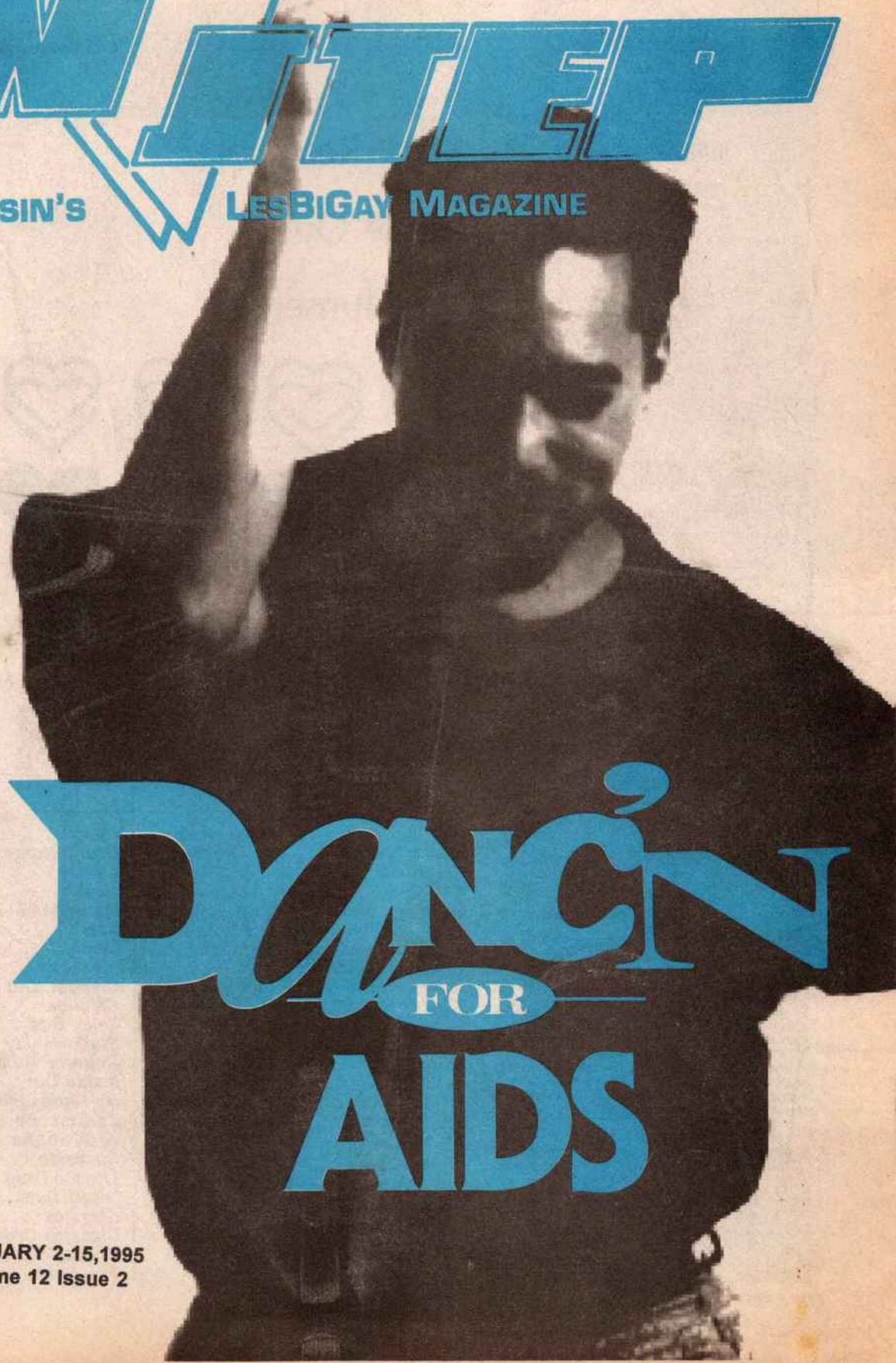




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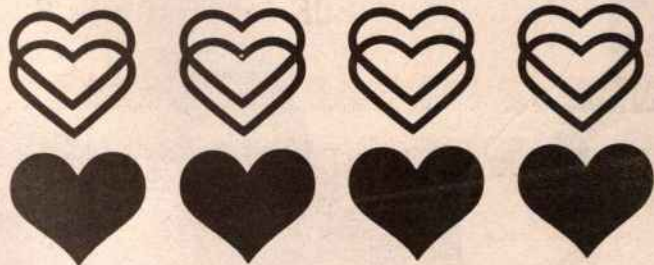
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NATIONAL News Briefs

Appeals Court Rejects Same-Sex Marriage Claim

Washington, DC — The District of Columbia Court of Appeals ruled on January 19 that the District did not discriminate against a male couple by refusing to issue them a marriage license in 1990.

In the 2-1 decision, the Appeals Court held that the city's "different gender" marriage requirement did not violate the constitutional rights of the men, Craig Dean and Patrick Gill, who sought the marriage license after many years in a stable relationship. The decision upheld a lower court ruling that quoted Bible verses as part of the basis for its decision.

The Appeals Court rejected the couple's contention that the D.C. marriage statute was "gender-neutral" and therefore did not specifically ban same-sex unions. The judges said the history of the statute made clear that lawmakers never intended it to endorse same-sex marriage.

By contrast, the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled last year that the denial of marriage licenses to three same-gender couples was a violation of that state's constitutional guarantee of equal protection. Ruling that the denial of the licenses amounted to discrimination based on sex, the case was sent back to a lower court where the state must show "compelling" reasons to maintain such discrimination, or else it must grant the marriage licenses. The trial in Hawaii is set for September.

Maine Faces Anti-Gay Referendum in November

Augusta, ME — A group called Concerned Maine Families has successfully gathered enough signatures to place an anti-Gay referendum on the statewide ballot this November. Gov. Angus King has said he will join the broad-based coalition called Maine Won't Discriminate in working for its defeat.

Like similar proposals in Colorado, Oregon and several cities, the referendum would forbid state or local government bodies from including sexual orientation as a protected class in any non-discrimination laws. It would also automatically repeal any such protections currently on the books, like the human rights ordinance in the city of Portland.

"We were expecting it and we have been working real hard," Karen Geraghty of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance told the *Washington Blade*, "so we're really excited about the grass-roots organization that we're building."

In other news regarding anti-Gay ballot measures, the State of Colorado has filed with the US Supreme Court an appeal of the State Supreme Court's ruling that Amendment 2 (passed in 1992) is unconstitutional. A federal appeals panel is set to hear arguments March 7 in the appeal of a ruling that found Issue 3, Cincinnati's anti-Gay initiative, unconstitutional. And Lambda Legal Defense has filed papers challenging Amendment 1, an anti-Gay referendum passed by voters in Alachua County, Florida last November.

Boston's St. Pat's Parade to Exclude Gays

Boston, MA — In an update to an item in the last issue of *In Step*, a federal district judge has ruled that organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston can exclude members of the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group (GLIB) from this year's event because organizers are promoting it as a protest of previous court rulings that have compelled them to include Gays.

The St. Pat's Parade is organized by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, which canceled the parade last year rather than comply with a judge's order that the Irish Gays and Lesbians be allowed to participate.

In the new ruling, Federal Judge Mark Wolf, a Reagan appointee, said there was a crucial difference between holding the parade as a protest and merely holding the parade. "If GLIB's inclusion in the 1995 parade were compelled, the veterans' protest would be confused and muted. Indeed, the veterans' protest would be silenced because they would again cancel the parade."

Judge Wolf, contradicting earlier rulings, said the veterans' constitutional guarantees of free speech overrode a Massachusetts law, which prohibits sexual orientation bias in public accommodations.

The veterans group also filed an appeal of last year's ruling (allowing Gays to march) with the US Supreme Court. The high court will still hear that appeal in April. Its decision could be conclusive.

Gay Freedom Ride to Mississippi Planned

Ovett, MS — An interfaith coalition of Gays and Lesbians will travel by bus to Ovett, Mississippi over Memorial Day weekend to give support to the beleaguered women at Camp Sister Spirit, who have been the victims of anti-Gay harassment for more than a year.

The Gay and Lesbian Freedom Ride is being spearheaded by longtime Lesbian activist and music festival producer Robin Tyler and Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). The MCC's World Community Builders, a group of volunteers who help build homes and churches in needy communities, will travel to Ovett to remodel barns and finish fencing the property.

Wanda and Brenda Henson, who purchased the property in rural Mississippi for development as a feminist retreat, have been subjected to severe harassment, including phoned death threats, explosives at their gate and a dead dog tied to their mailbox. A group called Mississippi Family Values has vowed to run the women off their land. The Justice Department has decided it cannot intervene because no federal civil rights laws prohibit anti-Gay harassment.

"For decades, Mississippi has been the battleground for civil rights," said Tyler. "Following the tradition of the 1960's, the community of faith must rise once again. We need to let Gay bashers and homophobes know that when they attack isolated Gays and Lesbians they aren't taking on just one or two people, they are taking on the entire Gay and Lesbian movement."

For further information, contact the MCC at (213) 464-5100 or Camp Sister Spirit at (601) 344-1411.

Barney Frank Emerges as Opposition Leader

Washington, DC — Openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank's famed wit and combative style are thrusting the Massachusetts liberal to the forefront of the Democratic opposition in the new GOP-controlled House of Representatives.

"If there is to be a burr under the legislative saddle of Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and his Republican majority, Democrats would be hard-pressed to find a more stinging one than Mr. Frank," wrote the *New York Times*.

Rep. Frank told the *Times* that when Democrats regrouped after the election, House Minority Whip David Bonior (MI) asked him and Rep. Bob Wise (W.VA) to take a leadership role in floor debates. In the first days of the 104th Congress, as Republicans unveiled their legislative agenda, Frank was constantly jumping to the microphone to challenge them. He did so with his famous wit, in one case declaring, "You told us you would be family-friendly. You forgot to tell us it would be the Addams Family."

Frank has served in the House since 1981. He came out in 1987, weathered a sex scandal in 1988-90 and is now the third-ranking member of the powerful Judiciary Committee.

"My preference would be to make public policy," Frank

said of his new aggressiveness. "But we lost in November. We have become the opposition... My job is to shine the light where the Republicans don't want it to be shone."

"FAG" COMMENT FROM TEXAS REP

In related news, U.S. House Majority Leader Rep. Dick Armey (R-TX) used the term "Fag" January 27 when referring to Rep. Frank in an interview with radio journalists. The interview was about the controversy surrounding House Speaker Newt Gingrich's book deal. Armey said, "I like peace and quiet and I don't need to listen to Barney Fag... er... Barney Frank haranguing in by ear."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director of public information, Robin Kane, commented "Rep. Armey's comment is deplorable and dangerous... As an elected official from the state of Texas, Rep. Armey should be keenly aware of the impact of such hateful and dehumanizing speech. He represents a state where a murderer of a Gay man acknowledged that some young men routinely go 'fag bashin' as a weekend pastime."

Gingrich's Lesbian Sister Talks to the Press

Washington, DC — Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has had a little secret in his closet all these years, and she just came out in the pages of the **Washington Blade** and on *Eye to Eye* with *Connie Chung*.

In an interview with the **Blade**, Candace Gingrich, 28, Newt's half-sister (they were both born to Kathleen Gingrich but had different fathers), described herself as "very, very liberal," a strong Democrat and an out Lesbian. But when Chung asked whether her brother disapproves, Candace replied: "He's probably more embarrassed that I'm a Democrat."

Because Newt and Candace are 23 years apart, they were never really close. It was Mrs. Gingrich who told Newt that Candace is Gay. "She says his response was basically it's my life, I'm an adult, and I'm free to make whatever choice I want..."

Candace Gingrich was concerned, however, at some opinions about Gays Newt expressed in a recent **Blade** interview. She didn't like his claim that "toleration" should be shown toward Gays. "A leaky faucet is something you tolerate," she said. She bristled at his comparison of homosexuality to alcoholism and said the government should not prohibit counseling or support services to Gay teens in the schools.

She said she was "annoyed" that she hadn't spoken to her brother about his views earlier. "I kind of feel like I've been a bad Gay person. Maybe I should have done something but I didn't. Hey, it's never too late to start."

Gingrich Plans Congressional Hearing on Gay Issues

Washington, DC — In response to a question posed to him at a town meeting by a staff member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich confirmed that a Congressional hearing on homosexual content in federally-funded education programs will likely be held this fall. The Speaker's comments were published in the **Washington Blade**.

Gingrich allegedly told Rev. Lou Sheldon of the anti-Gay Traditional Values Coalition that when he became Speaker such hearings would be held. Last year the House and Senate debated an amendment to the education bill denying federal funds to any school with curricula or programs that "promote" homosexuality. A watered-down version of the bill passed.

Gingrich responded to Cathy Woolard's question at the town meeting in Georgia by reiterating his view of Gays and Lesbians: "I am against repression, and I'm against promotion. I believe in tolerance." But he added: "If we can have a one day hearing on whether or not taxpayer money is being spent to

promote things that are literally grotesque, that's a legitimate request, because that's taxpayer money."

Gingrich went on to promise: "[A]nything we do is going to have both sides and is going to have a clear effort to get a real advocacy on both sides."

In his comments, Gingrich tried to downplay the issue, saying his priority was gaining passage of the GOP's Contract with America.

Also on the Newswire

Washington, DC — The Department of Defense reports that in fiscal year 1994, 597 service members were discharged for homosexuality. That's down from a total of 682 such discharges in 1993, 708 in 1992, and 949 in 1991.

Durham, NC — The President of Duke University announced in January that benefits will be extended to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. They must merely sign an affidavit declaring the relationship is long-term and includes mutual financial responsibility. The University cited its adoption of a sexual orientation non-bias clause in 1988 as the basis for its new partners' policy. Meanwhile, the City Council of Olympia, Washington recently approved benefits for the partners of municipal employees.

Salt Lake City, UT — Gilberto Arredondo, 44, has been sentenced to one year in jail followed by three years probation and treatment for alcoholism after pleading guilty to the aggravated assault of two Lesbians last April. Before beating Cecilia Rinehart and her lover, Rose Padilla, Arredondo called Rinehart a "dyke" and said: "If you want it like a man, take it like a man."

Houston, TX — The new opera *Harvey Milk*, based on the life of the Gay rights pioneer and San Francisco Supervisor who was assassinated in 1978, had its premiere at the Houston Grand Opera House January 21. It opened to mixed reviews with critics praising Milk himself and saying the opera gathers strength and is best in the final act. *Harvey Milk*, with music by Stewart Wallace and libretto by Michael Korie, will open in New York this spring.

Cleveland Heights, OH — The Cleveland Heights City Council voted unanimously in favor of adding sexual orientation to the ordinance which forbids bias in housing and city contracts and employment. Other Ohio cities with such protections are Columbus, Cleveland, Youngstown, Yellow Springs and Cincinnati (though Cincinnati's law is embroiled in litigation).

New York, NY — The Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, established by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in 1989, was officially closed in January when Republican George Pataki, who defeated Cuomo last November, was sworn in as governor. The four staff members of the only Gay office in state governments nationwide packed their files and are looking for new jobs.

Columbia, KY — Diana Chalfont, coach of the women's softball and volleyball teams at Lindsey Wilson College, was fired in December apparently because she is a Lesbian. College President John Begley said the school's affiliation with the United Methodist Church meant it had to abide by the church's religious principles. Kentucky has no law banning such discrimination.

Phoenix, AZ — The Arizona Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of a man who was fired from his job because he is Gay. In so doing, it sustained a lower court's finding that because anti-Gay bias is not prohibited by state statute, there is no basis for the plaintiff's suit.

Washington, DC — The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, a federal agency, has published a 48-page guide aimed at Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals. It lists studies about substance abuse among LesBiGays and resources that offer help specifically to LesBiGays. Call toll-free 800-729-6686 to obtain a copy.

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STATE News Briefs

Action Wisconsin Adopts By-Laws, Moves Forward

Madison — About 40 members of Action Wisconsin, the new statewide LesBiGay civil rights group, met at the State Capitol January 21 and adopted the final version of the organization's by-laws. It's a development that clears the way for Action Wisconsin to begin full operations.

"It's a very big deal," Action Wisconsin Board member Laurie Guibault told *In Step*. "It's very good to finally have our structure in place so we can begin focussing on issues and drawing more members in."

In addition to passing the by-laws, participants elected five at-large Board members, bringing the Board to full strength. It is also comprised of representatives from each of five regions around the state. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5 in Green Bay. Meanwhile, each region will continue to hold its own meetings, tackling issues relevant to its particular area, sharing information and support with other regions.

Action Wisconsin has set up a Task Force on Employment Discrimination as well as Committees on Fundraising, Communications, Membership, and Procedure & Policy that people can volunteer to work on. To get involved or to contact your regional representatives, call Action Wisconsin at (608) 231-1099. Messages left on voice mail are checked daily.

Membership in Action Wisconsin is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$50 for organizations. Write to Action Wisconsin, P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701.

Madison Holds "Welcome Rally" for Cracker Barrel

Madison — As *In Step* went to press January 30, a coalition of LesBiGay and other civil rights organizations in Madison planned to hold a "Welcome" rally outside the first Cracker Barrel restaurant to open in Dane County. The restaurant is at 2147 E. Spring Drive.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores Inc., based in Lebanon, Kentucky, has a history of discriminating against Gay and Lesbian employees. The new restaurant will be its sixth in Wisconsin, which has a statute prohibiting job bias based on sexual orientation. Dane County and the City of Madison also have such civil rights protections.

"We know of no instances of discrimination by Cracker Barrel in Wisconsin," said Jane Vanderbosch of The United. "But Cracker Barrel has had a troubled role with the Gay and Lesbian community in the past, so we want to alert people to that. Cracker Barrel says it has mended its ways. We just want to let them know, 'We're watching you.'"

Vanderbosch shared her concerns with an executive of Cracker Barrel, Ellen Cozart, who responded that the charge that the company discriminates against homosexuals is "ancient history." Vanderbosch says a clause in Cracker Barrel's company guidelines says it will abide by the laws of any state or municipality in which it conducts business.

Vanderbosch, State Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Dane County Supervisor Mark Pocan were scheduled to speak at the rally. It was sponsored by The United, Wisconsin N.O.W., the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, the Ten Percent Society, the Progressive Student Network, Action Wisconsin-Region 1, Bi?Shy?Why? and other groups.

Steve Byers Gets Pro Bono Award from State Bar

Madison — On January 26, Steve Byers, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee who has specialized in *IN STEP* ▾ February 2-15, 1995 ▾ Page 6

providing legal services for people with HIV/AIDS for many years, was given the annual Pro Bono Award by the State Bar of Wisconsin. Byers was recognized by his peers at the State Bar's mid-winter convention in Madison.

Byers has worked with clients of the Milwaukee AIDS Project from the time of that group's inception ten years ago. His colleagues consider Byers a "pioneer" in HIV/AIDS law. For the past five years, he has managed the Legal Assistance Program at MAP, helping clients draft health care powers of attorney, ensuring their access to health care and insurance and fighting employment and housing bias against people with HIV/AIDS.

Byers has also assisted school districts, law enforcement agencies and other institutions to adopt policies which are in compliance with state and federal guidelines around HIV/AIDS issues.

The night after he received his award, Byers was feted back in his hometown by friends who gathered at Just Us, the LesBiGay bar he co-owns on Milwaukee's south side.

Gunderson Gets Key Committee Assignments

Washington, DC — The *Washington Blade* reports that US Rep. Steve Gunderson, the newly "out" Congressman who represents the 3rd District in western Wisconsin, has risen to the number three position on the House Agriculture Committee. He has also been named Chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry. These are choice assignments for a lawmaker whose district is dominated by dairy farming.

Gunderson's star has risen since the Republican Party gained control of the House and Senate after last November's elections. He has labored for many years on each of the aforementioned committees, but the GOP victory has given him greater seniority. His press secretary declared: "He couldn't be more pleased. It's perfect for his district."

Gunderson, who has promised to make sure Gays and Lesbians are treated fairly in any issues that come before his committees, was also named Vice-Chair of the House Subcommittee on Secondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning. Last year, debate swirled in the House and Senate over an education bill which would have denied federal funds to any school offering programs or curricula "promoting" homosexuality. Gay lobbyists in Washington are encouraging Gunderson to be a voice of reason should the issue come up again in this session.

Also Around the State...

Portage — Christopher Scarver, 25, has entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity to charges that he murdered serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and wife-killer Jesse Anderson at the Columbia Correctional Institution last November. At the time of the murders, Scarver was already serving time for a murder he committed in Milwaukee in 1990. He has been judged mentally competent to stand trial.

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) has been granted a 501(c)3 tax-exempt status by the federal government. Among the advantages of recognition as a charitable organization: donations to SAGE are now tax-deductible. SAGE founder and Board member Eldon Murray declared: "It's a great way to start our second year!"

Milwaukee — The Ball Game, a Gay bar located on S. Second and Pittsburgh, was the target of an armed robber Sunday afternoon, January 22. The bandit netted about \$300. The bartender and two patrons were forced into a bathroom but were otherwise unharmed.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

1985

- Brady East STD Clinic establishes separate board to oversee MAP
- ARCW incorporates as parent organization of MAP, creating a statewide network for comprehensive AIDS services
- Sue Dietz named MAP executive director
- MAP volunteer programs begin
- MAP emotional support program for clients begins
- ARCW budget set at \$28,000

1986

- Wisconsin AIDSline begins taking calls, staffed by MAP volunteers
- MAP hires first case manager
- First Lavender Hill Garden Party
- Volunteers create MAPfest to honor Gay and Lesbian community
- MAP volunteers total 100
- MAP serves 29 clients

1987

- First Make A Promise Dinner
- MAP hosts first Volunteer Recognition Dinner, honoring over 200 volunteers
- MAP practical support program begins for clients
- MAP serves 60 clients

1988

- Wisconsin AIDS Library opens
- MAP opens Milwaukee House, a transitional residence for clients
- SEWAP begins service to Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties
- Doug Nelson named ARCW executive director
- Life Care Services Department created to expand client services
- MAP serves 81 clients

1989

- ARCW legislative advocacy secures nation's first state-funded HIV case management system for clients
- MAP begins outreach program for injection drug users
- MAP food pantry opens
- Five case managers added at MAP
- Case manager hired at SEWAP
- MAP serves 220 clients

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1990

- MAP hires tenth case manager
- MAP begins transportation program
- ARCW produces first AIDS Walk Wisconsin
- SEWAP begins outreach program for injection drug users
- MAP serves 365 clients
- ARCW budget reaches \$1.7 million

1991

- ARCW begins statewide Legal Assistance Program for clients
- Women's case manager hired
- Client-driven Consumer Advisory Panel created to monitor client services
- AIDS Quilt debuts in Milwaukee
- First Art for AIDS Auction
- MAP serves 503 clients

1992

- MAP opens 33-unit Wisconsin House, the state's first long-term residence for clients
- MAP begins cooperative therapies
- NOWAP begins service to 13-county area of northwestern Wisconsin
- ARCW serves 965 clients
- ARCW named to national AIDS Action Council Board

1993

- ARCW begins statewide clinical trial program, bringing experimental drugs to clients
- ARCW legislative advocacy secures state funding of early intervention
- MAP opens early intervention clinic, providing physical health assessments and immune system monitoring
- SEWAP opens food pantry
- ARCW active volunteers top 1,000
- ARCW serves 1,131 clients

1994

- MAP begins LIFEPOINT needle exchange program
- SEWAP and NOWAP open early intervention clinics
- MAP begins HIV counseling and testing program
- SURVIVAL/REVIVAL Resale Shop opens in Milwaukee
- LIFEPOINT exchanges 58,000 needles, reaching 3,320 injection drug users
- ARCW serves more than 1,200 clients
- ARCW budget reaches \$5.5 million
- Over 10 years, ARCW serves more than 2,300 total clients

Firestorm of Opposition Stymies Gay-Sensitive Curricula Plan

School Board Battle in Des Moines Part of National Trend

By Jamakaya

Des Moines, IA — When 1,500 angry residents packed the school board meeting in Des Moines January 3 to voice their vehement opposition to a proposal for Gay-sensitive curricula and support services for Gay and Lesbian teens, they were re-enacting a scenario that has become all too common in cities across the US.

After years of careful groundwork in which concerned Gays and Lesbians, often allied with teachers and social workers, document discrimination faced by Gay and Lesbian youth, modest proposals are forwarded to the local school board to alleviate the plight of Gay teens.

After careful consideration, school board members revise and then give preliminary approval to these reforms. But press coverage of the story usually depicts the proposals as a plan "to teach homosexuality in the schools," and talk radio personalities and religious fundamentalists use further distortions to sow fear and anger among the public. After emotional public hearings packed with anxiety-ridden parents are held, the proposals are often defeated or tabled for later consideration.

That was the story in New York City in 1992, when opposition to the Children of the Rainbow curriculum, which stressed respect for diversity, including Gay and Lesbian families, led to a public outcry that brought down School Chancellor Joseph Fernandez. The attack was led by Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor and the Christian Coalition.

That was the story in Milwaukee in 1991, when the school board watered-down proposals for support services for Gay and Lesbian teens after 900 "Christians" packed a school board meeting and expressed their righteous indignation. Opposition to the proposals in Milwaukee was orchestrated by Rev. Vic Eliason, who runs the Christian broadcast station WVCY.

That has been the story in communities from Massachusetts to Texas to California and, now, in Iowa.

THE IOWA STORY

In 1991, the Des Moines School Board unanimously adopted a policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation for students, faculty and staff. The policy also called for the curriculum to "foster respect and appreciation of the diversity found in our country."

At the same time, a committee of community activists and school staff members was formed to investigate the problems of Gay and Lesbian teens, to suggest ways to help them and to incorporate, when appropriate, Gay-related topics into the curriculum — all with the purpose of increasing sensitivity and improving the educational climate.

The battle erupted when implementation of the proposed reforms took place at a school board meeting in December. Jan Mickelson, a conservative radio talk show host, urged the public to protest. Meanwhile Bill Horn, a Christian fundamentalist activist who recently moved to Des Moines and whose children do not even attend public schools there, organized right-wing religious opposition.

On January 2, 3,000 people attended an anti-Gay religious rally Horn organized, and the following day, more than 1,000 people showed up at the school board meeting to argue against the proposals.

"I have very great concerns that my money is going to be going to pay for something that I don't believe should be promoted in the school system because it's a very unhealthy lifestyle," said Julie Palmer. "I feel it's detrimental to my children."

Other speakers expressed fears that homosexuals would soon flood Des Moines' schools or feel they had a license to "recruit" among the youngsters. Time and again, school board members had to reassure agitated speakers that the proposals would not legitimize the "homosexual lifestyle" or teach it in the schools.

Bill Horn threatened that if the school board implemented the Gay-sensitive proposals, he would seek state legislation to prohibit the teaching of anything relating to homosexuality in publicly funded educational institutions.

Not surprisingly, on January 25, Des Moines School Superintendent Gary Wegenke announced the board would not immediately implement the changes. But not before school board member Jonathan Wilson stunned many at the gathering by coming out publicly as a Gay man. He did so despite death threats against him, and he did so while having to wear a bullet-proof vest.

"These death threats show how desperately we need to educate people about tolerance for difference," said Wilson, a school board member for 12 years who has two children. "I am coming out to educate so that I can speak with a clearer, unintimidated voice."

"It's time for our community to participate fully in making the schools safe for all kids, to stop the violence, to stop the fear, to stop the isolation, to

stop the name-calling and stereotypes, and to stop the ignorance."

INTERNATIONAL News Briefs

Gay Cuban Refugees Hope for Asylum in USA

Guantanamo Bay — Among the thousands of Cuban refugees crowding makeshift camps at the American naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are about two dozen openly Gay men who dream of gaining entry to the US.

The Associated Press interviewed Edward Palermo Gomez at Camp Kilo, where all single Cuban males are currently housed and a separate tent is provided for the safety and comfort of the openly Gay refugees. Gomez and his fellow Gays have formed a drag troupe that performs for the other refugees and the American soldiers. He says they have been very well received. US Army Captain David Lee agreed, saying he was trying to locate more art supplies for the entertainers.

Gomez, formerly a teacher in Havana, hopes the drag troupe may be his ticket out. He said Cuban Gays were subject to a double oppression, Communist oppression and virulent anti-Gay sentiment. Gomez hopes Gay groups in the US will help sponsor their immigration. "I ask the organizations there to ask President Clinton to understand our case, because it's special."

Yeltsin Vetoes Compulsory HIV Testing

Moscow — President Boris Yeltsin has vetoed legislation that would have required compulsory HIV testing of all foreigners visiting Russia as well as members of "risk groups" in the Russian population, which the proposal did not clearly define.

Yeltsin's veto came after both houses of the Russian Parliament overwhelmingly approved the measure. Individuals testing HIV-positive would have been refused entry, deported or confined to medical facilities.

Yeltsin was advised by medical authorities that the measure was an extreme response to the threat of HIV's spread and that it was unnecessary. He was also pressured to veto the bill by Russian business owners who feared it would reduce tourism and by officials of

other governments who said foreigners would never allow themselves to be tested in Russian medical facilities, whose equipment is infamous for its lack of sterility.

In addition, human rights advocates attacked the proposal as a violation of international guarantees of privacy, confidentiality and freedom of movement.

Chief Rabbinate Court Attacks Pro-Gay Ruling

Jerusalem — Israel's Chief Rabbinate, the highest religious authority which exerts major influence over the country's political life, has condemned a recent Supreme Court ruling which affirmed limited spousal rights for Gay couples. It called on the Knesset (Parliament) to adopt a restrictive definition of family based on Jewish law.

In the decision rendered late last year, El Al, the Israeli national airline, was ordered to provide free tickets to the partner of a Gay flight attendant just as it does to the spouses of its married employees. The ruling may have wider application in other areas in which Gays face discrimination.

But Moshe Friedman, a spokesman for the Chief Rabbinate, expressed the group's shock: "This decision provides a dangerous opening toward justifying a way of life defined in the Torah as an abomination. The ruling uproots the central place of family in Israel and undermines moralistic Jewish character as it is expressed in the Torah."

Leaders of Reform Judaism and representatives of Gay and Lesbian groups accused the Chief Rabbinate of trying to impose their religious orthodoxy on a society that is largely secular.

Aussie Judge: Gay Families Should be Recognized

Sydney — The Associated Press reports that the Chief Justice of Australia's Family Court has declared that Gay and Lesbian couples should be legally recognized as families and that they should be granted all the rights that heterosexual married couples enjoy.

Justice Alastair Nicholson, who oversees divorce and child custody cases, said relationships and attitudes have changed over the years and that legal rights should "extend to people living in permanent homosexual, as well as heterosexual, relationships." There have been several cases, Nicholson said, where it was in the child's best interest to be placed with the Gay rather than the straight parent.

Nicholson supports legal recognition of Gay families because he says that as the law currently stands, much time is

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The new Metropolitan Milwaukee Chapter of

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Integrity is the national Episcopal gay and lesbian advocacy and education organization. Integrity chapters sponsor educational programs, worship, fellowship and service for the community and witness to and dialogue with the church. After consultation with Bishop White, we are eager to get this new chapter up and running. It is open to all; please join us! Questions? Call 414-276-6277 and leave a message.

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wasted debating the finer points of who and what constitutes a family unit. Attorney General Michael Lavarch said the government would soon review the matter to see if reforms are in order.

But conservative politicians are outraged at Justice Nicholson's suggestion. AP quoted Deputy Opposition Leader Tim Fischer as saying, "At the end of the day, if you take that agenda to the extreme, we will have a non-reproductive society by default or by stealth."

Vatican Dismisses Pro-Gay French Bishop

Paris — A Catholic Bishop who had repeatedly expressed his support for homosexuals, married priests and women's right to abortion has been relieved of his duties by the Vatican.

Bishop Jacques Galliot, 59, who represented the northern French city of Evreux, had challenged the Catholic Church's orthodoxy for many years and had received many warnings from the Vatican to stop expressing his liberal views. In 1988, Bishop Galliot announced his intention to give his blessing to Gay and Lesbian couples who formed marriage unions. During a firestorm of controversy over that incident, he told a Gay paper that he had no doubt Gays "will precede us into the kingdom of God."

Galliot will maintain his title as Bishop but has been stripped of all duties and authority within his diocese. Many Catholics in his district decried the Vatican's meddling in Galliot's work. While the majority of French people identify as Catholic, only a minority attend Mass or receive sacraments regularly. The Church's authority is undermined by France's liberal social values and its history of anti-clericalism.

Also Around the World...

London — The British Broadcasting Corporation reported in January that the government is investigating claims that the Defense Ministry maintains a secret computer database listing service members they suspect to be Gay or Lesbian. The charge about the secret database is included in a soon-to-be-published book by Edmund Hall, a former naval officer, but a Defense Ministry spokeswoman denied the allegation.

Rome — The granddaughter of the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, who is a member of the right wing National Alliance Party in the Italian Parliament, recently told a Gay newspaper in Rome

that her grandfather opposed Hitler's persecution of homosexuals and that right wing politicians are not all homophobic. Alessandra Mussolini said she supports Gay rights, including the right of Gay and Lesbian couples to adopt children.

Santiago — An amendment to the Chilean Penal Code has been introduced in Parliament, calling for the decriminalization of sodomy in Chile. Current law prescribes fines and imprisonment for men who engage in sexual relations in public or private. Women are not mentioned in the law.

Buenos Aires — Teenage high school students are leading the efforts at AIDS preventive education in Argentina, where the epidemic has begun spreading rapidly. Under pressure from the Catholic Church, the government refuses to discuss condoms or safe sex. So bands of teens, alarmed over their many friends who are becoming infected, are spreading the preventive message by plastering graffiti slogans like "AIDS: For Love, Use a Condom," all over Buenos Aires and other cities.

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Group Notes

Danc'n for AIDS

Trip to Europe Grand Prize at Feb. 11 Benefit

Milwaukee — There is still time to register for Milwaukee's largest dance party to raise money for AIDS. *Danc'n for AIDS* will be held Saturday, February 11 at the downtown MECCA Convention Center from 7:30-11:30pm. Check-in begins at 7pm. Grand prize, for the person who raises the most money and brings it to the dance, is two roundtrip tickets to any European destination served by Continental Airlines. Second prize is two roundtrip tickets to anywhere Continental Airlines flies in the US.

Danc'n for AIDS will feature the hottest dance music around and gives people the opportunity to dance all evening while raising money for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, SE WI AIDS Project, NW WI AIDS Project and WI Community-Based Research Consortium.

All dancers need to do is show up with a minimum of \$30 dollars in pledges and then enjoy the evening in an all-ages environment. *Danc'n for AIDS* is not a dance marathon. Dancers can rest at any time.

Rhinocerot, a Milwaukee-based band which formed in 1992 will treat everyone to their "60's sound with a 90's edge." Whether their songs are about world concerns or just having a great time, Rhinocerot appeals to many different listeners. A V100 DJ will also be on hand to keep the dance music going throughout the evening.

"On the night of February 11, everyone will be at the hottest dance party in town," said Louise Searing, director of special events at the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "This is the perfect opportunity to raise money for AIDS. And, if you love to dance, this is the place to be."

In addition to the vital role *Danc'n for AIDS* plays in raising critical funding for ARCW's AIDS prevention, care and research programs, the dance plays an important awareness-raising role. This is particularly true because of the event's special draw of young adults. One of the fastest growing populations affected by the HIV epidemic is college students and teenagers.

Call (800) 348-9255 to register. Once registered, participants will receive everything they need to have a great time at the dance. Pledge forms, entertainment updates and complete prize information will be sent to each dancer. Pre-registration is required. Due

to space limitations, dancers must have a minimum of \$30 in pledges to be admitted. Once admitted, dancers will also receive a free *Danc'n for AIDS* bandanna. People with \$100 in pledges will receive a *Danc'n* T-shirt and for \$250, a *Danc'n* sweatshirt.

Make a Promise to be held Sat, March 25

Milwaukee — Mark your calendars today! The 9th Annual *Make a Promise Dinner & Auction* will be held at the Pfister Hotel on Saturday, March 25. This elegant event will benefit the programs and services provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, SE WI AIDS Project, NW WI AIDS Project and WI Community-based Research Consortium.

A special feature this year will be *Telling Stories*, a compendium of experiences by people with AIDS, their family members and friends. "The HIV epidemic holds countless stories of hope, courage, loss — even humor," said Louise Searing, director of special events at the AIDS Research Center of WI, Inc. "This year we invite people to share their stories with us."

People interested in contributing to this collection of memories and thoughts are asked to submit their stories, no longer than 150 words in length, to the AIDS Research Center of Wisconsin, Inc., *Telling Stories*, PO Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Deadline is March

1.

A silent auction featuring 200 items will be held prior to the dinner. In the past, weekend vacation packages, artwork, dinners, sports packages and jewelry have been up for bid.

Individual ticket prices are \$175 (Red Ribbon), \$90 (Leadership) and \$60 (Friendship). Corporate tables are available for \$1,750, \$900 and \$600. Costs reflect preferential seating. For further information or tickets call (414) 273-1991 or (800) 348-9255.

Love is the BESTD Medicine

Milwaukee — Love, talent and entertainment will be combined in a benefit for **BESTD Clinic** at **La Cage** on Sunday, February 12 beginning at 10pm.

Ashley Michaels and Rhonda Moore will produce and present *Love is the BESTD Medicine*. The Revue will gather an array of talented performers who are donating their artistic skills. All proceeds will be donated to the BESTD Clinic.

The show follows a very successful revue also produced by Michaels & Moore on Father's Day, 1994. Billed as a *Mother of a Show on Father's Day*, the benefit raised \$500 for BESTD.

All those attending *Love is the BESTD Medicine* revue will receive a symbolic AIDS Red Ribbon decked with little hearts at the door. The cover charge for the show is \$5. Reserved tables are available by calling La Cage at (414) 383-8330.

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Integrity Forms

Milwaukee Chapter

Milwaukee—Integrity, the Lesbian and Gay ministry of the Episcopal Church, is forming a new chapter in the Metro-Milwaukee area. The first organizational meeting will be held February 27, 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 East Knapp Street in Milwaukee. (Please use the parking lot entrance at the rear of the church.)

The primary focus of the 50 Integrity chapters is emotional support and counseling, spiritual nourishment, Christian education, and service to the Church and the LesBiGay community. In the future, speakers, social gatherings and outreach to the LesBiGay community will be offered. Meetings are open to everyone.

The Statement of Purpose of Integrity, Inc.'s bylaws reads as follows: "We are a ministry for the encouragement and nurture of Gay and Lesbian persons in Christian life and community; and, equally a ministry of Gay and Lesbian persons, offered to the Church and to the world seeking unity and peace in the body of Christ, justice and dignity for all people, regardless of their likeness to or difference from ourselves, the end to human oppression, especially the oppression of people who are Gay or Lesbian; and, the building of a world and a society as safer places in which to love. We proclaim the good news that the world and all people in it have been liberated and redeemed by Jesus Christ."

Please come and join Integrity. Watch this publication for future meeting dates. Questions will be answered by leaving a message at (414) 276-6277.

Spirituality Retreat for People Living with HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee—St. Camillus AIDS Ministry will present *Embracing the Mystery HIV/AIDS and The Spiritual Life*, a spirituality retreat for people living with HIV/AIDS on Friday, March 10 through Sunday, March 12.

This retreat experience has been designed to help participants re-frame their often negative experiences of living with HIV. It is open to anyone living with HIV/AIDS. There is no fee for participation, but enrollment is limited.

Guided meditation, re-framing of emotional resistance, group sharing, trance journeying, body work, music and ritual are woven into holistic exploration of tools for healing which participants can integrate into their daily lives.

Participants will explore their feelings about HIV in the lives and what HIV means to them. Sharing in a ritual of grieving and a journey of healing, participants will find a renewed strength and commitment to live fully now and

experience healing from within.

The three-day retreat will be held at the Order of St. Camillus, 3661 South Kinnickinnic Avenue, St. Francis (Milwaukee). To receive further information and a brochure, or to make a reservation, call Brother Stephen Braddock at (414) 481-3696.

HRL Annual Meeting & Awards Night Set for Feb. 8

Milwaukee—The Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL) invites all community members to its Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Night where current members of HRL will elect the organization's Board of Directors. In addition, the *Cream City Brick Awards* will again be presented, from categories that includes the Torch Bearer, Pace Setter, Group Spirit, Spotlight, President's and Groundwork Awards.

Highlighting the Annual Meeting will be a presentation by guest speaker LG Shanklin-Flowers, the principal consultant for InReach, and a dynamic, highly-motivating presenter.

The HRL Annual Meeting and Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, February 8 beginning at 6pm at the Yankee Hill Community Room, 626 East Kilbourn Avenue. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will also be provided.

All current members of HRL, as well as members of the broader community are invited to attend.

The aim of the HRL is to advance the political interests of LesBiGays in the Metro-Milwaukee area by influencing local, state and national politics, legislation and public policy. HRL is a

membership organization which invites all interested persons to join and become involved. For more information call HRL at (414) 228-1921.

Hurricane's Annual Womyn's Valentine Dance Feb. 10

Milwaukee—Despite rumors to the contrary, Hurricane Productions' *Annual Womyn's Valentine's Day Dance* will be held Friday, February 10. Hurricane is very pleased to announce that this event will be held in the Bradley Pavilion at the Performing Arts Center, 924 East Water Street. The fun begins at 8pm.

This dance has always been and continues to be very important. Along with providing a festive social gathering, the profits of this dance help finance future events.

As many will recall, Lake Park Pavilion had been the home of the annual Valentine's Dance in the past. Due to its remodeling, it will no longer be available for use.

In the spirit of all those pleasant memories of dances gone by, the Hurricane Board invites the Lesbian community to kick up its heels and celebrate friendship, love and romance once again. DJ Lu Shanti will be spinning your favorite tunes and eagerly awaits your special requests. A cash bar featuring both non-alcohol and alcoholic beverages will be available.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$6 at: People's Books, AfterWords Bookstore, Outpost Natural Foods, Just Us and 3B's Bar. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8.

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Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, as will a cash bar. Slow dancing and door prizes will also be featured. Please bring a dish to pass.

This event is open to the public and reservations are not required.

PACT February Forums

Milwaukee — People of All Colors Together (PACT/ Milw) announces two February Forums in honor of Black History Month.

The first forum will be on Sunday, February 12 when PACT will present the video *Looking for Langston*, about Langston Hughes, a poet and writer. Brenda Coley will moderate the forum, and Sandra Jones will perform poetry reading and song.

Sunday, February 26 is the scheduled date of the second forum when a PBS documentary about **Bill T. Jones**, a nationally known black choreographer; and, **Alvin Ailey**, a well known dancer. Ray Grant will moderate this forum.

Both forums will be held at the Unitarian Church on the corner of Ogden and Astor streets in Milwaukee, and begin at 6:30pm.

For more information contact Dave at (414) 527-4296 or Paul at (414) 271-5326. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Log Cabin Club Update

Milwaukee — Mark your calendars now with the date of the next **Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin (LCC)** membership meeting: Thursday, March 9, 7pm.

LCC celebrated an incredible victory in this year's election. Republicans captured the State Assembly, and held on to the State Senate. LCC and its members were directly involved in both efforts by contributing \$300 to the Republican Assembly Campaign Committee, over \$200 to Rep. Scott Jensen's campaign, and over \$200 to Rep. Scott Walker's campaign (both of whom used their campaign funds to support other Republican candidates in critical districts because they had no opponents). Over \$200 and countless hours of volunteer time went to Senator Peggy Rosenzweig, whose victory enabled the Republicans to retain control over the State Senate.

LCC also celebrated the amazing takeover of the US Senate and House of Representatives by the Republicans. While LCC's contribution of over \$3,500 toward that effort (through donations to Bob Welch's US Senate Campaign) did not directly assist that takeover, LCC was part of the Republic revolution.

The National Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) has asked that each regional club have at least two members of the Lincoln Club (which means pledging \$1,200 to LCR during the year). Other donor levels are available as well: \$600, \$300 and \$120 for the year. Please consider making any donation

you can be contacting Jim McFarland at (414) 299-2720. Or, send a check made payable to the Log Cabin Republicans to Jim at 1133 East Pleasant, #206, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

News From the Corral

Madison — The Madison-based **Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls (DC&C)** have been meeting and dancing for over a year. A gayla, first anniversary celebration was held on January 14 with live music by Myrtle White & Friends with calling by Martha Tiner.

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With the opening of **Geraldine's Bar**, owner Ray Jacobson will host country western dance nights every Saturday with Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls providing free dance instruction and open dance time from 8-11pm.

Line dancing and couples dancing will be headed by Buck'in Bill Hoernke. Each dance will be taught at beginner levels and walked through, so no experience, partner or western attire is needed.

DC&C will hold the *Sweetheart's*

Ball on Friday, February 17, featuring Alan Karbel of Milwaukee's Shoreline Country-Western Dance Group. Alan will be calling partner and circle dances, commemorating Valentine's Day. It will be held at Grace Church Guild Hall, 116 West Washington Avenue, just off Capitol Square (enter off Garden Court) from 8-11pm. The cost is \$4. Bring gifts of canned goods for Grace Church's Food Pantry to Feed the Homeless.

Additional events will be held at Grace Church on Friday, March 17 and April 7.

Commitment '95 Chili Fundraiser

Milwaukee — Bring your Valentine to *Chili Fest*, a **Commitment '95 Fundraiser** being held on Saturday, February 11 at 5pm at All Saints Cathedral, 818 East Juneau Avenue.

Bring your chili and they'll be the judge. Bring something to raffle (like unwanted Xmas presents). Bring some food goodies to sell for the Bake Sale. Awards will be given for First, Second and Third Place Chili. The cost for the event is a \$5 donation.

Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition Int'l Conference

Los Angeles — The **Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International** has announced topics for its 16th annual conference, to be held June 30-July 3 at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). The conference will consist of more than 20 in-depth workshops and panels covering a wide selection of topics important to LesBiGay parents and their families, including adoption, multi-racial parenting and financial planning.

The conference will be composed of three related sub-conferences: *The Parents Conference*, which will focus on issues relevant to those who are currently parents, who function in a parenting role, or who wish to become parents. Two other sub-conferences, the *Young Adults's Conference* and the *Children's Conference* will examine topics of importance to the children of Lesbian or Gay parents. Each conference will feature workshops, guest speakers, special events and entertainment.

The conference will be held at UCLA's Sunset Village. Fees include all meals (from dinner Friday, June 30 through brunch on Monday, July 3), workshops, entertainment, a closing-night banquet, and three nights accommodation at the Village. Child care by licensed professionals will be provided at additional cost.

For more information, including details on fees and accommodations, 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.

The Coalition and conferences are open to LesBiGays in parenting roles, their partners, children and current or former spouses, as well as those interested in becoming parents. The chapters and individual members of the Coalition are dedicated to improving the lives of their families through love, support and educational programs designed to promote awareness, sensitivity and tolerance.

International Mr. Leather 1995

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Chicago will also play host to the **International Gay & Lesbian Square Dancer's Tip of the Cow** weekend. Meaning an additional 2,000 cowboys and gals will join the 2,000 leather men and women attending IML™.

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Dear USA Pageant Supporters:

As I am sure you know, Jimmy King passed away in December. After attending the **Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant** for years, I have made a decision concerning the future of the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA franchise.

After long consideration, I have granted the Wisconsin franchises to **Tag-Team Productions** in Green Bay. Greg Diring, Todd Crapser and Ann Smith now hold the legal rights to the following pageants: Miss Gay WI-USA Pageant; Miss Gay WI-USA At-Large Pageant; Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant; and Miss Gay Great Lakes USA At-Large Pageant.

I feel confident that the tradition which was started with King Productions will continue in Tag-Team Productions. I have received several calls inquiring why the name King Productions is not being used in the future. First, I nor Tag-Team Productions have legal ownership of the name. I made the decision to facilitate the transference of legal rights over the franchises.

Wisconsin is and will continue to be a very important part of the Miss Gay USA Pageant.

Sincerely yours,
Jerry M. Bird, President & CEO
USA Pageantry, Inc.

Health

WARNING: First Two Months of HIV Infection Most Contagious

Ann Arbor, MI — Your risk of acquiring HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, may be significantly higher if you have sex with someone who was infected within the past 60 days, according to a study by University of Michigan researchers published in the *Journal of Acquired Immune-Deficiency Syndrome*.

"People are most infectious during the first two months after acquiring the virus, and they appear to be far more infectious during this phase than scientists previously believed," said James Koopman, Professor of Epidemiology. "We're saying the initial two-month period immediately following infection is the key factor controlling transmission of the virus and the spread of the epidemic."

Like other viral infections including influenza and chicken pox, HIV is most infectious just before antibodies to the virus appear in people's systems.

According to the study, rates of

Dear Editor:

Traditionally, the beginning of a new year is time for reflections and new ambitions. I have taken this opportunity for both.

As I look back on the 1994 HIT Tournament, successful is the only word that predominates. The entire board appreciates and is humbled by **In Step's** constant and generous support. The advocacy of the tournament that you, and others, have displayed is beyond reciprocation. On behalf of the board, and myself personally, I thank you.

After six years of high profile roles on the HIT board, I now look forward to the privilege of being "semi-retired." Mr. Rick Steiner and Mr. Jeff Whitt will be the directors of Tournament '95. I know you will give them the unconditional support you have always shown me. I will always be available to listen to your concerns or ideas and present them to the board on your behalf.

Thank you for the wonderful memories over the years. I am truly blessed with the relationships that have formed through this venture. I look forward to working with you on future endeavors.

In Friendship, Fellowship and Unity,
Cindy Olsheske, Director
Holiday Invitational Tournament XVI

infectivity during the primary infection phase of HIV may be as much as 100 to 1,000 times higher than in the long asymptomatic phase that follows, which can last for years. Among Gay men, rates of infectivity during the initial phase may be as high as 3 out of 10 unprotected sexual encounters.

Here are some important implications of the new findings:

▼ Since HIV antibodies do not appear until near the end of the two-month primary infection phase, a negative blood test is no guarantee your sexual partner does not have the virus. "A person with a negative blood test may have a better chance of being highly contagious than a person with a positive test," notes Professor Carl P. Simon.

▼ Since many people are not ill during the highly contagious primary infection phase, "counting on symptoms to tell you that infection has occurred is a mistake," Simon warns.

▼ The more sexual partners you engage in unprotected sex with, the greater the risk of infection, because you increase the odds of having sex with someone during his (or her) primary infection phase.

▼ HIV vaccine trials scheduled to begin in 1996 may be fundamentally flawed because they will only test whether experimental vaccines can

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prevent an individual from being infected with HIV. University of Michigan researchers recommend that vaccine trials be modified to also test the vaccine's ability to reduce levels of contagiousness during the initial infection phase.

"Evidence shows that the less severe the primary infection, the longer it takes for AIDS to develop," according to Physiology Professor John A. Jacquez. "A vaccine that blocks growth of the virus might delay the onset of AIDS in infected individuals, as well as decrease spread of the virus by decreasing the infectivity of the primary phase. Thus, such an 'imperfect' vaccine could have an immediate, major impact on the epidemic of HIV infection."

Breakthrough Possible in Fighting Toxoplasmosis

Palo Alto, CA — Researchers at Stanford University announced in January that they have found a chemical that may prove useful in developing a drug to combat toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection that afflicts many people with AIDS. The most common symptom of toxoplasmosis is dementia.

Because the cells of *Toxoplasma gondii*, the parasite that causes the disease, and mammalian cells are similar, drugs that are toxic to the parasite are also usually toxic to humans. This has been the great difficulty in finding an effective treatment.

However, the **Washington Blade** reports that the toxoplasma parasite uses an enzyme called pyrophosphate-dependent phosphofructokinase to break down sugar for energy. Because this enzyme is found only in primitive organisms, it is an excellent target for drugs to fight toxoplasmosis. Scientists then found that the compound carbonyldiphosphonic acid drastically reduced the enzyme's activity in a test tube.

More studies need to be conducted to develop effective anti-toxoplasmosis treatments. But with greater understanding of the parasite's energy-producing enzyme, researchers are confident that they are making progress in the right direction.

Long-Term Survivors May Hold Key to Riddle of AIDS

Washington, DC — Recent studies have revealed important clues as to why a small minority of HIV-infected people have remained healthy for many years without loss of immune function, according to researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Such knowledge may lead to a better understanding of HIV progression and, then, better treatments.

The January 26 **New England Journal of Medicine** reports that investigators found that 15 HIV-infected volunteers with *non-progressive* HIV disease had very low levels of HIV in their blood and their lymph nodes although viral replication was persistent. The internal structure of these individuals' lymph nodes, unlike most people with HIV, appeared essentially undamaged and their immune function remained virtually unimpaired.

About 5% of all HIV-infected people in the US can be described as "long-term non-progressors." These are individuals who have been HIV-infected for seven or more years, have stable CD4+ T-cell counts of 600 or more cells per cubic millimeter of blood, and have had no HIV-related diseases and no previous anti-retroviral therapy. Of the 15 people in the study cited, 13 had been infected for at least ten years and all 15 had high T-cell counts.

"Although we do not know precisely why these individuals are able to contain the virus," said Dr. Giuseppe Pantaleo, "our data suggest that this phenomenon is associated with the maintenance of the integrity of the lymphoid tissues and with less virus-trapping in the lymph nodes than seen in other HIV-infected individuals."

"In addition, in the long-term non-progressors whom we studied, the immune response was relatively intact and appeared to control substantially, but not completely, HIV replication and the

spread of the virus."

The investigators performed lymph node biopsies on 14 of the 15 long-term non-progressors and found that the organs were remarkably well-preserved. In one individual infected for 11 years, lymph node samples from 1984 and 1993 were essentially identical. In contrast, lymph node samples taken from 18 individuals in a control group of HIV-infected people showed patterns of deterioration typical of progressive HIV infection.

Investigators found that levels of HIV and HIV replication in both the bloodstream and lymph nodes were far higher in the 18 controls than in the 15 non-progressors. The controls had at least five times as many cells containing HIV DNA than the long-term non-progressors, and had levels of viral replication four- to tenfold higher.

In addition, long-term non-progressors had higher levels of neutralizing antibodies than patients with progressive disease, and the blood of each of 7 long-term non-progressors tested had the ability to kill HIV-infected cells.

Dr. Anthony Fauci of NIAID concluded: "These individuals are constantly exposed to HIV antigens, yet somehow control the infection. Further study of these individuals may lead to insights into the mechanisms that prevent progression to advanced HIV disease."

Trial of Anti-HIV Blood-Heating Test Begins

Washington, DC — The Food and Drug Administration has given final approval for a limited experiment in which 30 volunteers with AIDS will undergo treatments in which their blood is heated to dangerous levels in an attempt to cripple or slow the replication of HIV in their bodies.

Government health officials called a halt to the first attempt at hyperthermia experiments in 1990 after it was learned that one research subject did not even have HIV/AIDS and several other subjects died.

But the FDA changed its mind last year when IDT, Inc. of Pennsylvania and HemoCleanse, Inc. of Indiana sought
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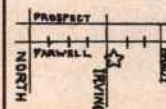
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Gertrude Ann Ambelang

Milwaukee (BESTD) — Gertrude, age 80, died at home on Friday, January 13th following a three-month illness. Her family had made it possible for her to come home from St. Joseph's Hospital and spend the holidays with them. She was also attended by Milwaukee Hospice Homecare.

Along with her husband, Bob, Gertrude has been a dedicated volunteer at the BESTD Clinic. Affectionately known as *Granny & Grandpa Condom*, she and Bob assembled thousands of packets of condoms and risk reduction/safer sex information for distribution by the Clinic volunteers. One of her last outings was to attend the *Musicians United Against AIDS* Symphony Concert sponsored by BESTD at the Pabst Theatre. This was especially significant for her because she had danced on the Pabst Stage as a youngster.

Her family includes her husband of almost 60 years, Robert C., her son, Robert J., and her "sons by choice" Bill Wren and George Yehling and all BESTD Clinic volunteers. She also had a granddaughter in San Francisco and one in Dallas.

A service giving thanks for her life was held at Graceland Cemetery Chapel in Milwaukee on January 16, followed by a gathering at the M&M Club. Her family requested that memorials be sent to the BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Mark Finch

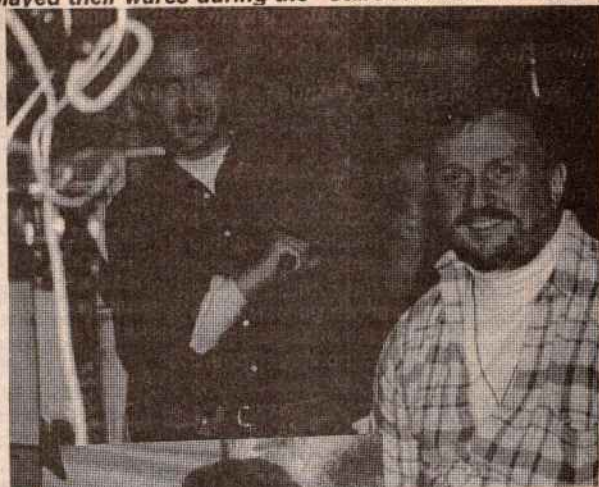
SF Int'l Film Fest Artistic Director

San Francisco — Mark Finch, artistic director of Frameline and the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, missing since January 14, 1995, is now presumed dead by his friends and family.

It is believed that Finch, 33, took his own life between 3 and 3:30pm January 14. California Highway Patrol officers discovered his briefcase on the Golden Gate Bridge at 3:30pm. Friends were notified of its discovery in accordance with a note from Finch found inside. Later that same day, suicide notes and other correspondence were discovered at Finch's San Francisco office. No reports or sightings of a person jumping from the bridge were made to police, and to date no body has been recovered. While

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"Desianina Men" displayed their wares during the "Stars for AIDS" benefit.



Numerous guest stars performed at 3B's annual "Stars for AIDS" benefit show raising over \$600 for MAP.

Photos by Jeff Butler

The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

Love Is In the Air

How about treating that special Valentine in your life to a romantic evening at the theater, a concert or a stroll through the gallery. Take a look at this Arts issue and browse through Issue 1 for a complete listing of arts events sure to make your ordinary chocolates-and-a-dozen-roses Valentine's evening into an extraordinary one!

THEATER

Through February 12- Teatro Latino brings *The Have Little* by renowned Latina playwright Migdalia Cruz to the First Annual Guest Artist Series at Theatre X.

The Have Little is directed by Pat Acerra and produced by Teatro Latino's founder, Mark Fraire. "Having known Mickey's work for years, it is a great honor to finally work with her and present her work in a professional theater for all of Milwaukee to share," commented Fraire.

Showtimes for *The Have Little* are 7:30pm Wednesdays and *Pay-What-You-Can* Thursdays, 8pm Fridays and Saturdays, and 2pm Sundays. Tickets for shows are \$12, and are available at the Broadway Theatre Center box office, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee or by calling (414) 291-7800.

In conjunction with *The Have Little* performance is the *Late Night Series*. On February 3 and 4 the uncompromising music of Johnny Jaquez and Carlos Escalera begins at 10pm, accompanying their Latin rhythms with poetry is this writer. On February 10 and 11, the *Late Night Series* presents Milwaukee's own *Inertia Ensemble*.

February 15-26 The *Guest Artist Series* at Theatre X continues with *For Black Women Only (But Don't Forget About Our Men)* by African American author Dr. Ingrid Hicks. Showtimes for performances at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, are 7:30pm Wednesday and *Pay-What-You-Can* Thursday, 8pm Friday and Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 and discounts are available for seniors and students.

For Black Women Only is also presenting a *Late Night Series* as of deadline night, I have not been informed. For further information on the *Late Night Series* presented with *For Black Women Only (But Don't Forget About Our Men)*, call the Theatre X offices at 278-0555.

Rep Celebrates the Legacy of The African Company

The Milwaukee Repertory proudly presents Carlyle Brown's *The African Company Presents Richard III*, through February 19 on the Powerhouse Theater stage, 108 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee.

Based on a true story, *The African Company Presents Richard III* is a spirited account of America's first African American theater and the hatred and enthusiasm it ignited in 1821 Manhattan. Performing after-hours in makeshift loft theaters, this band of waiters and servants was resented for its ambition and feared its artistry. Despite clashes with the white establishment which sought to close them down, the African Company held fast to their dreams and each other.

This triumphant story is being directed by Tim Bond, currently the Artistic Director of Seattle's MultiCultural Theater. Tickets to this celebratory evening are \$8-\$26 and can be purchased at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater box office, or by phone at (414) 224-9490. The *Pay-What-You-Can* performance will be on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30pm. Talkbacks will take place on Friday, February 3, 10, and 17.

Miss Jinx Teaches School at The Mode

The Mode Theater turns into an American high school classroom and the audience becomes the students under the tutelage of Miss Jinx in *Miss Jinx Teaches School*, February 10, 11, 24, and 25 at The Mode Theater, a Residential Gallery/Performance Space, 121 South Monroe Street in Waterloo.

Written and performed by Jinx Davis, Miss Jinx is a character that will entice, seduce, disturb and lure you into her strange and hilarious world of revelations that will change the way you will look at education, politics, families, and each other.

Curtain goes up at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling The Mode Theater at (800) 280-9632 or locally at (414) 478-9632.

MUSIC

Marvin Hamlisch Brings His Popular Favorites to the PAC

Oscar winning composer Marvin Hamlisch known for *The Way We Were* soundtrack and other pop classics, will bring his wit, charm, piano playing and composing talents to the *Milwaukee Symphony Pops* series.

The composer, appearing as both guest conductor and pianist, will offer

audiences the chance to *Rent a Composer* as he hosts an evening full of his own award-winning music. A *Chorus Line Suite*, and the *Barbra Streisand Medley* will be included in the performance, which takes place at the Performing Arts Center, 929 N. Water Street Milwaukee. In addition to his Oscars, a Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, four Grammys and two Golden Globes, Mr. Hamlisch recently was the Musical Director and arranger for Streisand's concert tour of the U.S. and England.

Tickets for this unforgettable evening from \$14-47 are available at the PAC box office, or by calling (414) 273-7206. Tickets may also be purchased at all ticketmaster outlets.

POETRY

Joy Harjo Brings Her Poetry to the Woodland Pattern

Woodland Pattern is pleased to present Joy Harjo, on Saturday, February 4 at the Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust Street, Milwaukee.

A member of the Creek Tribe, Ms. Harjo has published four books of poetry, among them her most recent *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*, and plays saxophone with her band *Poetic Justice*. In addition, she has a degree in filmmaking and is currently working on an original screenplay, *When We Used To Be Humans*, for the American Film Foundation.

Tickets for this distinguished presentation are \$5 general admission/\$4 for members, and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (414) 263-5001.

GALLERIES

MAM Presents Up-And-Coming Art and Music

As part of their *First Friday*, the Milwaukee Art Museum showcases Wisconsin's 1995 *Scholastic Art Exhibition* from 5:30 to 8pm along with musical guests, *The Yell Leaders*, in MAM'S Vogel/Helfaer Galleries, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee.

First Friday's evening of fresh student art and music will also feature special prizes, a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$5 for art museum members, \$7 for non-members, and free to those who join as new members at the door. Call the Milwaukee Art Museum Special Events at (414) 224-3841 for more information.

POTPOURRI

Historical Society Seeks Volunteer Guides

Adults wanting to learn about and share Milwaukee's history with others are invited to train as *Volunteer Tour Guides* for the Milwaukee County Historical Society, 910 N. Old World 3rd Street. Sessions begin on Valentines Day from 9:30am to noon and continue every Tuesday in February and March.

Volunteer guides learn about Milwaukee County's rich history and how to effectively guide groups through the exhibits at the Historical Society. Prospective docents should feel comfortable speaking in front of a group, have a clear, distinct voice, and be able to give historical information in an interesting manner.

Adults interested in sharing that enthusiasm with tour groups may request an application by calling Kathleen O'Hara at the Historical Society (414) 273-8288.

Film

"Boys on the Side" Zeroes in on Female Bonding

Whoopi Goldberg (Convincingly) Plays a Lesbian

Review by Jamakaya

Whoopi Goldberg, Drew Barrymore and Mary-Louise Parker (Ruth in *Fried Green Tomatoes*) play the leading characters in *Boys on the Side*, the new female bonding film reminiscent of *Thelma and Louise* and *Steel Magnolias*.

Like those classic women's films, *Boys on the Side* blends comedy and tragedy in a story that is part road movie, part buddy film, part domestic drama. The movie as a whole is very uneven, but its overriding message in support of alternative families is a welcome one.

And, hey, we get to see Whoopi as a dyke again! A few years back, she played Celie in Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*. Whoopi talks about

depicting Lesbian characters in an interview in the February 6 *Advocate*.

In *Boys on the Side*, Whoopi is a musician named Jane who has just been fired from a gig in New York and decides to travel to Los Angeles to look for work. She answers an ad placed by Robin (Parker), a woman fleeing her own sad circumstances, who wants to share expenses on a trip west. Along the way, these two comically mismatched souls stop in Pittsburgh to see Jane's friend Holly (Barrymore), who they rescue from her abusive, drug-dealing boyfriend. After their confrontation with him, the creep inadvertently dies, and the three women hit the road on the lam.

A montage of scenes shows the women engaging in goofy hijinx as they head west in their van. Drew Barrymore is particularly funny as the ditsy, man-crazy Holly, though it's hard to tell whether Drew's exhibiting a real comic talent or whether she's simply playing herself as the proverbial dumb blond.

The action comes to a screeching halt near Tucson, where Robin is hospitalized with pneumonia and her gal pals learn she has AIDS. The women settle there, finding work in a Gay-friendly nightclub, while Robin regains her strength.

The second half of the film is very heavy-duty and especially tough for Whoopi's character, who has fallen in love with the dying Robin. Meanwhile, Holly is arrested and sent back east to

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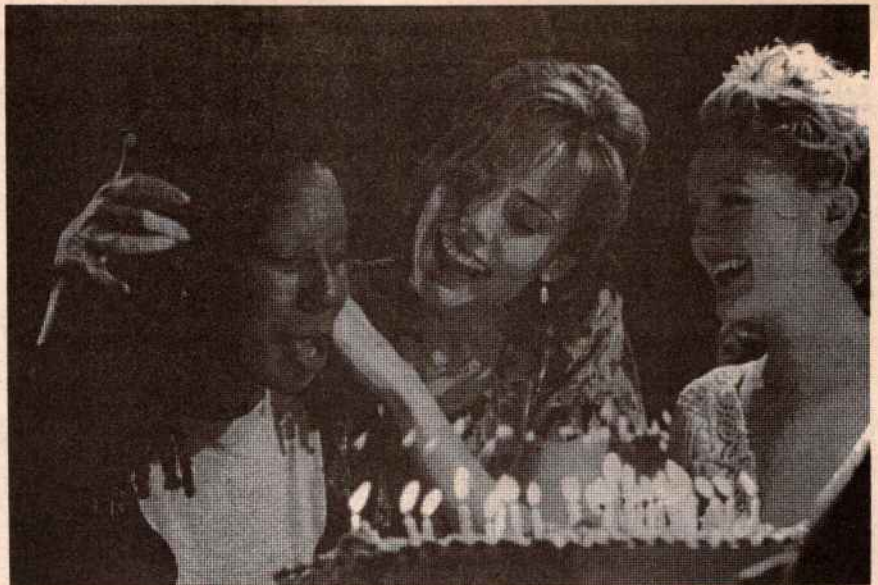
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(L to R) Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore star in
"Boys on the Side".
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stand trial for murdering her boyfriend.

WE ARE FAMILY

But Jane, Robin and Holly stick together and see each other through. The worthy message hammered home again and again in *Boys on the Side* is that people who love each other and care for each other — no matter whatever their race, sexual orientation or backgrounds — those people can create a family and be family to each other. However, some of the plot twists and the trial scenes toward the end of the film are highly improbable and detract from the movie's overall credibility.

The Lesbianism of Whoopi's character is handled with sensitivity and Gay-positive humor throughout the movie, most notably in a hysterical scene at the dinner table when Robin's visiting mother learns her daughter has been rooming with a Lesbian (and not just a Lesbian but a black Lesbian — Omigod!). Queer viewers may be disappointed, however, that Jane's slowly dawning love for Robin is muted to the point of being imperceptible, and there is no overt

sexual contact between them.

One other problematic feature is Whoopi's underwritten role. While Holly deals with a new boyfriend, a pregnancy and a murder trial and Robin struggles with AIDS and a reunion with her mother, Jane, while a rock of support, is largely a passive observer of all these dramas. She suppresses most of her own emotions. Perhaps because I'm used to seeing Whoopi in more flashy roles, her work here seems uncharacteristically restrained. Then again, maybe she should be credited with reducing her star power to work within an ensemble.

One final redeeming value of *Boys on the Side* is its dynamite all-women soundtrack. It features songs by Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow, the Indigo Girls, Melissa Etheridge, the Cranberries, Sarah McLachlan, Joan Armatrading and many more great women artists.

In *Boys on the Side*, Director Herbert Ross and Warner Brothers have produced a thoroughly woman-oriented picture, whose pleasures ultimately outweigh its considerable liabilities.

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Interview

Scott Thompson

"Kids in the Hall" Canadian Gay Actor "Is Over It"

By Wayne Hoffman

Scott Thompson is over it.

He has performed for ten years with the *Kids in the Hall*, the last five on national television, garnering critical kudos as a comedian ahead of his time. During that period he has played characters ranging from a beer-guzzling hockey buff to a coffee-addicted office typist to the Queen of England. But despite his ever-changing roles with the comedy ensemble, he is still known simply as "the Gay one."

"I find I've been boxed into a corner and I'm defined by only being Gay and nothing else," says Thompson, his Canadian accent as thick as the ice on Lake Ontario in winter. In a comedy troupe containing five thirty-ish white Canadian males, there has to be some distinguishing feature for each of the members. But Thompson's identity as "the Gay one" is wearing him down after so many years. "I'm very tired of it," he says. "I feel like I've ridden this Gay thing long enough, and I want to get off."

Thompson recently finished taping the sixth and final season of the *Kids* sketch comedy show, produced by *Saturday Night Live*'s Lorne Michaels for Canadian television. While Canadian networks ran the show as a prime time hit for six seasons, American television has relegated the show to late late night on CBS and cable reruns on *Comedy Central*. And even in these "safe zones" the show is too daring for American broadcasters, and it has been censored regularly for language, nudity and subject matter. "I think we were just too strong a cup of coffee for the mainstream," Thompson says with more than a hint of satisfaction, knowing that his outspoken Gay comedy has a great deal to do with broadcasters' fears. He knows that despite the crummy timeslots and the censorship, the *Kids* have a devoted cult following, and he has a dedicated group of diehard fans.

Fans will be able to continue enjoying the group for the foreseeable future at least. A brief live tour is coming



Scott Thompson

up for the group, and a movie is in the works. If the film is a success, the group will likely stick together. If not, they will probably go their separate ways. Now that the television series is over, and the *Kids* are looking toward their futures — together and separately — Thompson is belatedly realizing how damaging it has ultimately been to his career to be pigeonholed by his identity. And for once, he is not joking.

"The whole Gay thing has gotten too out of control, and it's bothering me," he says. "It hurts my career. I'm not getting the offers I thought I would, and if I do, all I am is some sort of homo for hire, and all I get offered is one AIDS benefit after another."

*"The whole Gay thing
has gotten too out of
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bothering me..."*

— Thompson

Even in an age when more Gay roles are opening up in the entertainment industry, Thompson will not necessarily benefit by being one of the best known Gay comic actors in the business. For one thing, taking Gay roles would only further ghettoize his career. But more importantly, even Gay roles are not

necessarily open to him.

"I don't think I want to play Gay," says Thompson. "There's a million actors in Hollywood who are playing Gay, and none of those roles will ever go to a Gay man."

Thompson should know, he has tried to get those roles. For parts in movies like the upcoming film version of *Jeffrey*, and summer's dragfest *To Wong Foo*, Thompson was not even granted auditions. This is not just sour grapes. His complaint is a common refrain among Gay actors: Gay parts are becoming acceptable, but audiences need to know that the actors themselves aren't "that way." Thompson is fed up. "I want to put on my resume: Won't Play Fags!"

Too late now. Playing fags is what made Scott Thompson famous. What remains to be seen is whether he can move beyond all that. In the meantime, he is angry at the ghetto he finds himself in, and frustrated to realize that when he thought he was building bridges, he was building walls.

BUILDING WALLS, NOT BRIDGES

If he is frustrated by his reception in the mainstream entertainment world, however, Thompson is positively furious about his reception in the Gay



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community. Five years ago, when Gay columnists were devoting hundreds of articles to outing, spewing venom over people who refused to come out, Thompson came out on national television. Every week. Loud. But coverage never followed in any serious way.

"I've been an open Gay comedian for ten years in Toronto," he says. "I'm probably the most famous fag in this country, and I've never been on the cover of my own Gay paper."

Next comes the list of slights and personal omissions: it has been six years since the *Advocate* mentioned him, *Out* never included him in its list of important Gay cultural figures, GLAAD never singled him out for promoting visibility on national television. If it all sounds a bit like a self-important tantrum — and it does — there is more than a little truth to Thompson's story.

"The cruel truth is that the *In Living Color* fags got a hundred times more press than me. In fact, everyone's gotten a hundred times more press than me, and that's why I'm disillusioned," he says. "It seems to me that the Gay press is more interested in writing about sympathetic straight people than the real thing."

One reason Thompson has encountered difficulties with the Gay press, and groups like GLAAD, is that his concern is not creating positive representations of Gay men, but rather realistic and humorous ones. His longstanding stage character Buddy Cole — a swishy, bourgeois, cocktail sipping, lispng queen who owns a Gay bar named after himself — has drawn particular ire, despite being an in-your-face assertive queer.

"I've taken a lot of heat for Buddy Cole in the Gay community, for what some people think is putting forth a negative stereotype, and I don't believe that," he says. "I think that in many ways Buddy Cole was an attempt for me to find a voice, and honestly I think that Buddy Cole began because it was a way for me to say unpalatable things in a palatable way. In many ways, the lisp and classical effeminacy softened people for the blows. I think of him like a prize fighter."

Nonetheless, Thompson admits he is a bit tired of Buddy, and will likely shelve him in the future. But his other characters raise just as many eyebrows. The Kids are perhaps best known for their cross-dressing, and certainly the current pop fascination with drag has established the comedians as visionaries. But unlike other comedy troupes from *Monty Python* to the *Vacant Lot* — where drag entails frat-boy juxtapositions of wigs and five-o'clock shadow, high heels and leg hair, Adam's apples and

screechy falsettos — the Kids perform a more serious transformation.

"Our philosophy on drag is just playing a person of the opposite sex," says Thompson. "If you're playing a man or a woman, you try to get the character. You don't get laughs from being in a dress."

But if Thompson's gender-bending is significantly different from other comedians' cross-dressing, it is equally far afield from the world of Gay drag.

"I've always hated Gay drag," he says. "I always thought it was offensive and stupid. Gay drag has changed a awful lot, but I don't consider lip-synching much of an art form."

"I've always hated Gay drag..."

— Thompson

Thompson is particularly bitter for such a successful icon, even alienating a potential core of his audience, it seems. But he is used to offending people with his politically charged, but not politically correct, comedy. As he once asserted on the air, playing Buddy Cole, "Andrew Dice Clay is now the new Lenny Bruce. I am."

"By some factions of the Gay and Lesbian establishment, I think I'm considered like a toad, or an Uncle Tom. Yet I consider their behavior much more Uncle Tom," he says. "I'm tired of these watchdogs in culture, telling us what's right and wrong and correct and incorrect. That part of me is reactionary now. I got tired of being this shrill voice, tired of being PC, and I want just to be funny and just be considered funny in a way that the others are considered funny. I'm hyphenated funny."

But after he has spent a decade making himself known as a Gay comedian, how can Thompson change his act without losing his following? Where can he go from here?

"I feel sort of redundant now, like now what do I do?" he asks. "This big screaming queer phase is over, so now what? My goal now is I just want to be considered a comic. I don't want to be hyphenated. I don't want to be labeled as an activist or a drag queen. I'm none of those things."

There is one aspect of his identity that Thompson feels has been underplayed; perhaps it could be the foundation for his next stage persona.

"I think the next label I'd like is Canadian," he says, serious as a heart attack. "Then I can ride *that* one into the ground."

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Well, we've made it through another year! This issue marks our 11th Anniversary year kick-off. This magazine published our first issue February 9 of 1984. It's been rough, but it's been fun. We've grown in many ways and now consider ourselves one of the best regional Gay publications around. Stick around for some exciting changes in the coming months. Our Bed & Breakfast special feature last Fall was so popular (we've had more comments about it than any thing else since Pride) that it spurred us on to do other special features/themes in several upcoming issues through June.

I don't know about you, but over half the people I know have been having this nasty sinus and head congestion. The tissue companies must be having a bumper sales month from me alone. A word of caution: if the symptoms persist, it could turn into a nasty sinus infection — and then could move into your chest and become a upper respiratory infection. Those with compromised immune systems should be especially aware.

(I feel like a mother, but I've got to take care of my readers!)

Fannies certainly had a line up of special events to chase away the January blahs in the second half of January with their annual *Ribbon Party* (a women's version of the Gay male hanky preference code) on the 14th, and a *Bladder Bust* (pay \$2 and drink all the beer you want until the first person had to "pee"). Then on the 18th and 19th, Dart and Pool leagues kicked off; go go dancers performed on the 20th; and a karaoke sing along on the 22nd.

The *Just Us Divas* performed at *Just Us* on Jan. 15th at 9pm, and that was followed by the bars weekly *Levi Leather* party from 10pm, on. *Designing Men* displayed their wares, including commitment rings at *Just Us* on the 20th. Don't forget that Valentine's Day is coming up soon! For more upscale rings and other jewelry, *Out of Solitude* on Oakland Avenue offers an entire selection. *Rod's* followed their tradition by hosting *Fresh Meat Week* at the bar from Jan. 16-22. All the students were back in town, as was a whole new crop of "fresh men". The monthly *Full Moon/Lights Out* party on the 17th was, as usual, a treat...

Za's raised over \$1,600 for *Center Project Inc.*'s Client Assistance Fund at their recent Turnabout Show. The staff did the show while special guests Vickee, DuWanna and Sasha tried to tend bar.

Both the *Wreck Room* and *Zippers* kicked off new weekly Wednesday night

specials on the 18th. At the *Wreck Room* on Wednesday, if you wear both your WR dog tags, you get \$1 off drinks; and 50 cents off with 1 WR dog tag. At *Zips*, all bottle beer and Doctors are now \$1.50 all night long. *Zips* also premiered a new Sunday night special on the 22nd, offering \$1 rail and 75 cent tappers all night long every Sunday.

The *Argonauts of Wisconsin* celebrated their 21st anniversary in Milwaukee with a weekend of events, including a private invitation only party sponsored by the *Wisconsin Leather Men's Association of Milwaukee* and the *Boot Camp Saloon*. In *Step* photographer Jamie reports the special reception crowd was "very welcoming and friendly..."

3 B's Bar annual MAP fundraiser, *Stars For AIDS* raised \$639 on the 21st. The total includes the sales of "stars" (with messages written on them), cover charges from the show, and "pass the hat" donations. Congratulations to everyone involved, the performers who donated their time and to organizer and *3B's* co-owner, Bobby.

Club 94 hosted the *Miss South Eastern Gay Wisconsin Pageant*, one of the first preliminaries for the *Wisconsin-USA* finals, on Jan. 21. Tracy Shane was crowned winner out of the field of contestants. Jamie has driven into blizzards between Kenosha and Milwaukee the last three times he's

traveled there. He was scheduled to go down again this past weekend, and as I write this, snow is in the forecast!

If any of you are wondering why *In Step* has not provided coverage on the new *Wisconsin- America Pageant* and their first preliminary at *Jo'Dee's Intl.* on the 21st, you can check with *K.A.T. Productions*, and ask them why they haven't provided us with ANY information.

Allegre, one of the newer Madison bars, was preparing to host their grand opening celebration weekend Jan. 26-29 — after my deadline. Coverage and photos from that will appear in our next issue.

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The *Argonauts of Wisconsin* were feted by the *Boot Camp* and the *Wisconsin Leather Men's Association* at the club house to celebrate the *Argonauts* 21st anniversary.

In Step Magazine's Valentine's Day Messages

Dear Bob P:
I love you for being together for 4
years and till counting. It wouldn't
be a world without you!
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love XO XO
- Mike H.

Bri-Boy: Almost 5
years and still growing.
Many ups and downs, but
mostly ups. Still love you
mucho.
- Mrs.
Rayburn

Dear Huck: There's
nothing you and I can't do
... I'll stop the world and
melt with you! Erase all
doubt: JLYUM!
- Tom

Andy: Thank you for all that
you've done. You've made the past
amazing. You've made me
happy. I love you. I'll be there
for you.
- J.

Melanie: "Pony"
No pony and a pony will
do. I love you. I'll stay
forever. I'll stay with you and
affection
forever. I'll stay
forever.
- Ken

Dear Wendy: I love you! I
like how our relationship is now,
but do you want to be closer?
Happy Valentine's Day!
- Love, Jry

Tom: Your entire body is a
UPC code - and I'm the
scanner that's always turned
on. Please be mine
always.

My Almond Eyes:
Two souls but with a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one.
- Von Munch-Bellinghausen
and Hannah
A perfect Iris.

Love: "Muffin" - You're the
apple of my eye. You're the
apple of my eye. You're the
apple of my eye. You're the
apple of my eye. You're the
apple of my eye.
- Love, Jry

Ratz! I love you first, I
love you best, we have time (at
least another 13 years), Let's
bump lips. Lustful in
LaCrosse
Yadmap

Hardy: My life started
when I met you. I never
want the feeling to end. You
are everything to me.
Marry Me! I
Love You!
- Benjamin

Bill: Though we have parted
you are the one who will always
occupy my heart. I love you
Snugglybear.
- Brian

Pookie: Making you &
Madame Poussuit my family is
the most wonderful thing I've
done. Thank for not running fast
at Frost.
- Love, Fuzzy

Love: My life
is filled with
happiness and
love.
- Jry

To My True Valentine: You are
the spark in my eye, the flame in my
heart. Thanks for loving me,
as deeply as I love you.
- Your Welly

My Dearest Mark: Happy
Valentine's Day, my sweet boy!
My love for you grows stronger
every day! I'll love you forever
and a day!
- Jerry

Love: My life
is filled with
happiness and
love.
- Jry

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB 1

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

THURSDAY, FEB 2

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

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

FRIDAY, FEB 3

Club 219: Titan Male Revue.

SATURDAY, FEB 4

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

Geraldine's (Madison): Country Western Dance Night, every Saturday from 8-11pm. Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls present free lessons.

Frontiers (Madison): AIDS Update and *Safe Sex* video. 8pm Discussion. FMI call (608) 241-8184.

Apple Island Open Mic (Madison): Premiere of first Friday of the month open mic for Womyn. 7-10pm, refreshments. FMI call Toby (608) 838-4798.

SUNDAY, FEB 5

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

Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant (Pivot/ Appleton): Tag Team Productions features special guests: Miss Gay USA, CoCo; Shannon DuPree, Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA; Sasha Mitchell and Jeff Jennings, Miss and Mr. Gay WI USA; and Lady Miranda, Miss Gay WI-USA At-Large. Pageant at 9:30pm. For contestant and pageant info call Tag Team at (414) 432-2577.

MONDAY, FEB 6

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm, all members welcome. Call (414) 499-5533.

TUESDAY, FEB 7

Action WI Region II Meeting (Menasha): 6:30pm, Geegan Board Room, Menasha Public Library. Rideshare Info call Mike (414) 437-7400.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8

In Step Deadline: 7pm tonight for Issue 3, the Feb. 16-Mar 1 Issue. Office Hours 11am-7pm.

Human Rights League Annual Meeting (Milw): Annual Membership Meeting, Elections and Cream City Brick Awards. See "Group Notes" FMI.

THURSDAY, FEB 9

Miguel's (Milw): Romantic Valentine dinner package for two featuring Paella.

FRIDAY, FEB 10

Just Us (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV
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testing and counseling, 8pm-11pm. Designing Men Sales Display; followed by *Sweethearts Dance*, 9-close. \$1 tap and \$1.50 bottles Miller all night, no cover.

Miguel's (Milw): Romantic Valentine dinner package for two featuring Surf & Turf.

10% Society Valentine's Ball (Madison): Sponsored by UW 10% Society, 8pm, Great Hall, Memorial Union, \$3 admission, DJ, Cash Bar.

C'est La Vie (Milw): Special huge cast for Valentine's Show, at least 10 performers, 11pm showtime.

SATURDAY, FEB 11

M&M Club (Milw): Khri Francis is back with song and comedy.

Positive Voice (Green Bay): *Day of Self Exploration II* winter workshop. 8:30am-4pm. Call (414) 499-5533.

Danc'n for AIDS (Milw): 7:30-11:30pm at MECCA. Pre-registration call (800) 348-9255.

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Valentine's Party & Silent Auction, 8-Midnight, benefit for AIDS Charity.

Miguel's (Milw): Romantic Valentine dinner package for two featuring Beef Wellington.

Hearts & Flowers Potluck & Tea Dance (Milw): SAGE/Milwaukee's Annual Valentine's soiree. 1-5pm at Just Us. Bring a dish to pass, non-alcoholic beverages provided, cash bar. Door prizes, all welcome.

ChiliFest (Milw): Commitment '95 Fundraiser, 5pm, All Saint's Cathedral, 818 East Juneau Avenue, \$5 donation. Bring your Chili (Awards), Bake Sale, Raffle. No Alcohol event.

SUNDAY, FEB 12

People of All Colors Together/ PACT (Milw): Forum, video *Looking for Langston* about poet/ writer Langston Hughes. Brenda Cooley will moderate. Sandra Jones will perform poetry and song. Unitarian Church, corner of Ogden & Astor Street, 6:30pm. Refreshments served — all welcome. FMI, see "Group Notes" Issue 2.

Just Us (Milw): Just Us Divas Valentine's Show, 9pm showtime, \$3 cover with Starr E. Nite and guests.

Miguel's (Milw): Romantic Valentine dinner package for two featuring Beef Bourguignonne.

Club 219 (Milw): Sunday Beer Bust Valentine's Revue, 5pm Dating Game; 6pm show with Miss Beer Bust Sofonda Cox and guests. 219 Girls Valentine's show as usual at midnight.

Love is the BESTD Medicine (Milw): Show at La Cage to benefit BESTD Clinic, 10pm, hosted by Ashley Michaels & Rhonda Moore and guests. \$5 cover. Reserved tables call (414) 383-8330.

Rod's (Madison): Lincoln's Birthday, Kool Aid shots for 1 Red Cent, 4-9 pm. Buffet at 6pm. Beer Bust.

MONDAY, FEB 13

AfterWords (Milw): AfterWords Book Club meets 7:30pm to discuss *A Member of the Family*, edited by John Preston. New members welcome.

TUESDAY, FEB 14

Pivot Club (Appleton): 9th Anniversary Week tonight through the 18th.

Club 219 (Milw): 219 Girls "Heart-On" show and Valentine's Party. Champagne specials all night.

Rod's (Madison): Shots of "Stupid Cupid" for \$1 all day and night.

THURSDAY, FEB 16

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

CAIR Research Conference (Milw): 3-4:30pm. "HIV Prevention for Lesbians & Bi Women," refreshments follow. Conference Room of CAIR's, Franklin Building, 1249 North Franklin.

FRIDAY, FEB 17

3B's Bar (Milw): Designing Men merchandise display and sale.

Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls (Madison): Sweetheart's Ball, 8-11pm, Grace Church, Guild Hall, 116 West Washington Avenue, \$4.

SATURDAY, FEB 18

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

An Evening in the Garden (Madison): A wine tasting and dance benefit for The United, 7-11pm. Tickets \$20-\$30 in advance only. See ad for ticket locations. Dance held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison.

Have a Heart Dinner (Green Bay): Center Project Inc.'s 4th Annual Dinner, St. Norbert College in DePere, 6:30pm.

Frontiers (Madison): Discussion on Architectural Design with special guests. 7:30pm, 4701 Judy Lane, (608) 241-2500.

SUNDAY, FEB 19

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays/ Milw: Meeting features Rev. Janis Dole Schal as speaker. 6:45pm, Martin Luther Church, 9235 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

The Ideal Man

Now that the Keanu Reeves marriage to media mogul, David Geffen is old news... the entire planet has jumped on the Brad Pitt bandwagon. In fact, scientists for *People* magazine recently proved that every man, woman and child on the planet would like to do the nasty with Brad, although 17% wish he would get a haircut and shampoo. And while I personally know at least 47 people who would volunteer just to watch someone Paul Mitchell™ his hair, the truth is, Brad Pitt will actually have sex with less than 1% of the world's population. That gloomy fact leaves the rest of mankind to search for that devoted partner they can make love with, while fantasizing about have sex with Brad.

We know that every red blooded Gay American has, hanging somewhere in his brain, a portrait of their ideal romantic partner. For most men, this perfect mate would secrete sexual charm like a hormone-charged Stick-Up™ air freshener, but without coming across as a trappy slut. He would be attracted to you and only you and kiss you when you're alone together in elevators.

He'd run his own successful business with a Park Avenue Internet address and whisk you away on spontaneous all-expenses-paid weekend getaways to Ft. Lauderdale, New York and San Francisco. He would not be too co-dependent, have a drinking problem, or possess a history of embarrassing sexual entanglements with bitchy drag queens.

He'd be as witty as Harvey Fierstein, but without the gravel voice and size 48 Fruit of the Looms™. He's epitomize fashion savvy, dressing like a supermodel from *International Male Catalog* with accessories by *Shocking Gray*. Falcon Studios will approach him to be the next Jeff Stryker, but he'll turn it down because he's smarter than Alex Trebek.

Most of all, he'd be romantic... candlelight dinners garnished with electric words of complete devotion. He'd be attentive and listen, but wouldn't become so engrossed with you that he turns into a pod person. He'll remember all the important dates in your relationship, the anniversary of your first date, your first kiss and the first time you tied him to the bed with rope, doused him with Hershey's Syrup™ and ravaged him completely using only your tongue. He'll give you exquisitely chosen gifts he personally wrapped with such elaborate ribbons and bows that Martha Stewart would choke with envy. Best of all, you'll

have matching definitions of monogamy.

You'd move in together and become a couple. He'd ignore your more annoying hygiene habits. He'd do all the laundry, and always use Downey™ fabric softener. He'll iron and fold the clothes more perfectly than even Data on *Star Trek* could. He'd change the litter box daily without a complaint. His business will flourish and he will give you a new baby blue Land Rover™ for Christmas, which is real good for intimating those yuppie women scum when vying for good parking spots at shopping malls. Barbra Streisand will hear about your relationship and write a song as a tribute, MTV jock Kennedy will introduce the world premiere of the video on *Alternative Nation*.

Eventually you'll adopt a child, a troubled Gay teen from a local group home. He will slap a "My son is a queer at Elm Street Junior High" bumper sticker right next to the Gay flag bumper sticker

on your Land Rover™. Newt Gingrich will see it and have a heart attack, you will be hailed as a Gay hero by the *Advocate* you will name you as one of the top ten influential Gay Americans.

Then after 10 months of furious love, you'll get married in a simple black tie ceremony with 250 of your closest friends, relatives and non-psychotic ex-lovers. It will be a stunning wedding covered by E! television. Richard Gere, Brat Pitt, John Leguizamo and Tom Cruise will serve as attendants, each wearing a rose colored bride's maid dress with pink bows as big as Ricki Lake's butt. Then, after the ceremony, you'll throw the bouquet, and Brad will scoop up the flowers with a diving catch more graceful than a Jerry Rice TD reception and you won't even care. Yeah, right.

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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

Attack of the Bitch Posse

So, it's Valentine's Day again. Yes, another holiday, and this one is solely focused on happy relationships. If I got any more excited I'd have to wear Depends™ undergarments so I wouldn't wet myself.

In the past few weeks, I have had to endure listening to my friends make plans for romantic evenings, had to wade through a sea of sappy cards, and have completely overdosed on sitcoms that extol the virtues of joys of the holiday. I'm sick of it.

For people like myself, who are not in a relationship, I offer an option. There is an elite militia that will be handling the holiday for the rest of us; those among us who have had just about enough... That group is the *Bitch Posse*.

We have been in training for months. We have read *Harlequin Romances*, we have watched *Cinderella* and *Pretty Woman*, and have listened to every Carly Simon album ever made.

Armed with a bad attitude, combat training, and a variety of weapons, every member of the Bitch Posse is prepared to make the holiday as miserable for as many people as is possible. We are pissed, we are bitter, **we are ready**.

We are everywhere, invisibly hiding amongst the happy frolickers, fully prepared to carry out our duty — to make sure this hellish holiday is handled as it is deserved: **with swift and blinding violence**. One moment we are your normal, sweet co-worker, the next

moment you are down in the floor in a choke hold as one of the Posse members disposes of the FTD *Forget Me Not* bouquet.

Anyone committing the deadly sin of the Public Display of Affection (PDA) can expect to be body checked by one of our hidden agents. If the initial measure isn't enough, we are prepared to use a combination of pepper spray, tasers, and branding iron to ensure that being touched is the last thought on your mind.

Gifts will be handled in multiple ways. Cards may be handled simply with a Popeil Pocket Paper Shredder, or with a simple Molotov Cocktail. For larger objects, such as plants, flowers, and stuffed animals, we get into the more serious implements of destruction: flame throwers and hand grenades.

For anyone considering a romantic getaway at one of the local luxury hotels, they may as well give up that thought, because planted in the parking lots, as well as in the front desk area of all of those dens of connubial happiness will be landmines. We hate to have to play hardball like this, but as we see it there is no other option.

Make it easy on everyone. No hugging or touching of any kind, no romantic gestures of any kind, not even the barest touching glance. If everyone acts with the normal apathy that as the hallmark of most contemporary relationships, no one will have to be hurt.



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Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

Stop Thief!

Cibyll Shepherd stole my clothes.

Wait! Wait! Before you give me a reputation I would love so richly to deserve, and, of course, before Ms. Shepherd starts flexing her dialing digit to reach out and touch F. Lee Anyone, claiming either libel or defamation, let me explain. We two have never actually been in close enough proximity for Her Adorableness to have in fact committed such a petty... well... if you've seen my Bloomingdale's bill lately, let me amend that. such *grand larceny*. Unfortunately, though we have indeed been at the same mall at one time in 1993, we have not even so much as shared a circumstance that would enable, much less allow, the removal of any articles of apparel so that they could be nefariously purloined. (Damn!) And, besides that, she's not even a dyke. (Damn twice!)

You see, it all started one Emmy night when Ms. Delightful showed up wearing a great strapless formal, and the exact same high top leather Rebox that had taken up residence under my bed. (Well, *one* of them had taken up residence there. "Honeeeeeey, have you seen my other Reeb?) I'm certain that Ms. Gay-Lesbian-Multi-Diversional knew at all times exactly where *her* other one was. (Please, Cibyll, don't write me to the contrary and shatter any illusions I might harbor. There are some thing I *don't* want to know.)

Now it wasn't merely that Ms. Has-Her-Own-Hysterically-Funny-Show-After-Murphy-Brown-And-Isn't-That-A-Great-Hour-Of-TV? was wearing the same SKU as I was. It was that who else but a dyke would so such an outrage? Oh, sure, nobody of your, oh, say, Jodie Foster or Cindy Gere, oops, Crawford, stature, who was worried that somebody might actually think that she was one, and wouldn't want to do anything to offend. It was just that there was, somehow, in the act, such incredible Lesbian attitude. *I'd* have done that. *You'd* have done that. (Okay, true, some of you guys might not, but I *have* seen you fellows wearing Birkenstocks lately, and you are giving whole new meaning to the term "cross-dressing.") Susan Westenhoffer would have done that!

And Cibyll isn't the only one to be a chic in dyke's clothing. There are all those young women wandering around the Burger King in Lees press-on shorts, with... are you ready for this?... *hiking boots!* Now *where* do you suppose these

came from? Big sister's closet, perhaps? I mean, really. You *know* none of them has ever camped out except maybe to be first in line for *Smashing Pumpkin* tickets. And it's very clear to me that they've never been to Michigan.

Take a close look at just who's wearing ear cuffs lately. Huh? Huh? There you are. Stolen. From us. Get my drift here?

This is something the guys are much more used to. But, hey, they're supposed to be fashion leaders. It's in the Gay man's mission statement. Even Romanofsky and Philips warble mightily about that... "it's so hard to tell the straight boys from the queers."

Then there was that whole season where the mail-order catalogs were filled with female role models wearing full-fledged men's suits. They called it high fashion. We used to call it transvestite. Speaking of which, just whose idea was it first to be wearing all those vests? Not to mention the ties they've taken over. We did that first, too. And who do you think suggested tuxedos — with or without ruffled shirts — as appropriate attire for all formal occasions. Why, the Lesbians, of course.

And don't even get me started on Hilliary's haircuts!

I know we've become very

fashionable lately, but this is ridiculous!

What's next? Rainbow raiment on the Paris runways? Snappy Stonewall T-shirts gracing Macy's windows? Triangle jewelry au currant? Pretty soon certain blonde rock stars will be borrowing our Doc Martins. And frankly, I'm furious.

Why, I have a good mind to go out to the nearest Lord & Taylor and apply something Carol Little to my American Express. You, know, something silk... with a *skirt*. Maybe even a... phew... radical concept... *dress*. With bangle beads, or bright, floral prints. That'll teach 'em.

Then, when what I'm wearing catches on, and we're all wearing girly wearable art, and those het ladies decide to appropriate (felony is *such* a harsh word) our cache, we can go back to wearing what we're used to, our chinos and oversized men's jackets and T-shirts, in peace, and everyone will once again look like who they're supposed to.

And I won't keep having to get my Gaydar adjusted so often.

Still... Cibyll... *Newsweek* just informed me that her original idea was to play a Lesbian private eye. (Be still my heart.) Hey, well, okay, so this is *one* straight lady who can take my clothes anytime.

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Not-So-Great Expectations

February. The month of *luvvv*. The month our hearts turn to, well, hearts. Not the kind that are fist-shaped and sit in our chests pounding out a backbeat to life — although it seems to me the National Heart Association is missing out on a great promotional opportunity by not making February National Heart Month. No, the hearts we focus on in February are metaphorical hearts and symbolic hearts: the "hearts," or love, of those we most cherish and those little symbols that are supposed to represent hearts but in fact bear no resemblance whatsoever to the real thing.

It is the month, on that one particular day, when we declare or redeclare our love for someone special. And we declare it with Hallmark cards, "heart"-shaped boxes of candy, flowers, diamond jewelry, and fancy lingerie. These gifts are okay, I guess, but frankly I'd be more impressed by an impassioned and heartfelt "I love you" when I am visibly bloated, have a bad case of bed head, and a flaming zit on my chin. Now that, my friends, is a declaration of love that you can take to the bank. Well, maybe not Citibank,

where there are minimum opening balance requirements that generally involve monetary units rather than measures of devotion, but the Bank of Metaphoric Love (member FDIC), which has convenient hours and drive-up window service, would set you up with a metaphoric bank book — and give you a vibrator or some slinky lingerie for opening up an account.

I keep coming back to the lingerie thing because I'm sort of fascinated by the concept of wearing something that is prettier than I am. I guess lingerie is supposed to heighten your own natural beauty, like mousse or depilatory creams, but I can't see how all that lace making me scratch at my breasts and nether parts would increase my attractiveness. My delicate skin, which turns bright red upon toweling dry after showering, wants only natural and breathable fabrics getting up close and personal with it. And my most recent trip to the doctor has pretty much sealed my fate in this arena, the outcome of which is that, basically, I now need to wear what amounts to an orthopedic bra. "You know the kind," she said. "One of those that looks like a steel-belted radial." Somehow, the phrase "steel-belted radial" does not scream "Sexy!" to me. So now I am picturing myself, instead of going to, say, Victoria's Secret, going to

the Sears automotive department where they will hoist me up on a hydraulic lift for a fitting. I am hoping they can fix me up with one of those all-weather models; I wouldn't want any unfortunate accidents to occur on a particularly slippery stretch. The only thing that has me a little worried is just how they'll use that pneumatic drill in the installation process... I have by now actually tried on a number of these bras, more than one of which made us think of war movies with submarine ships in pursuit of the enemy. ("Man the torpedoes. Fire 1! Fire 2!") I felt almost... patriotic. Mom, apple pie, and hooters shaped like implements of destruction.

Actually, my expectations for Valentine's Day were knocked down several pegs a few years back anyway, even before all hopes of being Cindy Crawford were squelched. That was the Valentine's Day that started off with me going to the dentist to have a filling replaced just before noon. I came home to find my girlfriend Kathy run over by a semi-truck of a flu and lying on the couch looking like the coyote after that rock falls off the cliff and lands smack on top of him. But wait, there's more. After waiting beyond the dentist's recommended hour before trying to consume food in my novocaine-numbed mouth, I could wait no longer, and began to eat a sandwich. But something did not feel quite right, in my still numb mouth, and I asked Kathy to take a peek at my lip. In her already weakened state, she nearly fell into a swoon: I had kind of missed the bread once or twice. It didn't hurt a bit just then, of course, but later, when it thawed out, I was in no mood for a romantic Valentine's dinner and of course, neither was Kathy, what with one thing and another. Kissing, or course, was out of the question.

There was also the Valentine's Day, a couple of years before that, when the two of us got caught in that infamous freak snow storm in Chicago. We left work at three — to avoid the mess — and got home about 9:30. No, we do not commute between Chicago and Des Moines but, rather, from the north side to the south side. Neither did we stop off for a not-so-quikie at the Motel No-tell. No,

friends, that was pure drive time — if pushing the car out of snow drifts and waiting for some kind motorists to let us into their lane from out behind a stalled or abandoned vehicle can be counted as "driving." Romance, as you might guess, was not big on our agenda upon our return home that evening either.

While other of our Valentine's Days have been less spectacular than either of the aforementioned, the result has been that our standards for a "good" Valentine's Day have been drastically lowered. It is, for us, a good Valentine's if we are not required to reenact the tour of the S.S. Minnow in our land-bound vehicle; if neither of us bites a body part

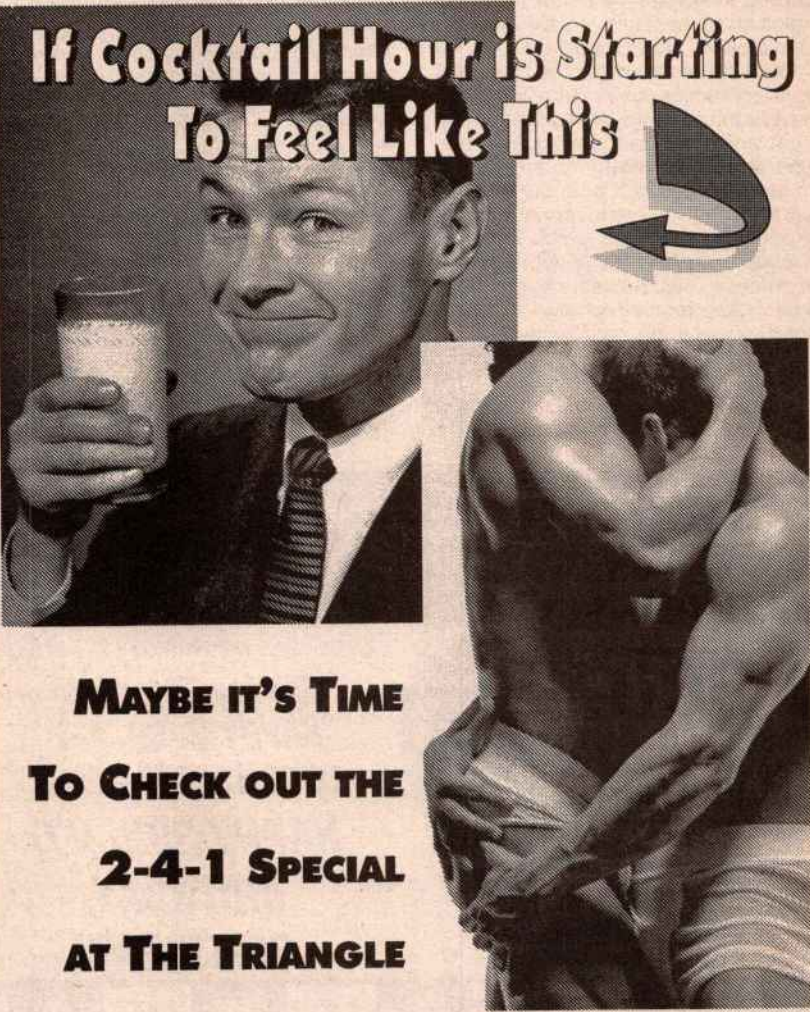
— our own or each other's — that we hadn't intended to nibble upon; and no one flattened like a cartoon character under a steamroller of a virus. Now *that* is a wonderful Valentine's Day.

And this year? This year I am looking forward to taking Kathy for a little spin on the new steel-belted radials. Hang on, honey, there's some big curves up ahead!

Here's hoping you have a happy Valentine's Day, however you choose to celebrate it...


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Oh, I can surely hear the "hearts & flowers" romantics out there calling Sister Dana a nasty ol' cynic. Well, perhaps I've still got some left-over Scrooge in me, recuperating from the horrible Hallmark Card expectations of Xmas, but all I can say is **HUMBUG** to the lovebug! Why oh why do we go to such pains to honor Dan Cupid (who is in reality nothing more than an overgrown, naked, chubby baby cherub capriciously aiming a fatally dangerous weapon and shooting his deadly arrows into our circulatory pumps)?!

We might just want to research how such a "loving" tradition actually came

about in history. Our "hero" Valentine was a Roman martyr priest who was clubbed, stoned, and then beheaded by orders from that lovable Roman Emperor Claudius II in the year 270. Why, you may ask? Well, the story goes that Claudkins believed that married men made poor soldiers because they pined for their wives and families back home (which is a damned good argument for queer military personnel, don't you think?). So this Claudius dude decided to forbid marriage of his fighting men. Young couples therefore had to be secretly wed by this renegade priest Valentine, who became known as the "friend of lovers." When his reputation spread to the royal chambers, Val was promptly sent to the slammer. While awaiting his execution, he fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter (that was his mistake; he should have taken advantage of a prison fantasy- come-true and paired up with Big Bruno of Cellblock B).

According to legend, the daughter's sight had been miraculously restored by Valentine (no wonder the dude was sainted!). His final note to her (now that she could see to read — my gawd, this **does** get complicated!!) was a love letter signed "From Your Valentine." So that's why Hallmark Cards makes such a fuss over the day?? If we fags and dykes had any sense at all, we'd skip the whole tradition and give it right back to the

heteros. I mean, exchanging cards and candy just because some monk once lost his head (he actually **GAVE** head in the severest possible way; hey, you might even say he went head over heels for love) is a pretty sick excuse for a celebration with out "significant other" (ranging from domestic partner to lover to permanent trick).

But if that's your **THANG**, go on and do it. Get a big heart-on and shove that arrow where the sun don't shine! I'm just commiserating with my fellow un- paired, un- entwined, un- Valentined pals: hey, **SO WHAT** if you aren't going to exchange elegantly- wrapped, 5-pound boxes of Godiva chocolates with Mr. Right (or, for the Lesbians, Ms. Right)?! Oh, let's be real; at this point we'd be grateful for a lousy, foil-wrapped Hershey's chocolate kiss from Mr. (or Ms.) **RIGHT NOW**.

But if that ain't gonna happen, take comfort in Rudyard Kipling's handy homily: "If you can't keep your head while everyone else around you are losing theirs... (aw, hell... just forget it; what did Rudyard know anyway!?)"

I say: "lost your head, give head, whatever the *#&@%#! it takes to get you through the Valentine's blues." And please remember, lacy cardboard hearts and gooey chocolates do not a love affair make; only **YOU** can love you the best way you know how. And once you get **THAT** down, you can love **ANYONE!!**

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Zodiacscope

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Forecast for February

There are those unenlightened souls who believe that Valentines should only be red, but why limit love? Perhaps the world would be more at peace if we embraced a rainbow of colors for our hearts. February offers new insights with the Sun in intuitive Pisces, but misdirected communication could occur with retrograde Mercury. We feel inwardly in tune, but we are not expressing our feelings effectively. No matter, in the month of love, no words need be uttered.

ARIES

Allow yourself to pull back from the world. Meditate to seek the answers from deep within. Friends cannot be relied upon. They don't understand you and vice versa. No matter, you are more than able to forge your own way and don't need anyone to hold you back.

TAURUS

Taureans give a royal wave as they hold court in their social circles. The

royal "we" must mingle and express our ideas and opinions, but "we" must be careful of throwing pearls before corporate swine. If communications are misinterpreted, "we" will find ourselves losing in the Bull ring.

GEMINI

There is the off chance that the opinions that you force on others may be heard, but you can make your point far more convincing by speaking softly and sprinkling your words with a little sugar. Career advances are made at the end of the month. Is it the light at the end of the tunnel or an oncoming train?

CANCER

Money is better spent on a course of study which may enable you to improve your credentials and do some good for us out there. The path to true lust may not run especially smoothly this month. Be careful of how you express your more exuberant emotions so they are not misinterpreted.

LEO

Is it possible that Leos seem even more excessively overbearing than usual? It is best to avoid any interviews of "first encounters" and concentrate more on those who know and love you anyway, warts and all. You don't mean to be obnoxious; it's just that you know you are fabulous and want to inform everyone else. Talk about proud!

VIRGO

Relationships improve if you are willing to take a more balanced view of the situation. (This will be music to Virgo's ears, but remember that it takes two to tango!) Plan all job tasks carefully — you waste too much time because of wayward subordinates. (It is a shame that the vassal system is out of fashion.)

LIBRA

Although most people consider you disorganized, you may now surprise even your most ardent critics. Get your job tasks in order. Sadly my dear, there is no time to relax and party. The planets conspire to make any enjoyable pursuit too annoying to be savored and friends too overbearing to be tolerated. Work now, party later.

SCORPIO

Feel trapped? You may face an almost overwhelming temptation to do anything to escape the confines and the annoyances of your home. If you need to let loose and have a little fun, do it calculatedly and conservatively. It is in bad taste to burst upon the scene in flames and expect a warmer reception.

SAGITTARIUS

Quiet, reflective time away from others may be just the thing right now as the planets make communication with

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others difficult or disruptive. Poor old Sagittarius may suffer from "foot in mouth disease" if not careful. Others know you don't mean it, but once a word is uttered, it is difficult to take it back.

CAPRICORN

Do not listen to financial sob stories and don't be tempted to invest money based on a vague promise. It's a good time however, to put your money where your mouth is. Express your views grandly for the Gay community. Despite what others may think, you can offer some sage wisdom and wise observation, if asked. I'm not asking.

AQUARIUS

First impressions are lasting impressions, so be careful of not properly preparing for an important meeting or interview. On the bright side, there could

be a big payoff as investments seem to come into their own. I guess if you can't make them love you at first sight, you can at least try to buy them off...

PISCES

Be happy! The energy is too good to waste. Get out there and meet new people — you never know what can happen! Do not allow friends to dissuade you and don't use your job as an excuse that you are too busy. This is the time of new beginnings so build carefully and deliberately for future success.

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2. WR — Heirs of Uranus	43/20
3. Slippery Zippers	39/24
4. Ballgame	37/26
5. Who Knows	37/26
6. Something Sassy	36/27
7. Strike Oppose	36/27
8. Barons	34/29
9. Just Us Cartoon Alley	32/31
10. Gutter Sluts from Mars	27/36
11. Just Us Fairies	27/36
12. Who Knows, Who Cares	21/42
13. Bottoms Up	17/46

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Standings as of January 23

Teams	Wins/Losses
1. Models, Inc.	92/41
2. OJ's Hung Jury	87/46
3. Wez B Cookn' Dande Cande	83/50
4. This Is It — TNG	77/56
5. 3B's — Bowlers, Boys & a Bitch	73/60
6. Absolutely Fabulous Booze Bags	69/64
7. Searching for Velma	62/71
8. Rainbow Bowlers	58/75

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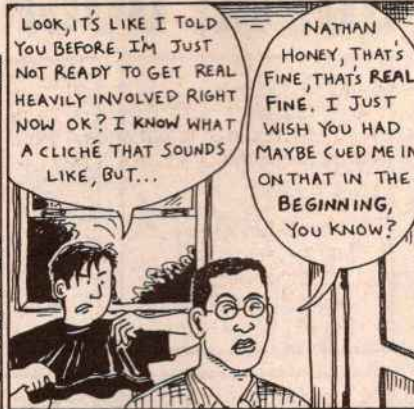
Big Bend National Park is an unusual and exotic setting for this venture. Arriving in Texas, we'll stay in a rustic western hotel before striking out on a three-day loop trail. Back to the hotel for a rest and reprovision day before we take-off on a two-day river campout before returning to Milwaukee's dreary spring.

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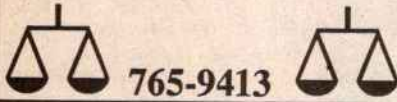
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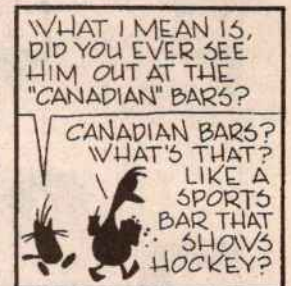
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Memoriam...

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police have classified the case an unconfirmed suicide, his friends and family have abandoned hopes of finding him alive.

Finch, a native of Manchester, England, came to San Francisco from London in January, 1990, to serve as distribution manager of Frameline, a non-profit Lesbian and Gay media arts organization. He initiated and directed Frameline's distribution department until January 1991, when he returned to London to serve as head of distribution at the British Film Institute (BFI).

Finch returned to San Francisco in 1992 when he was hired as Frameline's artistic director. In that post, he directed the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. He is credited with greatly expanding and diversifying the Festival, which is oldest and largest event of its kind in the world.

Finch is survived by his mother, Sheila Revell, and stepfather, Norman Revell; a brother, Rowan Finch; and a sister, Samantha Finch, all are residents of England. He also leaves numerous close friends both in the US and in Europe.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Mark Finch Fund for Film and Video, c/o the Frameline Film and Video Completion Fund, 346 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA. The Frameline Film and Video Completion Fund was established by Frameline to provide production grants to LesBiGay filmmakers and video artists.



Tracey Shane was crowned Miss Southeastern Gay WI-USA at the pageant held at Club 94.

Photo by James Taylor

Health...

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permission for a further limited study. The two companies argued that they had developed equipment which would make the procedure safer by regulating the patients' blood chemistries in such a way that their brain cells would not be destroyed by the high temperatures.

The hyperthermia process involves removing portions of the patients blood, heating it up to ten degrees above normal body temperature and then infusing it back into the patient at a still elevated level. In the first disastrous trial,

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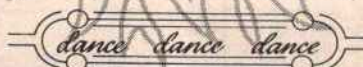
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Thanks: We'd like to thank all who helped with the "Stars for AIDS" show at 3B's. Especially "Star" and the Just Us staff and friends. We raised over \$600 for MAP.

Thank You Again, 3B's.

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- M Prefer Men Only
- Mw Mostly Men, Women Welcome
- 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
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- 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
- Gay AA/Anon 494-9904
- G.L.E.E.D.A. (Gay & Lesbian Education & Economic Development Alliance) P.O. Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
- Gay/Lesbian Support Group UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
- Synergy (AIDS Support Network) P.O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
- Fox Valley G/L Parents 727-1975
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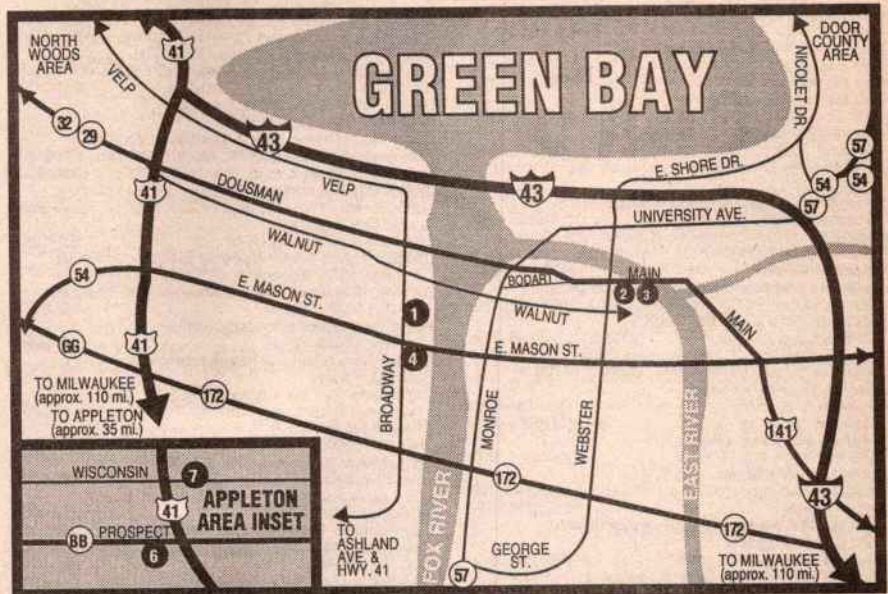
- 3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L) 1126 Main St. 54301 437-3917
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- 2 Java's (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
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- 4 Sass (WM) 840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

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- Parents & Friends of G/L 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

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- 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
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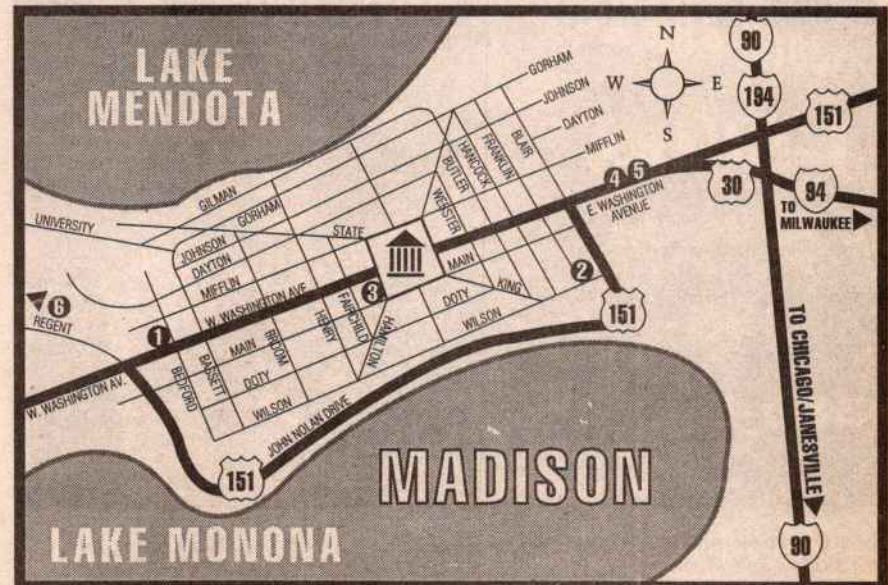
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- Bi? Why? Why? (Bisexual Support) P.O. Box 321, 53701 (608)251-3886
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- 18-21 Yr Old Social Group (608)256-2667
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- Gay/Lesbian Phone Line (608)255-4297
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Madison 53706 (608) 263-5700

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MAGIC Picnic Comm.
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Men's Alanon (608)255-8582

New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
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Nothing to Hide (Gay cable) (608)241-2500

Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
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10% Society (student organization) Box 614,
UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 (608)262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
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UW LesBiGay Alumni Council Ken, (608) 263-4086

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

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Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136

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Cream City Foundation (CCF)
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Cream City Squares
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Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L TheatreCo)
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Gay/Lesbian/BI Community at UWM
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LOC/Women of Color 873-4942

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Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207

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Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 276-6936

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Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273

Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)
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S.O.S. (Alcohol/ Addiction Recovery) 442-1132

Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric)
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1821 N. 16th St 344-1746

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

Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Affirming)
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Lutherans Concerned
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MAP Spiritual Care
PO Box 92505, 53202 273-1991

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

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St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
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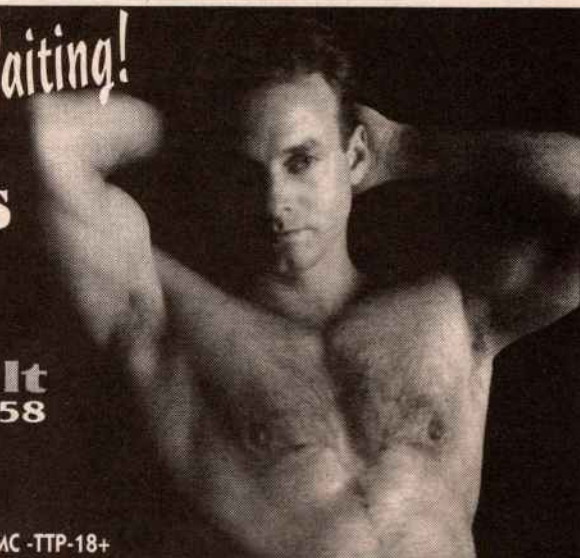
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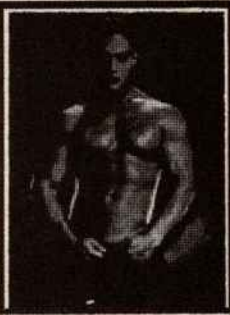
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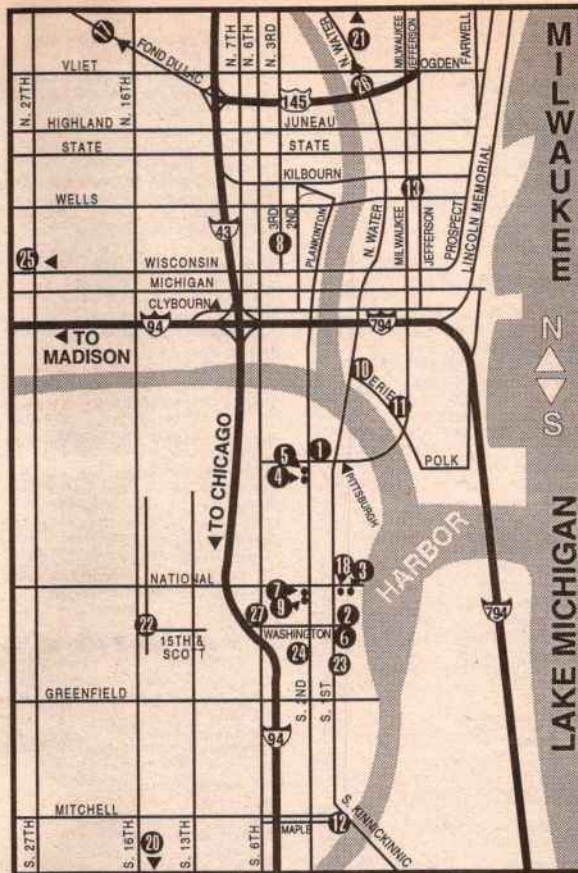
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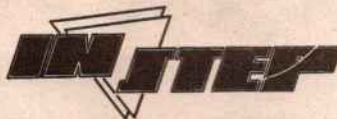
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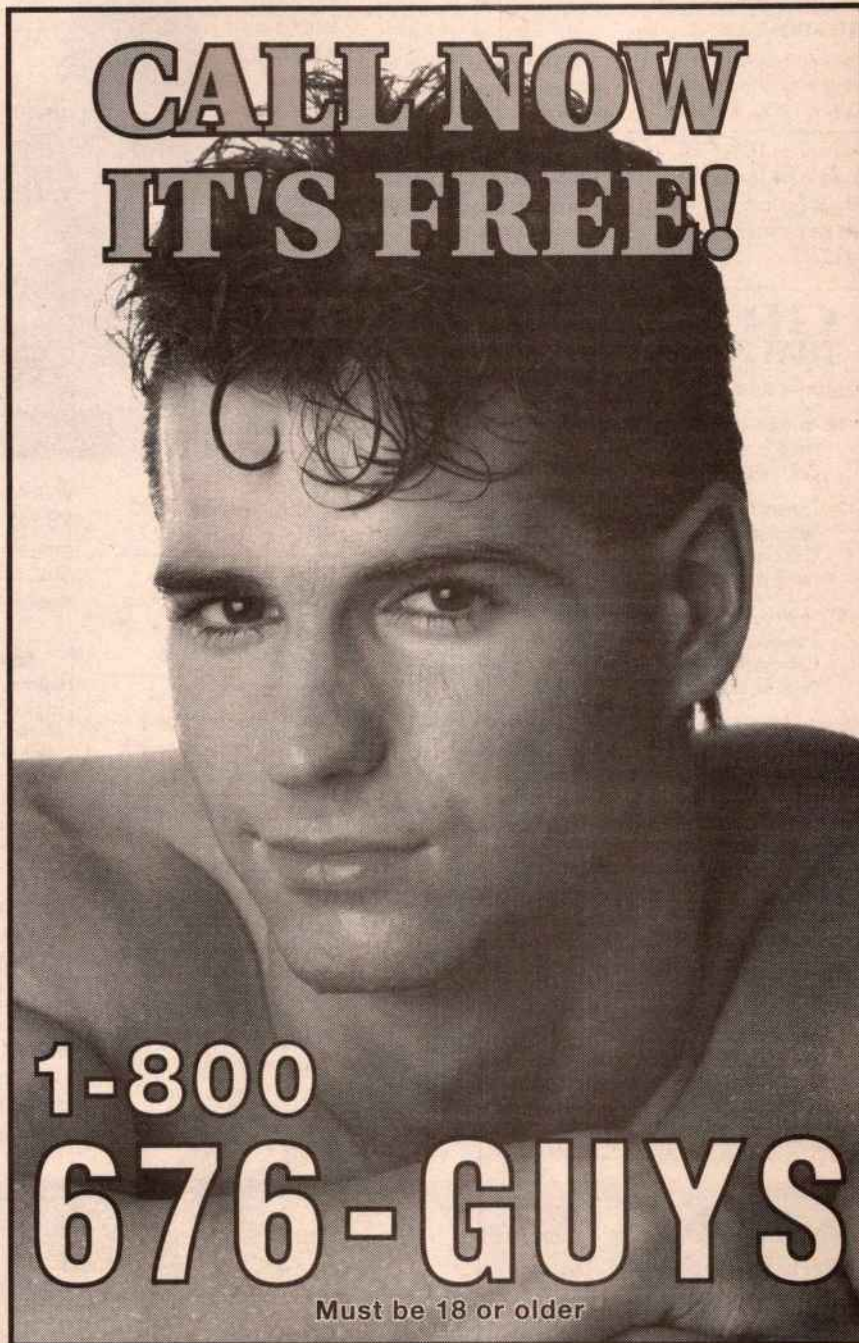


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Milwaukee **FRENCH SERVICE:** 6'1, brn brn 210 40, iso people to enjoy french svc, discreet - ☎24499

Beaver Dam **STRAWBERRY BLONDE:** GWM 31 strawberry blond 155 iso friendship or rel, var of int, iso compat man to have fun with, spend the winter with, maybe more- Dale- ☎24593

Madison **INEXP ASIAN:** 22, 5'6, 145, Asian, inexp, slim toned, run lift wts, alt music, movies, home videos, non drinker, don't care if u do, like quiet times one on one, like cuddling,

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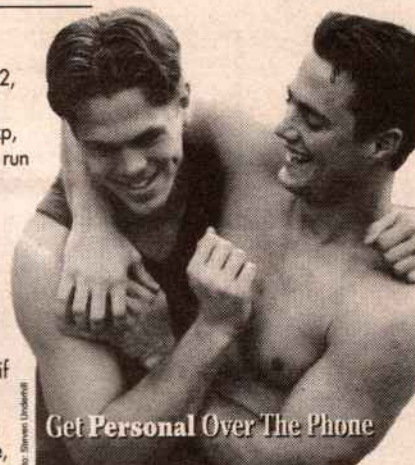
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Milwaukee **BIG REDHEAD:** Wayne, 28 GWM lkg for other GWM in the area, 6'6 200 red/blu like dinner movies, quiet eves, pls lv a message thanks- ☎22134

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Jefferson Co **MOVIES AND MUSIC:** DJ, lkg of someone 18-30 GWM brn/brn 6', 175, like movies and music call me ☎22189

Madison **GOOD-LOOKING CD:** bi wm 27, gdlkg cd wants to meet cd tv or ts or couples with bi male for fantasies ☎22233

Central WI **BLONDE CD:** Shayla, passable bi wm blond cd 21 like older men ☎22360

Madison **JOGGING AND SWIMMING:** Mike, Asian, like jogging swimming and quiet times too ☎22435

WI **WINE ME AND DINE ME:** Sal, 23, music movies and dinner, ☎22555

Fox Valley **BIKER/SKIIR:** welcome to the Dating game, I'm Jim, into biking, downhill skiing, international male, active sports, Fox Valley area non smoker 20s-30s masc good shape, int in a long term rel based on trust and good humor- ☎22935

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Milwaukee **UNIV OF WISC STUDENT:** Hi, George, 21, yrs old, hisp/asian, student at UWM born in Fla, iso someone 6', between 30-35, iso a serious rel, I'm 5'5 brn/brn med build, brn cxion, like reading tv, movies, cooking, candlelight dinners etc. #19529

Milwaukee **DOUBLE YOUR FUN:** GWC 23 and 27, iso other single WM or couples to get together and have some fun- #19753

Milwaukee **ROMANTIC WINTER:** Robert, GWM looking for a long romantic winter, hopefully followed by hot steamy summer, intell kind, not into bars, 28-45, It's all about romance, I guess I'm lking for someone to share my life with- #19866

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impulsive friendly coll students 18-22 only, like to shop, tour the city, walks, or intell con-versations, no smokers- #20392

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Madison **LIKE BIKER PANTS?** Lou, 27, brn/blu 140 lkg to have a good time, rel minded, lv a message- tennis, biker pants, running, movies, dancing and cooking- #20152

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 who has sim int, like movies, tennis, lkg for companion for romance, if this is wht ur lkg for lv a message #20675

Milwaukee **WANTS TO SETTLE DOWN:** Brian, 38 GWM 5'11, 210, blind/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

Milwaukee **GWM 20s** East side, 20s iso 20-30 for friendship maybe more, lv your # #20721

Milwaukee **PASSABLE TV:** Jessica totally hot passable GW TV on the east side 31 6' 180, shaved blu, blind shoulder length hair, growing breasts iso WM BM or HM, like aggr, under 50 #20814

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Kenosha **GBM 18 Y/O,** 5'8 blk/brn fair bld, iso GHM GAM or GWM who wants a rel, sens caring honest intell sense of humor, like to go dancing- #21350

Door Co. **BEARDED BEAR WANTED:** GWM 23, stocky 6' 196, active, twisted, into everything, galkg iso rel 35-50 GWM top, bearded, hairy beer gut daddy type- #18755

Eau Claire **FRAT GUY:** Nathan, 23, college student, frat member, outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing, someone to hang out with, good friendship maybe more, new to me #18735

Fond du Lac **WANT TO TALK?** Scott, 23, 6'2, 170, blind/blu, looking for someone to talk to - give me a call- #19370

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