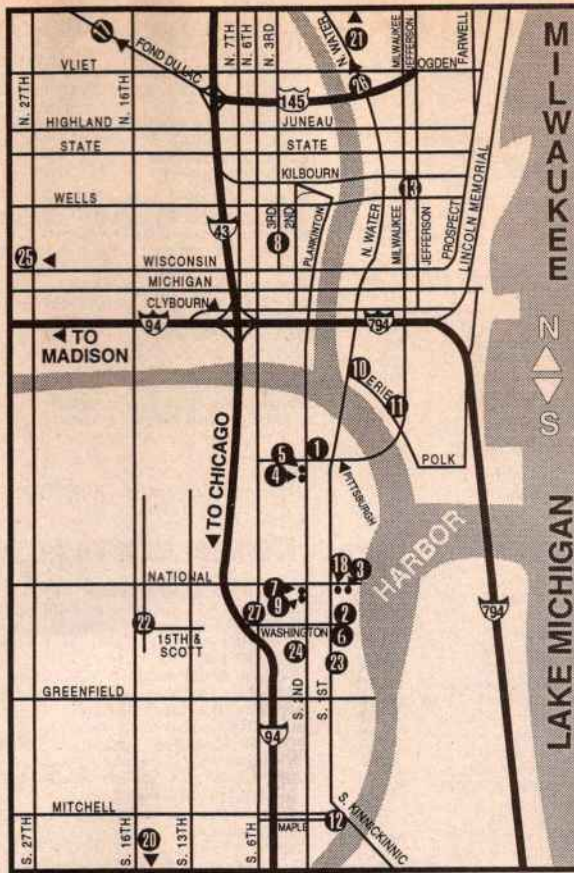
- 6 **Miguel's** (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch) 1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950
- 10 **Glass Menagerie** (lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch) 124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- 7 **La Grill** 807 S 2nd St, 53204 384-8330
- 23 **Walker's Point Cafe** (10am-afterhours) 1106 S. 1st St. 53204 384-7999
- 26 **Mama Roux** (Serving 11am-10pm) 1875 N. Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
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- Helpline** (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123
- Wisconsin AIDS Info Line** 273-AIDS
- Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution** 286-2200
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Federated Realty Jack Smith 964-9000/283-1452
Financial Planning Services 445-5552
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist) 2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters) N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010
Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN) PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789) 289-7777
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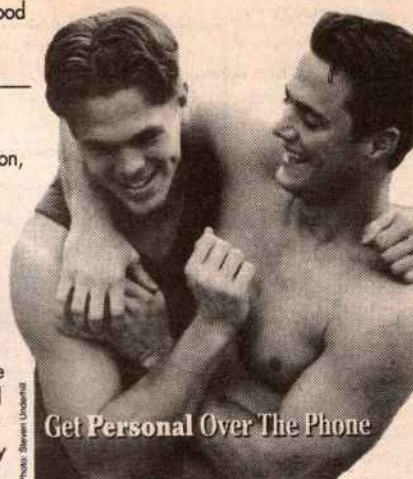
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Milwaukee **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON:** student at UWM, 20, iso other guys in the area under 30, looking for people to hang out with and have fun with- ☎20750

Milwaukee **NEW TO SCENE:** 28, slender WM Western suburbs like to meet someone else new to this- ☎20633

Milwaukee **WET AND WILD:** gdlkg in shape guy looking for mutual wet and wild times- be under 30- ☎20670

Madison **BRADY 19 Y/O,** 5'11, 150, lkg for a guy



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Milwaukee **WANTS TO SETTLE DOWN:** Brian, 38 GWM 5'11, 210, blnd/blu, iso other GWM who's out, 18-35 mature, honesty, sense of fun, sense of humor, var of other interests, lv a message- into masc men- lkg for someone to settle down W/ ☎20679

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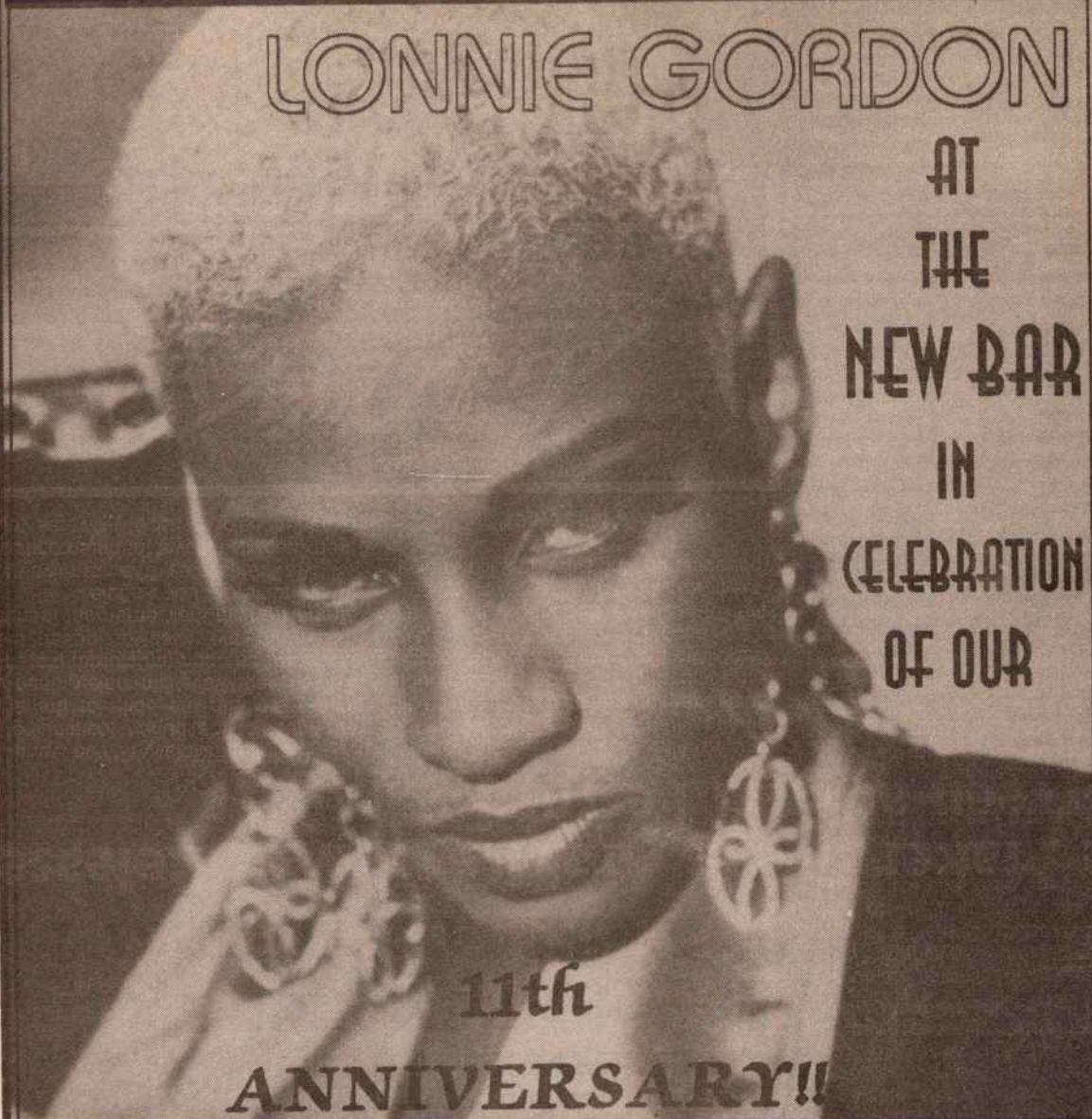
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