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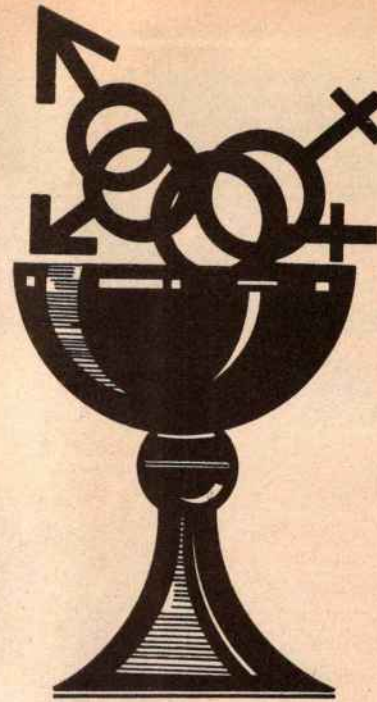
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1985

- 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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Wisconsin Community-Based
Research Consortium

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

New York, Nebraska, South Dakota Roll Back Gay Rights

Foster-Parenting, Marriage, Partners Benefits Targeted

By Jamakaya

Albany, NY — In a wave of reaction to the gains or perceived gains in civil rights made by homosexuals, politicians in New York, Nebraska and South Dakota have approved new restrictions against Gays and Lesbians in the areas of adoption/foster parenting, same-gender marriage and domestic partners benefits.

Instigated by fundamentalist Christian activists and bolstered by conservative victories in last November's election, the anti-Gay measures reverse some recently-won rights and halt the expansion of further civil rights and recognition for Gays and Lesbians.

NEW YORK

In New York in late January, Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco revoked an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation throughout his department, reversing a 15-year old policy. The State Department of Law has about 1,800 employees.

Vacco, a conservative Republican supported by the Christian Coalition and other right wing groups, won election last November over his openly Lesbian Democratic opponent, Karen Burstein.

In reissuing his department's non-bias policy, Vacco simply deleted the term sexual orientation from a list of categories that includes race, sex, creed, national origin, disability and marital status. A spokesman for Vacco said the change had nothing to do with anti-Gay sentiment but was merely an attempt to make the department's guidelines consistent with New York State's Human Rights Law which does not cover sexual orientation.

Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, a Lesbian, dismissed his aide's excuses and called Attorney General Vacco's move "cowardly, mean-spirited and extremist in its perspective." For years Glick has led the fight to amend the Human Rights Law to include sexual orientation. Although the Democratic-controlled Assembly has passed the reform, it has been stymied in the GOP-controlled State Senate.

The **Washington Blade** quoted an attorney who works for the New York Department of Law as saying, "I'm feeling very vulnerable. It's very unsettling. The Attorney General is supposed to be the protector of the rights of the citizens of the state, and he's sending the message that discrimination is OK."

Gay and Lesbian activists fear that Vacco's action may be just the opening salvo in a campaign to repeal civil rights protections throughout the New York State government, which, after the three terms of liberal Democrat Mario Cuomo, is now headed by the conservative Republican George Pataki.

Lending credence to those fears was the announcement just days later that the New York State Senate will not extend health benefits to the domestic partners of Senate employees. Gov. Cuomo had issued an order extending

such benefits to unionized state workers just days before his defeat at the polls.

The Senate Majority Leader, Republican Joseph L. Bruno, said rescinding that order vis a vis Senate staffers was intended as a budget cutting measure. But when pressed he added that he did not want to subsidize what he called an "abnormal lifestyle."

Meanwhile, Gov. Pataki is reviewing another executive order issued by Cuomo which banned sexual orientation bias in all state agencies. The actions by Vacco and Bruno may be trial balloons to help Pataki decide if he will revoke the broader statewide order. Pataki has had no comment so far but a spokesperson says the Governor will decide by April whether to repeal the sexual orientation protections covering state agencies.

NEBRASKA

In Nebraska, the Director of the Department of Social Services has issued a policy specifically excluding Gays and Lesbians from becoming foster or adoptive parents. Mary Dean Harvey said it was in the best interests of the state to place children "in the most family-like setting" — never with acknowledged Gays or Lesbians.

The directive states that "children will not be placed in the homes of persons who identify themselves as homosexuals...no foster home license shall be issued to persons who identify themselves as homosexuals. It is also my decision that children will not be placed where unrelated, unmarried adults reside together."

The Social Services Department followed this announcement by ordering administrators to compile the names of all children in the foster care system believed to be homosexual as well as all foster homes in which the adults may be homosexual.

This last measure especially incurred the wrath of civil rights attorneys, who charged that the lists and investigations are unconstitutional invasions of privacy. A spokeswoman for DSS said the Department was merely trying to quantify the scope of the policy and that no information would be used to disrupt current placements. The American Civil Liberties Union has nevertheless vowed to challenge both the policy and investigative procedures in court.

Prior to the announcement of Nebraska's new policy, only two states, New Hampshire and Florida, placed restrictions on foster-parenting or adoption by homosexuals. Gay parenting activists are worried that with election gains by conservatives, other states may attempt to enact similar laws and policies.

"The issue of Gay adoption and foster care is a 'referendum issue' for straight Americans," says Tim Fisher of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. "The larger issue is: Are Gays and Lesbians a threat to children? Should we be granted custody and visitation of our own children? Can we be effective school teachers and scout leaders? The myths about Gay parenting are the bedrock of homophobia."

A 1992 review of over 30 psychological studies comparing children of Gay and Lesbian parents to those of straight parents found no significant differences in terms of gender identity, peer relationships or sexual orientation. Other studies show no differences in leadership ability or self-esteem. And a study by Children's Hospital in Denver revealed that only 0.7% of all suspected child sexual abusers are Gay or Lesbian.

"At present, there are almost 2,000 children in Nebraska waiting for foster placements," Fisher noted. "Clearly, Nebraska's new anti-Gay policy is *not* in the best interest of Nebraska's children."

SOUTH DAKOTA

In South Dakota, House Bill 1184, "An Act to prohibit a marriage between persons of the same gender," was passed by a 54-18 vote on February 1. The bill states succinctly that "any marriage between persons of the same gender is null and void."

During floor debate on the bill, legislators in favor of the marriage ban likened it favorably to "making homosexuality illegal in South Dakota." The chief sponsor of the measure, State Rep. Roger Hunt, said the bill would save the state and its businesses the "great economic expense" of having to provide insurance coverage to the partners of Gays and Lesbians.

There is only a fledgling LesBiGay movement in South Dakota, so local activists are appealing for assistance in stopping the marriage ban bill. As of **In Step** press time, the measure still faced additional Senate votes and, ultimately, the signature of Gov. Bill Janklow.

Same gender marriage is currently being litigated in the state of Hawaii. A high court ruling in that state is expected later this year or next year. Should Hawaii rule in favor of same gender marriages, the question of whether or not those unions are recognized in other states would be raised to the forefront.

"Clearly, this is a pre-emptive strike against recognition of our loving unions," says Robert Bray, Director of the Fight the Right Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We need to take this opportunity to educate South Dakota and society at large that this is about our equal right to marry the one we love and care for, just as non-Gay Americans do, and to have the same responsibilities and benefits."

"The Radical Right is launching multiple attacks against the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community simultaneously and, in a sense, is evolving their anti-Gay crusade," Bray noted.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Tennessee Sodomy Statute Overturned

Nashville, TN — In a major victory for those working to repeal punitive sodomy statutes nationwide, Davidson County Judge Walter Kurtz ruled February 2 that Tennessee's sodomy law unconstitutionally infringes on the right to privacy. Kurtz said the state had "failed to show a compelling state interest sufficient to prohibit private sexual activity between the same sex."

Judge Kurtz also denied the state's argument that the sodomy law was necessary to protect the public health because Gay people have a higher incidence of AIDS. Kurtz dismissed that contention, saying the law was worded too broadly.

"The statute as written pertains to all homosexual contact including female to female contact," Judge Kurtz noted. "Female to female contact has never been shown to contribute to the spread of AIDS. Secondly, the statute prohibits sex acts between males which do not significantly contribute to the spread of AIDS."

Tennessee's sodomy statute once included sexual acts performed by both hetero- and homosexuals, but a revision of the law in 1989 made it apply only to homosexuals. Its reversal leaves just 18 states with restrictive sodomy laws still on the books, seven less than a decade ago.

Teen Convicted of Killing Mississippi Gays

Laurel, MS — On February 9 a jury in Laurel, Mississippi found 17-year-old Marvin McClendon guilty of the murders of two Gay men, and Judge Billy Landrum sentenced him to two consecutive life terms. Gay rights advocates are pleased with the verdict but furious that the judge allowed the victims' HIV statuses entered into evidence at the trial. The bodies of Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake were found near railroad tracks last October with gunshots to their heads.

McClendon claimed he shot Walters and Shoemake in self-defense after they made sexual advances toward him. Defense attorney J. Ronald Parrish argued McClendon was justified in killing them because Walters, who was HIV-positive,

"First it was 'no special rights' initiatives, then opposition to inclusive curriculum, now foster care and adoption attacks, next will be pro-active anti-Gay marriage measures. We need to respond aggressively, fortify our defenses against the Right and be prepared for future attacks whether they are in Nebraska or New York City."

(Bray urges supporters of Gay and Lesbian rights to contact officials in the states facing the latest anti-Gay backlash. In New York, contact Gov. George Pataki, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12201, (518) 431-4150. In Nebraska, contact Gov. Ben Nelson, P.O. Box 94848, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 471-2244, (402) 471-6031 fax. In South Dakota, contact Gov. Bill Janklow, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, (605) 773-3212, (605) 773-4711 fax.)

▼ In related news, Gay and Lesbian rights were dealt another blow when an appeals court in Minnesota ruled that despite a statewide Gay rights law, the city of Minneapolis cannot extend insurance benefits to the domestic partners of municipal employees.

In its 2-1 decision the court ruled that because state law does not include same gender partners in its definition of "dependents," the city of Minneapolis had no authority to do so. Furthermore, since the state law banning anti-Gay bias in employment and housing specifies that it does not authorize same gender marriage, the rights which accrue to legally married couples should not be extended to unmarried same gender couples.

The decision is likely to be appealed. Minnesota's Supreme Court currently has a liberal majority.

might have infected him with HIV.

Calling Judge Landrum's decision to allow disclosure of the victims' HIV status "reprehensible," Beth Barrett of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said it was "a sad day for the civil rights of people with AIDS...HIV status is never an excuse for murder."

Prosecutor Jeannene Pacific was able to shoot holes in the defense's claim that McClendon was the actual victim by proving he stole \$100 from the men while armed. She also argued that "just to go around and shoot someone because they have a fatal disease" could not be justified.

McClendon showed no emotion when the verdict was read. His attorneys plan an appeal.

D.C.'s NAACP Rejects Donation from Black Gays

Washington, DC — The **Washington Blade** reports that the District of Columbia's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has refused to accept a financial contribution from the D.C. Coalition of Black Lesbians, Gay Men and Bisexuals.

NAACP chapter President Morris Shearin, who is pastor of the Israel Baptist Church in northeast Washington, said accepting the donation from the LesBiGay group could be perceived as endorsing an "immoral" lifestyle and granting "special treatment" to the group.

Phil Pannell, a member of the Black LesBiGay coalition, said he was "taken aback" by Rev. Shearin's rejection of the contribution, especially since the D.C. NAACP chapter is \$51,000 in debt. Shearin suggested that the group send its donation to the NAACP's national headquarters in Baltimore, which the group decided to do.

Nationally, the NAACP is suffering a serious financial crisis and ideological rifts between those who would like to make it more militant and those who prefer that it stay low-key. Benjamin Chavis, the former Director recently ousted by the Board, had been criticized for his vocal support of Gay and Lesbian rights.

Task Force to Challenge Immigration Rules

New York City, NY — The Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force, which aims to challenge the discriminatory impact of immigration law on Gay and Lesbian couples, has incorporated and become an independent non-profit organization. It began as a project of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

The Task Force works for recognition of the foreign Gay and Lesbian partners of US citizens on the same basis that immigration law recognizes foreign heterosexual spouses of US citizens and permanent residents.

Current US immigration law discriminates against Lesbian and Gay couples by failing to recognize their relationships. This results in thousands of loving relationships being torn apart each year with many couples forced to separate. The Task Force hopes to end this discrimination through education, advocacy and the maintenance of a nationwide resource and support network.

The Task Force will work to see that the US joins the ranks of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands — countries which already allow the same gender partners of their Gay and Lesbian citizens and permanent residents to immigrate.

The Task Force already has a membership of 1,000, most of whom are directly affected by discriminatory immigration laws. To learn more about the Task Force, call (212) 802-7264.

Rep. Arney Won't Support Anti-Bias Policy

Washington, DC — Republican House Majority Leader Dick Arney (TX), who stirred controversy by referring to openly Gay Rep. Barney Frank as "Barney Fag," has refused to adopt a written policy prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination in his Congressional office.

The challenge came from officials at the Human Rights Campaign Fund who invited Arney to join the 258 members of Congress who have policies banning bias in hiring, promoting or terminating employees on the basis of sexual orientation. That number includes 51 House Republicans and 23 Senate Republicans.

While Arney repeatedly defended his slur against Frank as a slip of the tongue and blamed the press for publicizing it, he never made a clear statement that he thought such anti-Gay language was wrong.

"In his statements to the press and on the floor of the House, Mr. Arney has implied that he holds no prejudice against Gay people," Daniel Zingale of HRCF commented. "He has failed, however, to back up his rhetoric with action...In the absence of a written policy, employees have no real protection from discrimination and no true sense of their employer's commitment to fairness."

USC Establishes Home for Gay Archives

Los Angeles, CA — The University of Southern California recently agreed to house one of the largest collections of Gay and Lesbian literature and memorabilia in the world.

The combined collections of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives, initiated by Jim Kepner in 1942, and One, Inc., a pioneering Gay organization, include almost two million items chronicling Gay life and politics in the 20th century: books, magazines, photos, recordings, political buttons, clothes, art work and more.

"The combined collections are among the finest collections of such material under one roof anywhere," according to Lynn Sipe, Acting Director of the University Libraries at USC. The acquisition of the Gay archives lends prestige to USC, which anticipates that scholars from around

the world will come to examine its contents. The field of Gay and Lesbian studies continues to expand, with 45 US colleges offering at least one course in Gay culture or history.

The archives will be housed in a 14,000 square-foot campus building on a five year, renewable basis. USC will provide maintenance, while ONE is committed to renovating the building, supplying security and staffing the collection.

Renowned Poet James Merrill Dies at 68

Tucson, AZ — Award-winning poet James Merrill, recognized as one of America's greatest contemporary poets and "heir to the legacy of W.H. Auden and Wallace Stevens," died of a heart attack while vacationing in Arizona on February 6. He was 68 years old.

Merrill wrote 14 books of verse along with several novels, plays and many essays. He won the Pulitzer Prize for *Divine Comedies* in 1976 and two National Book Awards for *Nights and Days* in 1967 and *Mirabell: Books of Number* in 1978. During his distinguished career Merrill also won the Bollingen Prize, a National Book Critics Circle Award and was named Poet Laureate of Connecticut, his home state.

Merrill was openly Gay for most of his life and career. He discussed his developing sexuality in his memoir *A Different Person*, which was nominated for a National Book Award last year. His bestselling book is titled *The Changing Light at Sandover*, a trilogy of three previously published poetry collections.

The *New York Times* eulogized him in this way: "Mr. Merrill was known for the elegance of his writing, his moral sensibility and his ability to transform moments of autobiography into deeply meaningful poetry. He once described his poetry as 'chronicles of love and loss.'"

HRCF Sets Priorities for 104th Congress

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund has chosen three critical areas of concern to Gays and Lesbians as priorities in the 104th Congress: AIDS, job discrimination and "hate legislation" expected to be introduced by anti-Gay politicians.

HRCF Public Policy Director Daniel Zingale sketched the three priorities:

- ▼ Renewing America's commitment to fighting HIV/AIDS through re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, and greater investment in the Office of AIDS Research and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

- ▼ Addressing anti-Gay discrimination in the workplace through voluntary non-bias policies in Congress, expanded support for non-discrimination in the private sector, and passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA);

- ▼ Countering hate legislation introduced by anti-Gay extremists which targets Gay and Lesbian Americans for discrimination; Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has already introduced two bills which will restrict the rights of Gay and Lesbian federal employees.

Study: Effeminate Boys More Likely to be Gay

Evanston, IL — Northwestern University Psychologist J. Michael Bailey, who garnered headlines for his research on Gay twins, has determined that playing with dolls does not necessarily cause boys to become Gay but it may possibly be an early sign of homosexuality.

The study conducted by Bailey and his colleague Kenneth Zucker is summarized in the current issue of *Developmental Psychology*. It is actually a comprehensive review of previous research on childhood behavior and sexual orientation — a total of 39 studies dating from 1962 to 1993.

The report concludes that about 75% of boys who

exhibit "extremely feminine" behaviors, such as dressing-up as a girl and playing with dolls, are likely to identify as Gay in their adult lives. It further concluded that only about 10% of girls who exhibit "extremely masculine" behaviors, such as rough-and-tumble play and disdain for dresses, emerge as Lesbians in adult life.

Lesbian therapist and writer JoAnn Loulan had harsh words for the study, telling the **Washington Blade**: "What is feminine and masculine?! It's so narrow and shortsighted to say there's only two genders and we're stuck with that. How can we wedge ourselves into these two genders? We don't fit...We're not like straight people and I'm grateful for it. Lesbians aren't Lesbians because their behavior is masculine; Lesbians are Lesbians because we love women!"

"The idea that boys participate in 'girl behavior' is such a set-up," Loulan said. "There's no room for these kids to breathe, and these kinds of studies keep parents freaking out, kids freaking out, people freaking out that if boys play with a doll or girls play with a baseball, they're going to grow up to be Gay men and Lesbians..."

Also on the Newswire...

Dallas, TX — The Dallas City Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in municipal employment. The vote was 9-6. "This was put on the books simply to move the Gay agenda forward," complained Council member Donna Blumer, who opposed the measure. Blumer said citizens' groups were likely to launch a referendum campaign to repeal the ordinance.

New York, NY — O.J. Simpson is already charged with murder. A new book says he is a homophobe. An anecdote in Sheila Weller's new book about Simpson, called **Raging Heart**, says that when his wife Nicole allowed a Gay friend of hers to kiss their then one-year-old son Justin on the cheek, O.J. flipped out, screaming: "I'm not letting any infected faggot touch my kid!"

Boston, MA — A potential Gay angle has cropped up in the case of John Salvi, the man charged with murder for firing into a Brookline, Massachusetts abortion clinic. A neighbor, John Christo, says that Salvi did not get along with his parents. "They didn't accept him for what he was," said Christo, "He was a fag hairdresser."

Washington, DC — The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Shelter Rock, New York has given the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force a grant of \$40,000 in recognition of the group's "developing new public policies and new ways of organizing from the grassroots." The grant will be used for organizer trainings and workshops.

New York, NY — The Allstate Insurance Company has agreed to write a joint liability policy for a Gay couple living in New York City. Allstate initially refused to issue a joint policy to James Colgate and David Fields, who have been together ten years and are officially registered as domestic partners. Attorneys from Lambda Legal Defense managed to convince Allstate that denial of the policy amounted to discrimination based on marital status and inequitable treatment under the state's insurance guidelines.

New York, NY — Bradley Ball, a founding member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power and Queer Nation,

died of AIDS complications January 24. He was 34 years old. Ball was the first administrator for ACT UP after its founding in 1987.

San Francisco, CA — Mark Finch, the 34-year-old Artistic Director of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, apparently committed suicide in January by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. Police discovered his brief case abandoned on the bridge, and a note he sent to the festival's office said: "To my friends, I'm sorry to leave you so suddenly..." Finch had told friends he suffered from depression.

New York, NY — Dignity/New York, an organization of Gay and Lesbian

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Catholics, has established a telephone hotline to help Gays "buffeted by the attacks of Church leaders, right wing politicians and unsympathetic families. The line is staffed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9pm Central time. Call (212) 620-0369.

Gunderson Defends GOP, Armeys "Fag" Comment

Washington, DC — Third District Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson is continuing his defense of Rep. Dick Armeys of Texas, the GOP House leader who last month referred to openly Gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) as "Barney Fag."

Within minutes of Armeys making the widely reported slur, Gunderson rushed to the conservative Texan's defense, saying "The guy does not have a malicious bone in his body."

In an interview with the **San Francisco Chronicle**, Gunderson went further, charging Democrats with exploiting the issue. "This was a slip of the tongue now being used by Democrats to enhance their strategy to paint the Republican Party as being mean and insensitive."

Gunderson, who has reluctantly inched out of the closet over the past few years after being publicly exposed by Gay activists, then waxed philosophical about the Gay rights movement, which he says has to "launch a major education and communication project with the American people before we can hope to succeed politically in the halls of Congress."

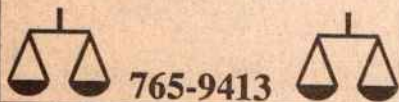
Despite his own participation in the event, Gunderson criticized the 1993 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights for its "in your face attitude." He then spoke of himself in the third person as a prime example of positive image-making: "What Steve Gunderson is doing by being a credible, hard-working, honest, articulate member of Congress who does his job, does more for the image of Gays and Lesbians in this country than anything else."

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STATE News Briefs

Brummer Sentenced to 50 Years for Murder

Madison — Penny Brummer, convicted last year of first-degree intentional homicide in the slaying of her former lover's best friend, must serve at least 50 years in prison before the possibility of parole. The sentence was handed down by Dane County Circuit Court Judge Patrick Fiedler on February 6.

Brummer maintained her innocence before the sentencing. "I'm sorry Sarah's dead," she said, "but I can't show remorse because I did not kill her."

"I have to back away from any protestations of innocence because, quite frankly, they fall on deaf ears," Judge Fiedler replied.

A first-degree murder conviction carries with it an automatic sentence of life in prison. Fiedler's order means that Brummer will not be eligible for parole until the year 2044, when she will be 76 years old.

Last fall, Brummer was convicted of the slaying of Sarah Gonstead in March, 1994. Prosecutors used circumstantial evidence to build their case, saying that Brummer was jealous of Gonstead's relationship with Brummer's former girlfriend, Glenda Johnson. They

contended that Brummer lured Gonstead out for a night of drinking, then killed her in a wooded area west of Madison with a single bullet to the head.

Also Around the State...

Madison — Twenty-seven of the 39 members of the Dane County Board of Supervisors signed a letter welcoming Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores Inc. to Dane County but urging that the restaurant chain abide by the county's and Wisconsin's laws forbidding employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The company has a past history of blatant discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Milwaukee — When a five alarm fire destroyed Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church on Milwaukee's north side February 2, it threw into chaos a large congregation that has always been at the forefront of liberal causes, including the welcoming of Gays and Lesbians at worship services. Donations can be sent to the Cross Rebuilding Fund, in care of North Milwaukee State Bank, 5630 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

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Human Rights League Announces Cream City Brick Award Winners

Milwaukee — During the **Human Rights League** for Lesbians and Gays (HRL) Annual Membership Meeting, February 8th, the **1994 Cream City Brick Awards** and Recognitions were presented. Distributed annually, these awards serve to recognize the varied contributions individuals and organizations have made to Milwaukee's LesBiGay community in the previous year. The following awards were presented by the HRL Board of Directors:

The **Torch Bearer Award**, presented to a non-Gay person or group who has advanced the understanding and acceptance of the LesBiGay community, was awarded to the **Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc.** A Certificate of Merit was presented to **Kenneth Munson**, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

Presented to a media person or persons, department, or station/paper whose coverage best promotes understanding and acceptance of our community, the **Spotlight Award** was given to **Joanne Weintraub** for her outstanding work as a Metro Desk Reporter for **The Milwaukee Journal**. Certificates of Merit were also presented to **David Behrendt**, Editorial Page Editor and **Sue Ryon**, Editorial Page Assistant Editor for their work with **The Milwaukee Journal**.

The **Brady East STD Clinic** received the **Group Spirit Award**, which is given to a Gay or Lesbian group or organization whose efforts establish or promote the Lesbian and Gay community in a positive fashion. The **Cream City Squares** received a Certificate of Merit in this award category.

The **Groundwork Award**, given to a business which has made significant contributions to the Gay & Lesbian community, was presented to **T.T. Tulip Florists. Havlicek & Associates** was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Eldon Murray, a long-time activist and pioneer, received the **Pace Setter Award**, which is given to a Gay or Lesbian person who has promoted our community in a positive fashion. A Certificate of Merit was presented to **Lula Reams**.

The **Bridge Award**, given to someone who has acted as a "bridge" between Gay and Lesbian communities and the broader communities by initiating programs or projects through her or her professional life that address Gay & Lesbian needs and issues, was presented to **CeCi Chapple**. A Certificate of Merit was awarded to **Jayne**

Dunnum.

The **President's Award**, given to a person or persons whose service to the Gay & Lesbian community has been above and beyond the call of duty, was presented to **Ron Geiman**, the Editor of **In Step Magazine**, Wisconsin's bi-weekly publication focusing on the LesBiGay community.

Attorney **Tom Zander** was presented with the **Ambassador Award** for his outstanding and substantial contributions in the area of human rights, his demonstration of the highest principles of the Human Rights League, and his representation of our responsibility to participate as active citizens in a diverse world.

The Cream City Brick Awards were originally distributed by the now defunct **Cream City Business Association**. The **Lambda Rights Network** then took over the job, and now HRL has rescued them from obscurity.

HRL Board Members Elected

Earlier that evening, ten candidates were voted in as Board Members: Donna L. Burkett, Margaret Flood, Karen Gotzler, Scott Gunkel, Bernie Meagher, Randy Neff, Redonna, Michael Ross, Nannette Smith and Robert Weger.

Several other Board and Executive Members will continue on in '95 in the second year of their two year commitment to HRL. Karen Gotzler and Dr. Gary Hollander continue as co-chairs of Milwaukee's most diverse group.

The aim of the Human Rights League is to advance the political interest of Lesbians, Gay men, and bisexuals in the Metro Milwaukee area by influencing local, state and national politics, legislation and public policy. They can be reached by calling (414) 228-1921.

Group Notes

"Come Out of the Cold" with Delta Lambda Phi

Madison — The University of Wisconsin-Madison chapter of **Delta Lambda Phi**, a national fraternity founded by Gay men for all men, has launched its **Come Out of the Cold** campaign to promote community awareness of the fraternity and its aims. Since its founding in 1987, Delta Lambda Phi has sought to provide purposeful social activity for Gay and bisexual men. There are currently 20 chapters of Delta Lambda Phi nationwide.

Now entering its fourth year, the UW-Madison chapter continues to plan an active role on campus and in the community. It is a member of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), UW-Madison's Greek governing body, and it has participated with other fraternities and sororities in Homecoming and Greek Week activities, and in charity drives and other community events.

The **Come Out of the Cold** campaign began Saturday, January 21 with an informal reception at the chapter's house in Madison. Other activities will include a winter party at Tenney Park, a bowling party, and a reception at the LGB Campus Center.

Membership in Delta Lambda Phi is open to men affiliated with UW-Madison. Prospective members must complete a formal pledge process. Interested men should contact Delta Lambda Phi at (608) 256-4233.

1995 Distinguished Alumni Award

Madison — The University of Wisconsin Gay/ Lesbian/ Bisexual Alumni Council is seeking nominations for the 1995 Distinguished Alumni Awards to recognize a woman and a man who have excelled and distinguished themselves. The Awards will be presented the Annual Reunion Brunch on Sunday, July 16, 1996 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend), at the Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Wisconsin. Deadline for nominations is March 24.

Established in spring, 1992, the Council hosted its first Reunion Brunch on July 19, 1992, and in February, 1994, the Council formally affiliated with the Wisconsin Alumni Association. Although many LesBiGay alumni groups exist, this organization was the first at a Big Ten university, and one of only a handful nationally, to have official sanction of the university and its alumni organization. The Council now has a member on the National Board of Directors of WAA.

The recipients of the 1994 Distinguished Alumni Award were scholar and Women Studies pioneer, Dr. Evelyn Torton Beck; and, US Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Bruce A. Lehman. In 1993, George Stambolian, Ruth Bleier, Claire Fulenwider and Ramon Gutierrez received awards.

Please write for a nomination form: GLB Alumni Council, Wisconsin Alumni Association, 650 North Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706. For further information, contact Council Recorder Ken Chraca at (608) 263-4086, or by e-mail to chraca@macc.wisc.edu.

Lawrence Hosts LesBiGay Awareness Conference

Appleton — The 4th Annual **Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Day (BGLAD)** conference at Lawrence University being held Saturday, February 18, will feature a series of 10 feature-length and documentary films. It will highlight a week-long series of events addressing issues such as multiculturalism in higher education, religion and sexuality. All events are open to the public and are free of charge (unless indicated).

On **Monday, February 13** at 8pm, the Lawrence University Community Council will sponsor a multicultural forum in the Worcester Auditorium of the Wriston Art Center. A pair of panels of two students and two faculty members will lead a discussion on the role and importance of multiculturalism in higher education and ways the curriculum can address multicultural issues.

Rev. John McFadden of Appleton's First Congregational United Church of Christ will share the church's views on sexuality and religion in a round-table discussion on **Tuesday, February 14** at 7:30pm in the Coffeehouse of the Memorial Union.

Thursday, February 16 has been designated "PC Day" — a campus-wide opportunity to visibly show support of Gay rights by wearing buttons, stickers and clothes with politically correct messages.

As a preview to the BGLAD Conference film festival, the award-winning film, *Philadelphia*, will be shown at 7:15 and 9:30pm on **Friday, February 17** in the Worcester Auditorium of the Wriston Art Center. *Philadelphia* is the story of a lawyer, played by Tom Hanks, who get fired when it's learned he has AIDS. Admission is \$1.

The BGLAD conference will open **Saturday, February 18** at 9am with a reception and welcome by Scott Nguyen and Aaron Lindberg, student co-chairs of the event. At 9:30am, John Quinlan, a political activist who helped organize the state Assembly campaign for Madison Rep Tammy Baldwin, will deliver opening remarks on the need for unity in the LesBiGay community.

At 10am Saturday, three separate blocks of films will be shown in the Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for all 3 blocks, or \$2 per individual block. The first block features *One Nation Under God*, a documentary examining organized religion's attempt to convert Gays and Lesbians to a heterosexual lifestyle.

The second block, shown from 1-2:30pm, features *Choosing Children*, *Outcasts*, and *West Coast Cronies*, three documentaries that cover issues of Gays and Lesbians with children, Nazi persecution of Gays, and the lives of nine elderly Lesbians (respectively).

The third block, shown from 3-4:30pm, features four short films. *Elevation* takes a humorous look at flirting on an elevator. *Lost Love* looks at the search for love at the end of a Lesbian relationship. *Flames of Passion* follows one man's flight of fancy after he discovers a man's photograph. *RSVP* examines the impact of a man's death from AIDS on his family and friends, and features the music of Jessye Norman.

A special 7pm showing of the Lawrence International Film Series movie, *The Wedding Banquet* will conclude the festival. This movie tells the story of a young Gay Chinese man living

the American dream while confronting the obstacles of marriage and his parents. Admission is \$2.

Winding up the BGLAD conference is the Ball Bizarre at 10pm in Lawrence's Colman Hall, featuring refreshments and music with a DJ. Admission is \$1 with a costume, \$2 without a costume.



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UW-Parkside Sponsoring Alternative Love Dance

Kenosha — The Gay & Lesbian Organization at UW-Parkside is sponsoring an *Alternative Love Dance* on Friday, March 3, from 9pm until 1am. It is open to the general public, ages 18 and older.

The dance will be held in the Union Square on Outer Loop Road in Kenosha. For more information contact John Powilaites at (414) 595-2244.

Entertainers Wanted for PrideFest

Milwaukee — **PrideFest** is looking for entertainers who want to help make the 1995 Pride Celebration on June 10 and 11 the best yet. Entertainers are being sought for the CCF Alyn Hess Outdoor Stage, the Harvey Milk Stage and a new (as of yet unnamed) fine arts stage.

Last year's festival attracted nearly 15,000 people and this year's event will attract even more. That provides **PrideFest** entertainers the opportunity to gain exposure to the LesBiGay community. There is also the added benefit of all of the advance publicity **PrideFest** generates.

All entertainers donate their performances. Interested performers must audition live or via a cassette tape. If you or someone you know would like to perform, call the Pride Line at (414) 272-FEST, or send your tape to **PrideFest**, PO Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Integrity Forming New Milw. 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 (please use the parking lot entrance at the rear of the church).

Any questions will be answered by leaving a message at (414) 276-6277.

Coming Out at Work

Green Bay — Being "out" or coming out in the workplace is one of several issues to be discussed at the February general membership meeting of **Positive Voice** on Monday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the lower level meeting rooms of the Brown County Public Library in downtown Green Bay.

Several recently published national studies have shown that Gay people who are open about their sexuality in a

supportive work environment are more productive, experience greater job satisfaction, and have better attendance records.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Gerald Wellen, an openly-Gay clinical psychologist at Marriage & Family Therapy Center in Green Bay.

All area LesBiGay and transgender people in northeastern Wisconsin are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Third Age Conference for Older Lesbians

Milwaukee — Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon will be the keynote speakers at an all day conference for older Lesbians on aging on April 22 in Milwaukee. The **Third Age** conference will also include workshops on such topics as legal issues, thinking about retirement, community, intimacy, healthcare, fitness and leisure options.

Martin and Lyon have lived and worked together for more than 40 years. Authors of the classic book, **Lesbian/Woman**, they founded the oldest Lesbian organization in America, Daughters of Bilitis, and have been pioneers in the LesBiGay and women's movements.

Registration for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. For further information, write: **Third Age Conference**, PO Box 92144, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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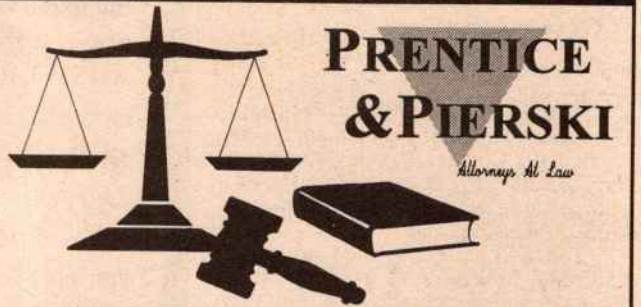
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AfterWords Hosts Feminist Program on Mothering

Milwaukee — AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar is pleased to welcome Martha Roth, editor of a new collection of essays, stories, poems and artwork entitled **Mother Journeys: Feminists Write About Mother** (Spinsters Ink, Pub \$15.95) on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30pm. The event will be held at AfterWords, is free, and open to the public.

Mother Journeys seeks to investigate, with humor, courage, clarity, and sometimes pain, the dual issues of feminism and motherhood. Using personal experiences, feminist mothers write about such diverse aspects of motherhood as infertility, miscarriages, and the death of children in addition to exploring the sensual joys of mothering.

Contributors to **Mother Journeys** include such diverse individuals as Maxine Kumin, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Rita Dove and Nicole Hollander.

Have a Heart Dinner

DePere — "Vanna White's autographed hand drawn heart will be one of the highlights of our silent auction at this year's **Have a Heart Dinner**," said Jean Buschke, Executive Director of Center Project in Green Bay. The 4th Annual Have a Heart Fundraising Dinner is set for February 18 at St. Norbert College in DePere.

Beside's Vanna's artwork, the silent auction will include an autographed photograph of Nolan Ryan, original artwork from the Wisconsin Artists for AIDS Calendar and much more. According to Buschke, "Each year the committee adds more to the dinner to make it even more special than the year before. The variety of auction items this year should spark lots of interest!"

Tickets remain at \$35 per person. Tables of eight are available for \$240. Corporate tables are also available. To make a reservation or for more information call (414) 437-7400 or (800) 675-9400.

All proceeds benefit Center Project, Inc., the ASO serving northeastern Wisconsin.

Just How Safe is Oral Sex?

Milwaukee — The Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG) topic on Sunday, February 26, 6-8pm will discuss the debate about oral-genital transmission of the HIV virus. Some in the medical community consider oral sex to be relatively safe, while others continue to argue for a more conservative approach.

What is the latest information available about oral-genital sex? How can you protect yourself and your

partners from exposure to HIV with regard to oral or other forms of sexual contact?

Presenting and facilitating the discussion will be David G. Ostrow, MD, PhD, a physician of the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin. There will also be a panel of HIV educators available who are knowledgeable about HIV and its transmission to answer any questions about safer sex practices.

The GMDG's session will be held at the Counseling Center of Wisconsin, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is \$3 donation.

GAY MEN'S GROUPS

New support groups will be forming in spring for men in the Gay/ Bisexual community. The cost, which is negotiable, is \$10 per session. The groups run for approximately 10 weeks each, and are held at the Counseling Center of Wisconsin.

Bisexual Men's Group: This group will meet occasionally with the women's bisexual support group to help members better understand their bisexuality. This group must begin soon, so call as soon as possible for information or registration.

Gay Men in their 20's & 30's: Issues to be focused upon will be coming

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Gay Men 40 & Up: This group will focus on issues such as ongoing needs for intimacy, career-related stresses, and maturing in an age-conscious and youth-oriented Gay subculture.

The GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas and support to all men on a variety of issues that are of interest or concern to the LesBiGay community. They are designed to be a safe and supportive place to share with one another what diverse experiences as Gay men are and can be.

For more information, call Bill Hanel on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (414) 271-2565.

Spouses/ Partners/ Lovers HIV+'s Support Group

Milwaukee — A support group is forming for lovers, spouses and partners of Gay HIV+ men. A service provided by **BESTD Clinic**, the group will have its first meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm in the second floor north meeting room of BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street.

The Partners Group will meet at the same time, but in a different room as the Gay HIV+ Men's Group. At the initial meeting, the participants will have an opportunity to express their interests and needs so that appropriate resources for the on-going life of the group can be made available.

For more information on the Partner's Group, call Erv at (414) 353-4798.

Donated Items Needed for Make a Promise Dinner & Auction

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. is currently accepting donations of items to be featured at the **9th Annual Make a Promise Dinner auction** to be held Saturday, March 25 at the Pfister Hotel. The event features an elegant dinner, entertainment, and the silent auction which has featured weekend vacation packages, artwork, dinners, sports packages and jewelry in past years. To donate an item call (414) 273-1991.

Proceeds from Make a Promise benefit the programs and services provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, SE Wisconsin AIDS Project, NW Wisconsin 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. "This year we invite people to share their stories with us."

People interested in contributing their stories are asked to submit them in writing, no longer than 150 words in length, to the AIDS Resource Center of WI, Inc. by March 1. Address your story to ARCW, Telling Stories, PO Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Ticket prices for the Make a Promise Dinner are \$175 (Red Ribbon), \$90 (Leadership), and \$60 (Friendship). Corporate tables are available for \$1,700, \$900 and \$600. Costs reflect preferential seating. For tickets or more information call (414) 273-1991 or (800) 348-9255.

Power Up '95

Milwaukee — **ACT UP Milwaukee (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power)** will hold a Strategy Planning Session on Monday, February 27 from 6-9pm at the Milwaukee AIDS Project office. Everyone is invited to explore the many ways that you can be an activist in the fight against AIDS.

Participants will discuss the many varieties and expressions of activism, from simple donation of time or money to political demonstrations and civil disobedience. Working in small teams, each person will have the opportunity to define individual concerns about the AIDS crisis in 1995 and 1996, and to propose specific ways to address their concerns.

Prizes will be awarded for the best team efforts; a doorprize will be presented at the close of the meeting, and refreshments will be available for all of the hard-working activists.

Atwood Summerfest Looking for Entertainers and Vendors

Madison — The **16th Annual Atwood Summerfest**, sponsored by the Atwood Community Center, will be held Saturday, August 12 from 12-7pm. The festival is in the planning stages and organizers are seeking street entertainers and individuals or groups who would like to participate.

Are you a juggler? Clown? Face Painter? Food Vendor? Or artist? Would you like to join the Atwood Community Center for a day of fun and sun?

Atwood Summerfest is also a great opportunity for non-profits to promote themselves, as well as raise money for the agency by operating a food, T-shirt, or game booth.

Last year's festival was attended by nearly 8,000 people and had hundreds of participants. This year's event promises to be a huge success with arts and crafts, three live music stages, street

entertainment, games, rides, and lots of good food. Come and join the fun. Give us a call at (608) 241-1574 and ask for Patty.

Bisexual Empowerment Conference, Apr 7-9

Twin Cities — **BECAUSE '95**, a Bisexual Empowerment Conference will be held April 7 through the 9 at the Coffman Union of the University of Minnesota, and the Playwright Center.

The activities begin the evening of Friday, April 7 at the Playwright Center with a BECAUSE co-sponsored Bi & 4U Cabaret, featuring work relevant to the conference themes, and as always, "supporting artistic and sexual exploration."

Saturday morning at the Coffman Union will begin with a panel discussion followed by workshops, performance and lots of dialogue to take participants through the afternoon. Evening will draw everyone together for a party with music, dancing, and maybe even more talk.

Sunday will bring a return to the Playwright Center for a brunch, more discussion and a meeting of BiNet Midwest.

Conference organizers are seeking individuals interested in leading 50 minute workshops relating to the conference themes. The deadline for proposals is February 24. A call is also being made for artwork to be displayed at Coffman Union in conjunction with the conference. Interested parties are also welcome to participate in the conference organizing.

For further information, registration forms, or to submit workshop proposals or artwork, write BECAUSE, PO Box 23172, Richfield, MN 55423. Or call (612) 522-7174.

The BECAUSE Conference will be free and services are intended to increase accessibility, such as Braille printing, ASL interpretation, and childcare.

In a Different Light Goes Online

Berkeley, CA — People nationally, globally, or right-next-door can now get a glimpse of the University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive's critically

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acclaimed **In a Different Light** exhibition right on their computer screens. The exhibition explores the resonance of Gay and Lesbian experience in 20th Century American art, focusing on art made during the past 30 years.

It is spotlighted in the UAM/ PFA's exhibition area online, part of the museum's new World Wide Web site. Included online are a selection of color images of art from the exhibition, an essay by co-curator Lawrence Rinder, and some intriguing linked material that makes an Internet "tour" of the exhibition a fascinating and interactive experience.

Internet visitors can access the site, which also includes general UAM/ PFA information, using World Wide Web browsing software such as Mosaic or Netscape, and connecting to the museum's online address <http://www.uampfa.berkeley.edu/>

The World Wide Web is a system for displaying and organizing information on the Internet, and combines text, pictures, sound, and video with a wonderfully easy way of "navigating" through the system. A computer user can click on highlighted words within a document and, within a few seconds, be "linked" to related documents, pictures, etc. that are on the Internet, even those stored in computers half-a-world away.

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Letters

Editor:

Center Project has many friends in the community. Friends who have been with us every step of the way from the very beginning.

Two of those "friends" recently made contributions to our client assistance fund and we want to say "Thank You!"

The Argonauts of Wisconsin made a wonderful donation just before Christmas — and Za's in Green Bay had a great Turnabout Show in January. (For those who missed it... Ken and Za's number was simply the best!)

We thank them all for their support. We couldn't do what we do without them!

With Warm Regards,
Jean Buschke
Executive Director
Center Project

Editor:

In a recent issue of *In Step*, one of your writers reported on the annual Bill of Rights dinner of the ACLU of Wisconsin at which Tammy Baldwin received the Legislator of the Year Award and I received the Lawyer of the Year Award. What was curious about the article was that I was referred to as "the late Tom Zander."

Late? Late for what? Though I am not known for my punctuality, I did manage to arrive at the ACLU dinner on time (though I admit being late for a lunch date with your arts editor a few weeks earlier.) As I recall, the name of the reporter who wrote the article was Jambalaya. Was she writing in a Creole dialect? Was she referring to my penchant for *caffè latte*?

I know the explanation! You just wanted to give me the opportunity to adopt the words of the great Mark Twain: "The report of my death was an exaggeration." Thanks for the honor!

Occasionally late, but still living,
Thomas K. Zander

Editor's Response:

I'm totally embarrassed! I don't know how the "late" got inserted prior to your name in the article about the "Lawyer of the Year Award." I looked at Jamakaya's original disk of the story, and the word "late" wasn't on it. That means it was done during the input of the typesetting commands. I can only blame myself, because after running files through the spell checker, I visually proofread everything again.

We snapped your picture at the HRL meeting (where you received the Ambassador Award) on February 8, giving more credence to your claim of not being "late."

Thank you for your good humor in all of this.

— Editor



Further proof that Tom Zander IS alive. This photo was taken Feb. 5 at the HRL meeting.

Health

AIDS Briefs

AIDS Now Leading Killer of All Americans, 25-44

Atlanta, GA — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced that AIDS has become the number one killer of all Americans between the ages of 25 and 44, surpassing accidents, cancer, heart disease, and homicides and suicides.

"AIDS was expected to rise to the top of the list eventually, but no one had predicted which year," said Dr. Howard Jaffe of the CDC. The finding is based on preliminary analysis of data covering the year 1993.

Jaffe warned: "The dramatic rise is due to the accumulating toll from AIDS and is almost certain to continue because AIDS deaths reflect infections from HIV, the AIDS virus, that were acquired several years earlier."

AIDS became the leading cause of death in men aged 25-44 in 1992 but it remains in fourth place among women that age, behind cancer, accidents and heart disease. It is expected to move up

to second place in the next few years. Indeed, for women, AIDS is now the leading cause of death in 15 of the 135 most populous cities in the US, including New York, Miami, Baltimore, Newark, Fort Lauderdale and Columbia, South Carolina.

The vast majority of women with AIDS contracted it through unprotected sex with infected men. "The one clear take-home message in all areas is the increasing importance of the heterosexual AIDS epidemic in this country," said Jaffe.

Wisconsin AIDS Death Toll Up to 1,550

Madison — The latest surveillance survey issued by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program indicates that in the fourth quarter of last year 163 new cases of HIV infection and 148 cases of AIDS were reported. The totals for the state since record-keeping began in 1982 stand at 4,670 cases of HIV infection, 2,688 cases of AIDS.

In the last quarter of 1994, sixty-five people died of AIDS complications, bringing the total for the year to 242. The number of AIDS-related deaths since 1982 is now 1,550. Nationwide, the number of AIDS cases has surpassed 440,000 and the death toll is over 250,000.

Black LesBiGays Sought for Prevention Program

Milwaukee — Blacks Educating Blacks about AIDS (BEBA) was created to train individuals within the African-American LesBiGay community to educate others on ways to protect themselves from the transmission of HIV.

BEBA is currently seeking African-American members of the LesBiGay community interested in participating in the training program. Participants receive \$50 for successful completion of the five training sessions. The training includes discussion of issues surrounding self-esteem and sexual orientation, and how these issues relate to the transmission of HIV.

BEBA was initiated with a \$7,500 grant awarded to UJIMA, Inc. from the Milwaukee AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation. The project was later turned into a collaborative effort with the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

To volunteer for BEBA training or to learn more about BEBA or UJIMA, call (414) 272-3009.

Feds to Reassess AIDS Research Efforts

Washington, DC — Dr. William Paul, Director of the Office of AIDS

Research at the National Institutes of Health, has appointed a committee of 12 top scientists to re-evaluate the focus of federal AIDS research. The reassessment, which could change the direction of AIDS research, is expected to be completed in a year.

AIDS researchers have become increasingly vocal in their complaints that too much money is tied up in costly drug trials to treat HIV infection to the detriment of the basic research still required to fully understand the virus itself and how it undermines the immune system.

This critique suggests that too much emphasis is being placed on premature treatments before the essential workings of the virus are understood. The government has put greater funds into drug trials partly in response to people with AIDS themselves who have demanded swifter drug approval and access to treatments. But now even some AIDS activists say greater effort should be put into basic research.

"We're running trials ad nauseam that are not telling us things we ought to know," Derek Hodel of Gay Men's Health Crisis told the *New York Times*.

"These are precious funds, and there are all too few of them," Dr. Paul commented. "The problem is when one believes that the only purpose of research is to deliver care. These people deserve care, but we can't allow all research dollars to be used for that or they will be gone."

Paul also wants to see more funding go to independent and innovative research proposals, but a colleague thinks he will have a hard time changing the federal government's focus.

Dr. David Baltimore noted: "When a program has developed a maturity that the AIDS program has, there are a lot of people who are part of the system and who are not going to want to see the system change. But there are times when it is really necessary to shake up a system."

Clinton Proposes \$188 Million Boost in AIDS Funds

Washington, DC — The Clinton Administration's 1996 budget proposal contains increases of \$188.4 million for HIV/AIDS research, prevention and care — a 6.9% increase over current levels. The proposal could face opposition in the GOP-controlled House and Senate, both intent on budget cutting.

Research programs at the National Institutes of Health would rise from \$1.338 billion to \$1.4 billion. Prevention funds administered through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would grow from \$590 million to \$626 million, and treatment and care programs

under the Ryan White CARE Act would increase from \$632.9 million to \$723.5 million. Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS would remain level at \$186 million.

MAP Now Offers HIV Testing and Counseling

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project has begun to conduct HIV testing and counseling at its headquarters and through several of its outreach programs.

Previously, individuals testing HIV-positive at other testing sites or clinics have been referred to MAP for follow-up counseling and support services. Now, those who avail themselves of the free, anonymous testing through MAP will have immediate access to all the group's services: individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance, primary health care, benefits counseling and, if necessary, food, housing and financial assistance.

MAP's HIV testing is available at three sites. The MAP headquarters at 820 N. Plankinton Avenue in downtown Milwaukee offers testing every day by appointment. Call (414) 225-1571. Testing is available on a walk-in basis at the Dennis Hill Outreach Center at 4311 W. Vliet Street Tuesdays and Thursdays Noon to 5pm and Wednesdays 2-7pm.

Testing is also available through MAP's Lifepoint needle exchange program at all regular sites from 2-4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Revised Wisconsin AIDS Statutes Published

Madison — The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program has just issued a revised version of its comprehensive publication *Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code Pertaining to AIDS and HIV Infection*. The 67-page booklet includes summaries of all AIDS/HIV-related legislation passed in the 1993-94 legislative session.

The publication covers the latest in confidentiality and consent statutes regarding HIV/AIDS, issues of drug and medical assistance reimbursement, living wills and health care powers of attorney, insurance coverage, testing and reporting guidelines, life care services funding, housing, employment, education, discrimination issues, blood banking, case management and counseling.

For a free copy of the revised guide to *Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code Pertaining to AIDS and HIV Infection*, call (608) 267-5287, or write to: Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, 1414 E. Washington Ave., Room 167, Madison, WI 53703-3044.

Brochure on HIV/AIDS and Pets Available

Madison — *HIV/AIDS and Pet Ownership*, developed by veterinarians at Tuskegee University, provides valuable guidance on how a person with HIV/AIDS can select and safely care for a pet and include a veterinarian on their health care team. The brochure is free from the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program.

The brochure stresses that non-primate animals do not acquire or transmit HIV infection and that the value of a pet for a person who may be isolated because of HIV infection cannot be underestimated.

Although pets have many good things to offer a person with HIV/AIDS, it's also true that pets can spread some diseases to people. A vet can offer an expanded preventive health care program for the pet of a person with HIV infection and advise the person on pet selection, care, feeding and environmental management that should minimize the risk of contracting a disease from a pet.

For a free copy of the brochure, call (608) 267-5287.

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In Memoriam



Jerome Zieglmeier
1994-1995

Wausau — Jerry Zieglmeier of Wausau died unexpectedly on January 7, 1995 as the result of a massive heart attack. Jerry, 50, left his partner, Doug Petznick in complete shock along with the rest of his friends and family.

Jerry, more commonly known as Uncle Jerry, was one of a kind. He always could make a person laugh with his inventory of jokes and anecdotes that were often hard to prove. Jerry was a great dancer and especially liked to Jitterbug. He also enjoyed performing in shows at The Madhatter in Wausau, and alter ego Mother Chris came back from retirement briefly to show her stuff. Jerry had many other interests including gardening, landscaping, carpentry, macrame, bowling, pool and watching any stupid war movie that was on TV.

Survivors include his partner Doug Petznick; his mother Angeline; his son Jody; his sister Cheryl; four brothers, Augie, Tom, Paul and Jim; three grandchildren and many friends. Services were held January 12 at Peterson Funeral Home with a gathering afterwards at the Madhatter Bar. Friends and family of Jerry and Doug's came in droves to offer their sympathy and support. Jerry's ashes were buried over the grave of his father on January 13 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Wausau.

It's going to take a while to get over losing him, and most of me doesn't want to get over it. Jerry will always be alive in my memories, and the guy still makes me laugh when it hurts. Jerry, you made it easy for me to love you. See you later.

— Doug



William Clarence Sparks

Bill Sparks passed away on January 8 without pain or fear. While his health slowly declined, Bill made sure he was always consciously living. He achieved his major goals: A functional family and

committed friends, successful love, and developed a protocol for long-term survivors of AIDS.

Bill's discoveries and insights will live on within the many people whose lives he touched. He consulted the **I Ching** for guidance, his idol was Michael Callen. Bill lived by principals, such as always telling the truth (even when unwanted; overbearing, anyone?!), confronting his fears, being clear and complete. A tremendous resource to mankind has been lost. Who will counsel our relationships; who will guide us through our fears?

A memorial event has been scheduled on February 25 at 2pm at the Club House at Brown Deer Park. Please RSVP to (414) 449-4939. Any donations in Bill's name may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Love Always, Bill

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The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

THEATER

Another Queer Evening With the Different Drummer Theatre

Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Theatre Company, **Different Drummer Theatre**, will hold its second annual *Festival of One-Act Plays* March 2 through 5 at the Broadway Theatre Center Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway.

The plays included in *Our Way — Another Queer Evening* represent a cross section of current dramatic work with Gay and Lesbian themes and characters. *Supreme Beings Create the World/Las Hermanas* written by **Mo Gaffney** and **Kathy Najimy**, follows two ladies of a certain age who journey to a lesbian-oriented bistro for a women's studies class field trip.

Supreme Beings Create the World/Las Hermanas is directed by **Joseph Rabensdorf** and includes **Sandy Lewis**, **Shannon Sloan-Spice**, **Allyson Grotzky**, **Indigo** and **Jackie Milbrandt**.

The Fairy Garden by the late playwright, **Harry Kondoleon**, spins the fantastic tale of an opportunistic woman who murders her wealthy husband in the presence of her two Gay best friends, setting off a chain of events reminiscent of **Oscar Wilde**. *The Fairy Garden* features **Christi Durfee**, **Cyndi Durfee**, **Robert Hoyt**, **Michael Westerhausen**, **John Dahlmer** and **Carmen Balentine** under director **Dennis Shroeder**.

William Stotts who conceived *Tales of Lavender Youth: Lives of Gay and Lesbian Teens*, will also direct a group of high school-age drama students from the Milwaukee area. A drama of self-realization, this piece shows the challenges and unique growing pains of young people coming to grips with their homosexuality and trying to figure out what it means for their lives. *Tales* was inspired while Stotts was advisor to the Gay and Lesbian student group at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

Different Drummer Theatre was formed in 1991 to present theater that features Gay and Lesbian subjects or characters. **Steven Spera** is Different Drummer's Executive Director.

Performances of *Our Way — Another Queer Evening* are scheduled Thursday, March 2 to Saturday, March 4 at 8pm, and Sunday, March 5 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (414) 276-2596.

Sondheim's Follies at Vogel Hall

Dale Gutzman is pleased to announce the production of the legendary **Stephen Sondheim** musical *Follies* at the Performing Arts Center's Vogel Hall, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee.

Follies is a lavish musical extravaganza boasting one of Mr. Sondheim's most thrilling scores, and a dramatic plot that is both moving and thought provoking. Sondheim, one of America's most important Gay

composers, recently openly acknowledged his first "relationship of commitment" with a Gay lover.

Under the musical direction of **Jack Wilson**, *Follies* talented cast stars **Parker Cristan** (Mr. Gay Wisconsin), **Dena Wegehaupt**, **Barbara Kerr** and **Karl Miller**, and features an array of performers well known in the LesBiGay community.

Curtains go up at 8pm for this Tony Award-Winning Musical. Performances are February 23, 24, 25 and March 3 and 4. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling (414) 273-7206.

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Parker J. Cristan appears in Dale Gutzman's version of "Follies".

Two English Dandies at the Boulevard Ensemble

The Boulevard Ensemble continues its ninth season with a presentation of *Two English Dandies*, a production featuring a pair of one-act British dark comedies that deal with the common issues of identity, sexuality, and sexual confusion. Harold Pinter's *A Slight Ache*, a comedy of menace, is being directed by Mark Bucher. The Milwaukee premiere of Joe Orton's *Funeral Games*, directed by Jonathan West, is unabashedly a pure farce that speeds through sadomasochism, sexual torture and religion.

The cast of *A Slight Ache* includes Elaine Thornton, Michael West and Jonathan West, and the cast of *Funeral Games* includes Jonathan West, William Clifford, Pamela Brown and Jim Gallagher.

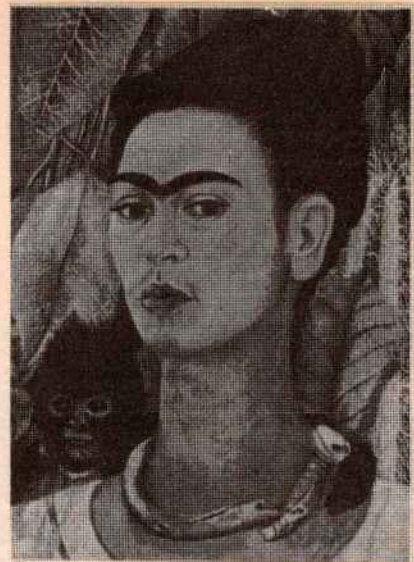
You won't want to miss *Two English Dandies*, which runs February 17 through March 12, at the intimate Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, in Milwaukee's Bay View. Tickets are \$9 for Thursday and Sunday performances at 7:30pm, and \$10 for Friday and Saturday performances at 8pm. For reservation information and other Ensemble activities, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director at (414) 672-6019.

GALLERIES

Latin American Women Artists at the Milwaukee Art Museum

The Milwaukee Art Museum presents *Latin American Women Artists, 1915-1995*, the first large-scale exhibition in the U.S. to emphasize the important contribution of Latin American women to 20th-century visual arts. Nearly 150 works by 35 nationally and internationally recognized artists from 11 countries will be shown. Painting, sculpture, fiber, works on paper and multimedia installations will be included.

Women artists have played an important role in the development of the visual arts in Latin American countries, but many are less well known than their male contemporaries. This exhibition will present and celebrate their significant role and will offer a new perspective on



Mexican artist Frida Kahlo in "Self-Portrait with Monkey", one of the pieces on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum during their Latin American Women Artists, 1915-1995 exhibition.

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, Request of A. Conger Goodyear

the wide variety and divergent trends that evolved throughout the country.

The artist whose work is most familiar to U.S. audiences is Mexican **Frida Kahlo**, who has become one of the most revered and widely exhibited artists of the 20th century. She is best known for her striking self-portraits, but all of her work reflects her affection for her people and has become a metaphor for feminist ideals.

Celebrate the exhibition opening from 5:30-8pm with Milwaukee's favorite Latin-rhythm band, La Chazz; exhibition tours, south-of-the-border hors d'oeuvres and more at the Milwaukee Art Museum's East Entrance, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee. For further program and special events for the exhibition, please call (414) 224-3200.

Life In Death at The Mode Theatre

Now through February 25 — *The Reverent Art of Scott Lesh* is an art collection of manipulated feathers, bones, teeth, tails, scales, claws, horns, and virtually any other part of a decayed animal, plant and fish life that reveals the exquisite dance inherent in the Universe and its inhabitants.

Now on display at **The Mode Theatre**, 121 S. Monroe Street in Waterloo, Lesh's art has been exhibited in prestigious galleries and museums from Bombay, India to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Hours are by appointment only. Please call The Mode Theatre at (800) 280-9632.



Elaine Thornton Wyler as Flora and Jonathan West as Edward in Pinter's "A Slight Ache", one of the two works being presented by the Boulevard Ensemble Feb. 17-March 12.

Photo by Jim Ross.

Donations of Artwork Sought for Art For AIDS

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) is currently accepting donations of artwork to be auctioned at the fourth *Art For AIDS* auction and brunch to benefit AIDS care, education and research programs. This year's benefit, scheduled for Sunday, June 25, will include both a voice and silent auction.

Donors are asked to call (414) 273-1991. Over 150 exceptional pieces of art were auctioned at the 1994 benefit, raising over \$45,000 for service agencies of ARCW: Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project and Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

For more information about *Arts For AIDS*, call the Milwaukee AIDS Project at (414) 273-1991.

DANCE

Alverno Presents Ed Burgess in Full Throttle

Full Throttle is the only way to describe the performances of choreographer and dancer **Ed Burgess**. The winner of a 1994 Choreographic Fellowship from the Wisconsin Arts Board, Ed Burgess will be performing at Alverno's Pitman Theatre, 3401 S. 39th Street, Milwaukee on March 3 and 4.

Joining Ed Burgess in this dance adventure are **Jeanette Makaroff**, New York dancer **Allyson Green**, Milwaukee Ballet Company member **Diego Carrasco**, as well as **Brian Jeffrey**, co-artistic director of Chicago's *XSIGHT!* Performance Group.

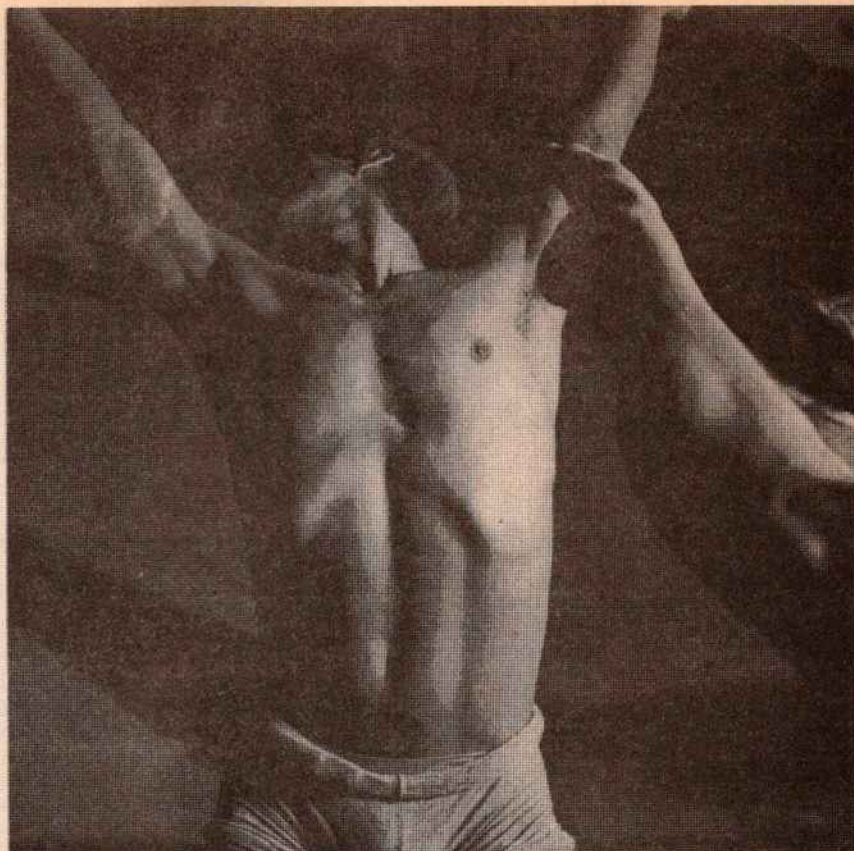
Full Throttle begins at 8pm. Tickets \$12 - 25 are on sale at the Alverno box office in the lobby of Pitman Theatre. For more information, call the Alverno box office at (414) 382-6044.

MUSIC

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Continues its Fundraising Activities

Throughout the next 16 months, the **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** will continue their fund raising efforts through a variety of events such as their recent *Bowling for Dollars* event at the Marble Arcade, *The Gay Concert* coming up at the Performing Art Center's Vogel Hall on March 31st, and the April 1st Anniversary Dinner.

The money will be targeted toward future activities including a full chorus trip to the 1996 GALA Choruses conference



Alverno presents Ed Burgess' "In Full Throttle".

in Tampa Bay, Florida. GALA Choruses is a national organization of LesBiGay-oriented choruses which gathers every four years to share experiences, ideas, music, and camaraderie with their fellow musicians.

The WCCC rehearses each Wednesday from 7-10pm at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information call (414) 344-9222.

Singer Cliff Townsend Is Out On His Own

Singer, actor, arranger, composer and writer **Cliff Townsend**, formerly of the Gay acappella quartet **The Flirtations**, announces the release of his debut solo album entitled *Out Here On My Own*.

This first effort of Townsend, an openly Gay veteran performer, is an eclectic mix of Gay themes, ballads, showtunes, jazz, rhythm n' blues, spirituals, barbershop, novelty numbers and even opera. His incredible range includes doing his own backup vocals and all the arrangements and orchestrations. This first album is also produced by Townsend on his own label **Risco Records**.

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Gay Marriage

An Issue We All Should Support

By Marvin Liebman

During the last year, when asked where I believed the primary emphasis of the Gay movement should be, I have been unequivocal in stressing a single priority — the need to organize locally, in our neighborhoods, cities, and states.

We are now at the beginning of an historic battle that has started in Hawaii and promises to progress throughout the country, state by state. This may give our movement just the impetus it needs. At stake is a crucial legal right, central to our struggle for dignity and acceptance. The issue is Gay Marriage.

HAWAII GAY MARRIAGE CASE

For the past year and a half, I've followed the Hawaii Gay marriage case with fascination. It has sparked national attention. After brushing aside less than compelling arguments by that state's adversarial lawyers, and tossing off a hostile resolution approved last session by a hastily convened state legislature, Hawaii's Supreme Court is set to strike down discrimination against same-sex couples in the granting of marriage licenses. The state's new Democratic governor publicly supports the court's expected decision. Against the conservative tide of the mid-term elections in most other states, Ben Cayetano parlayed explicit pledges of support for Gay Marriage to victory last month. The big issue on the Court's ruling is not if, but when.

The Hawaii victory, when it does come, should not be looked at as any final answer. It is simply the beginning of a long struggle which can be of equal importance to our community as was the stand at Stonewall some 25 years ago. If

this beginning in Hawaii is to endure and spread, we have our work cut out for us, and we will have to endure the inevitable heat which will come from all sides.

The concept of Gay marriage is highly energizing and, perhaps, the issue which will finally turn American Lesbians and Gay men into a cohesive force and movement. The major opposition, of course, will come from the religious right. I have no doubt that right-wing politicians will introduce bills in state legislatures seeking to restrict the rights of Gays to marry. Without an educated, mobilized activist countervoice, such bills may very well be adopted. Similar efforts may also erupt on Capitol Hill, taking shape either as a free-standing bill or, more insidiously, an amendment to any other bill before the Congress. Our primary requirement from Congress, therefore, is for inaction. Given popular anxieties about Gay issues, the inclination to make the issue "just go away" may actually work in our favor on Capitol Hill.

"... the basic message is as simple as it is persuasive. Discrimination."
 — Liebman

Against these efforts, the basic message is as simple as it is persuasive. Discrimination. For nearly two decades, Gay men and Lesbians across the country have been trying to have the announcements of their commitment ceremonies printed in local newspapers, meeting mixed responses. And, as far back as 1970, Gays have sought redress from the courts following their attempts to do what straight Americans take for granted — to enter into a legal union.

As is illustrated by the Hawaii plaintiffs widely divergent backgrounds, the fight over Gay marriage both showcases and taps the diversity of the Gay community. The issue promises to energize us across the lines of race,

class, education, and age. As a **Newsweek** poll conducted last summer indicates, the equal right to marry is of particular importance to Lesbians.

For men and women alike, though, the issue has a greater poignancy than the quest for more common legal protection from discrimination. The issue also promises to mobilize members of the community who have not been previously tapped or politicized in other battles. While the pivotal voices in this, as in all our other conflicts, will be those of moderate straight allies, the fact that this fight is over family bonds may render even their advocacy all the more pervasive, fervent, and compelling.

Unlike the Gays-in-the-military fiasco, which caught out national groups off-guard and whose perilous straits the ill-equipped Campaign for Military Service proved unable to navigate, the battle over Gay marriage is essentially local. The Constitution's provision regarding "full faith and credit," stipulating the mutual respect which states should grant each other's official acts, suggests that the states will be the battleground on this issue. Each state will decide for itself how much respect it pays Gay marriage certificates stamped in Hawaii.

LOCALS MUST LEAD THE FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION

How the Hawaii decision holds up is soon to rest in all of our hands. Whether each state grants credit to Gay marriages from Hawaii or thumbs its nose at them — and, by extension, the Constitution itself — is very much our responsibility. It is we, Lesbians and Gay men, who must lead the fight for recognition.

The issue will also set another acid test of integrity for conservatives, who have been granted unprecedented influence in scores of state legislatures in the wake of November elections. Will Republicans live up to their oft-trumpeted

support for small government, state's rights, and family values? Or will they go down the mean-spirited and hypocritical path of interfering in the state's affairs, of forcing our families into the legal closet, and intensifying discrimination against us? The seriousness with which we take up our task of local organizing around Gay marriage may well dictate the future of Gay civil rights legislation in general.

We can no longer hold back and leave the work to or overstretched activist brothers and sisters. We can no

longer hang out in the video bars and the dance clubs, wasting our lives and forfeiting our future. We can no longer step out of the closet solely at the prompting of our hormones and then retreat until the next stimulation. Gay marriage is an issue which every Lesbian and Gay man can support. The battle will take place in our state legislatures. The stakes are high. It is the beginning of our acceptance as full and equal citizens of the United States.

Holy Unions — Not For All

Or, If It's Not Legal, Why Bother?

By Rev. Lew Broyles,
Milwaukee MCC

There are many in our community that will tell you in a heartbeat, something akin to the following: "My partner and I discussed it, and we feel we don't need to imitate a straight tradition in order to feel more validated in the eyes of each other.

Dr. John Boswell, before his death, wrote a wonderful book entitled, *Same-Sex Marriages in Pre-Modern Europe*, which tears apart the theory that what we are doing is imitating the non-Gay world. In point of fact, we find that many of these same-sex intimate blessings predated their non-Gay counterparts or ceremonies.

AN ISSUE OF RIGHTS?

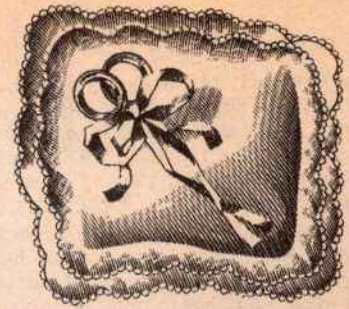
Is this in and of itself a reason to have a Holy Union? Let us consider the issue of rights for a moment. Too often we can get caught up in our rights

regarding housing and jobs. Noteworthy and Constitutional basic rights issues to be sure, but in our zeal, the right to know about our lover being [and know that partner is fine, too, that's just the way I talk — partner in Texas means who I two-step with, not my lifemate — only been here two years and all] in an accident, medical decisions, and God forbid, funeral arrangements, and rights of a surviving spouse, etc. All of these things sometimes take second place to the denial of the aforementioned "Basic Rights."

About four years ago, I received a letter from our Metropolitan Community Church Fellowship offices that caught my eye. I was in Jackson, Mississippi and the thought of making any real contribution to our struggle was often over-shadowed by the urgent taking priority over the important.

The Canadian Government — the letter said — want to know in number and in number only — how many Holy Unions MCC Reverends had performed, as the Canadians were considering liberation legislation and want some frame of reference in regard to same sex marriage. Don't kid yourselves, the issue

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isn't one where we have the burden of proof regarding what is fair and true and just. What we're dealing with here is Legality. The rights of us all will be granted, rescinded, passed or failed by non-Gay individuals. Of course, a more charitable Creator would have deemed it otherwise, but the truth that we face is not only that which is just, but that which is most palatable to non-Gay people in the legislature.

The rationale of having a Union for most of us is found in a much more spiritual realm, recognizing that the vows we exchange in front of God (for those of a Judeo-Christian perspective) are to add to the solemnity as well as the celebration of the Blessed Day. The restoration of the Covenant, a rescuing of the Covenant that God made with humanity — from the Patriarchal Perversion of the Covenant — in which we live.

In closing, I chose a Holy Union for personal Spiritual reasons — because I desire that Steve and I have our Union blessed and sanctified in the Holy Name of the One Who Creates, the One Who Redeems, and the One Who Sustains — and it ain't bad politics, neither (sic).

Marriages Without Wedding Bells

By Richard D. Mohr

LOVE & MARRIAGE MAY GO TOGETHER LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE, BUT WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES DO NOT.

We met — Bob and I — on May afternoon in 1978. We were cruising one of the continent's great sexual playgrounds — the ravines that make up Toronto's David Balfour Park. Yes, we exchanged bodily fluids before names. But names exchanged, we went to my place — and had more sex. Sex lead to dating. And before you knew it, nigh on to 17 years of life and love have logged for our journeyings together.

Along the way, we have accumulated the standard debris of daily domestic life in America — sanitary district tax bills, car insurance payments, property tax evaluation reassessment challenges, a mortgage (now burnt), sets of dishes, toasters, a post hole digger, left over gallons of house paint, stuff like that.

In the main, our life together is ordinary, not operatic. Perhaps sedimentation alone is the explanation and perhaps I'm simply deluded, but our love feels ever more deep, robust, substantial — the sort of thing that might

lead one to believe in permanent non-material objects, traces of the divine, whatever. In any case, we consider ourselves married. But it has never crossed our minds to have a wedding, a marital ceremony, or what the law calls a solemnization.

"Marriage is Intimacy Given Substance"

— Mohr

To put things somewhat poetically, "marriage is intimacy given substance" in the medium of everyday life, the day-to-day; marriage is the fused intersection of love's sanctity and necessity's demand. In consequence, though, one ca be married without being wed. A wedding is not needed to call a marriage into being. Indeed, until recently, by far the most usual form of marriage in Western Civilization was common law marriage — in which there is no wedding ceremony, either religious or civil, nor even a registering of the relationship with the government. Common law marriage continues to be legally recognized in one-quarter of the states and has much to recommend it.

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In such marriages, the sacred valuing of love grows from within the couple's relation and realizes itself over time through little sacrifices in day-to-day existence. The values, loyalties, and intimacies contained in the relation are products of the relation itself, not of social custom, expectation, or demand — they are truly the couple's own. In this way, intimacy takes on weight and shine, the ordinary becomes the vehicle of the extraordinary, and the development of the marital relation becomes a mirror reflecting eternity.

In a common law arrangement, the marriage is at some point culturally and legally acknowledged in retrospect as having existed **all along**. Remember that as a matter of law, the standard requirement of living together seven years is evidentiary and not constitutive of the relation as a marriage; so, for example, a child born in the third year of a common law marriage is legitimate from the moment of its birth, and need not wait four years as mom and dad log seven years together. The marriage was there in substance all along.

We know, though, from Gay experience that many couples want a wedding even if it's not needed to jumpstart their marriage. If you read the burgeoning literature of Gay weddings or simply ask Gay couples why they want

marriage ceremonies as opposed just to marriages, you get two standard responses. One is that the publicity of the event is key — that the making of their love public is what is important to the couple about the event. But, it should also be remembered that publicity is a requirement of common law marriage. The members of the couple must "hold themselves forth" as married in order to be considered married at law; if they live together in some other way, say in secret or leaving uncorrected a social belief that they are siblings, then they are never married no matter how many years they live together. So publicity won't do as a rationale to distinguish solemnized from non-solemnized marriages.

COMMITMENT CEREMONIES

The other explanation has to do with commitment; indeed frequently Gay couples call their solemnizations "commitment ceremonies." But a promise made in private is as morally binding as one made in public. What distinguishes these promises is their enforcement mechanism. A public promise invokes the threat of shame as the chief means of its governance. But at our stage of civilization, such appeal to shame is both unseemly and primitive event for those couples who incorporate the pledge of "forsaking all others" into their ceremonies. Moreover, any resort to social enforcement here is incompatible with marriage understood as the development of intimacy through the medium of day-to-day living. For this understanding of marriage calls for choice and consent to be continuously given, not given once and for all.

HOLY UNIONS

So what's left? The gods. If marriage is as I claim, then marriage is worthy of blessing and sanctification, if anything is. And many Gays call their wedding ceremonies "Holy Unions." But care needs to be taken that religion's baleful elements, of which Gays now chiefly bear the brunt, are not unconsciously incorporated and ritualized in such ceremonies. Hippies, you see, were right about at least one thing. They knew that ceremonies are tricky, that ceremonies almost automatically invoke and reconsecrate social norms rather than the value of individuals and their intimacies. As a check against this subtle tide, hippie marital rites typically included texts of the couple's own fashioning and a time for friends to give voice to their distinctive ties to the couple and to bestow individualized blessings. Some of this reform has been taken up by yuppies, New Agers, Gay folk, and progressive denominations. With such checks in place, a ceremony invoking the gods can legitimately serve not as what

creates a marriage but as a sort of a bon voyage for the marital couple where the hopes expressed are not merely for clear skies and smooth sailing but for psychic or spiritual adventure.

To date at least, Bob and I have not felt a need for gods. And we certainly don't need another toaster. So our marriage courses on unwed — shimmering, if plain, constant and nice.

Richard D. Mohr's most recent book is **A More Perfect Union**.

Guidelines When Considering Unions

By Bill Hanel, MSW

A wise friend cleverly remarked to me one day how popular culture tends to dwell on the beginning and the end of relationships. Songs tell of the excitement of falling in love or the heartache of a broken romance. Soap operas (both the daytime and nighttime variety) tell wild, fantasy-filled stories of love found, then lost again.

But what most of us long for is the stuff in-between the euphoria of infatuation and the agony of abandonment. We desire a person we can count on for support and encouragement, someone to be there for

us in both good times and bad times, in sickness and in health... (is this sounding familiar?)

So if you're looking for lust or infatuation, turn on your TV and watch *Melrose Place* or *Baywatch*. If you're wanting the wonderfully mundane yet deeply satisfying fruits of a long-term relationship, let me suggest the following:

1) Don't be condemned to relive history. The experts agree that we tend to recreate the kinds of relationships we observed as children. In other words, many of us end up like dear ol' mom and dad. For many couples this may be just fine. For others, it may be a nightmare in

progress.

Your best defense against this is studying your history: be as aware as possible of the pitfalls of your parent's relationship, as well as its strengths. This awareness and a bit of personal growth work can help you and your partner learn from your parent's mistakes. It can also help you benefit from their successes.

2) To be [monogamous] or not to be. While a majority of couples decide to be sexually exclusive (or attempt to be so) this may not be everyone's notion of the ideal relationship. Whatever you and your partner decide, it is most important that the arrangement be explicitly

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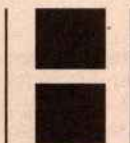


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understood by each of you. Couples that "swing" can maintain satisfying intimacy if each is honestly happy with his or her lifestyle.

The key word is "honesty." I recommend revisiting whatever arrangement is decided upon from time to time to talk about what changes may be needed to guarantee each partner's satisfaction.

3) Can we talk? Good communication is not about *quantity* as much as it is about *quality*. Speak using statements that are descriptive of your feelings ("I'm angry because..." or "I was disappointed when..."). Avoid statements that attempt to blame or judge your partner ("It's not my fault that this is happening..." or "You can be so insensitive...").

Effective communication can help ensure that small issues do not become big problems. Dealing with a conflict when it is small may seem like rocking the boat, but it can help avoid unnecessary turbulence in the future.

4) Follow the rules. Remember those basics about conversation: **a)** Listen, and don't interrupt if it's not necessary; **b)** Try not to give unsolicited advice: it's annoying; **c)** Be clear about your needs: don't make your partner guess what you are thinking or wanting; **d)** If you are not understanding your partner, ask for clarification.

5) Don't be afraid to stop at the gas station. Sometimes couples feel as though they are driving around in circles. If you are feeling lost, asking for directions can be a helpful way of getting back on track. A good person to ask for guidance will be objective and knowledgeable about how relationships work. An understanding minister, a trusted relative, or a good therapist may provide you with the input you are looking for.

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Milw. MCC Pastor Offers Some Tips...

By Rev. Lew Broyles

On the local front, I have to begin by telling you, I have never lived in a place quite like Milwaukee. In some four years of Pastoring, I have performed no less than 18 same-sex Holy Unions, and 6 non-Gay marriages in just under two years. It's a wedding kind of town!

Some of the common questions that come to mind are listed here along with brief answers, at least in the eyes of this licensed clergy in **Metropolitan Community Church**.

How do I know it's time for a Holy Union?

You'll know when the time is right. Rule of thumb, if the time isn't right for both of you, then the time isn't right.

Sunday Morning, 4am: (ring, ring) — "Uh hello? MCC." Yes, Pastor? I need a Holy Union. I was out in the bar, and I've finally met the right one. I just called to prove to him — I'm serious — What do you think?

(Bear in mind the time) "I think you should wait until morning, to see what he looks like, and call me back then."

Who do I invite, and who do I not invite?

Invite whoever you want to invite, and **do not** lose the focus of the day. It's **your** Holy Union. Hopefully the only one you'll ever have. It's not National Coming Out Day. Rule of thumb: invite whoever you want, and avoid making a statement that will overshadow the focus of your mutual love toward one another. This is a time of celebration, a worship service that is binding the two of you together for all time in the Holy Name of God — Goddess — or other Deity (check one). Keep on task and invite those who are closest to you that will join in the Spirit of Celebration.

Isn't this all very expensive?

It doesn't have to be. If you want the *Grand Affair of the Ages*, and you have the money? Go ahead! Indulge yourself. Great Cost Cutter: The evening before, throw a small informal party at your home instead of a rehearsal. (It is a big misconception that a rehearsal dinner is necessary. You won't remember any of it due to nerves the next day anyway.) A rehearsal dinner is fun, but pick a Minister, Celebrant, etc., who is experienced enough to direct you just before you come in. (One hour prior is plenty of time — remember, this is not your minister's first rodeo.)

What about our nerves during the week before? (I've heard couples say that they were happy to be getting married (united), but if the ceremony were more than a week away, they'd call the whole thing off because of tempers.)

Give one another the week before the Ceremony, ten slips of paper that say, "This is good for one unconditional forgiveness during this time — otherwise I'd really let you have it." Now don't give it to the other person — just tear one up in the other room without telling your prospective spouse. Keep track, and on your fifth or tenth anniversary, pull out your album and take out the envelope you carefully sealed with the remaining slips in them. It's great for laughs — but not for a while.

Although Holy Union is not a state to be entered into lightly, isn't a good sense of humor the best friend we can have?

Absolutely the very best thing you are able to do to convey your love for another during this time, is to keep a good sense of humor about you, so that tempers don't flare. Learn to laugh at yourself and learn to laugh with — not at — one another. Arrive at decisions together, not independently, unless the duties have been divided.

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Finally, remain flexible, and try to remember it's like deciding on how the Christmas Tree will be decorated, when to open the presents, and whether to have dinner on Christmas Eve, Day, at 1pm or 3pm — it's a give and take thing that draws from many traditions, not just your own.

Countdown to Bliss

Pepper's Best Points for the Perfect "Big Day"

By Belle Pepper

Many elements of a wedding are traditions of questionable origin. You won't break anyone's cardinal rule if you do **not** have a traditional wedding cake, wear white, or follow the old rhyme, "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue." (See Article *Wedding Lore: Tradition or Superstition.*) You and your partner should pick and choose those "traditions" you want to incorporate into your big day.

Be original, creative, unique and romantic in planning your event. Make it memorable for you and for those who witness your expression of love, dedication and commitment.

A Year (or More) Before the "Big Day"

Announce your plans to your friends and family members. If you set the tone, convey your love and commitment to your partner, and stick by your guns, then let the chips fall where they may. This will be **YOUR** big day. No friend or family member should convince you otherwise, once you've made a commitment to each other.

Then, the two of you should begin planning "the day." Discuss the style of ceremony and your budget. Determine the date, time, place, ceremony and reception. Once you establish your budget, fit the elements into it and then figure out how many people you want to invite (and will actually come).

At that point, sit down and layout the details of your event: select your site and reserve it; finalize your date; chose someone to perform the ceremony and discuss your plans with them; discuss and secure information on entertainment, catering, outfits, flowers, rings, etc.

6 Months to the Big Day

Discuss having a rehearsal dinner. They can be hard on the nerves, expensive, and unproductive.

Interview photographers/videographers; finalize your guest list; make a decision on who your attendants will be and contact them for their response; register at department and specialty stores, and think about a

"honeymoon."

Decide on whether to send "announcements" to some on your guest list, and "invitations" to others. Take a good hard look at who you really want to have at your event. Bad attitudes from family or friends aren't worth the misery, especially on "your day." Invite people you know will rejoice with you when you declare publicly, your love for one another.

4 Months to the Big Day

Finalize your wardrobe. This is not the time to decide to diet and lose 20 pounds before the event.

Order all your printed materials. First make decisions on what you want your material to say, what you want it printed on, what should accompany the invite, how guests can RSVP, etc. Think about napkins, matches, thank-you notes, general announcements, etc.

Shop for a florist and let them show you what's available and how they can be of service to you on your big day.

Meet with your officiant, take along a tentative copy of your vows, discuss rehearsal, decorating needs, etc. Walk through the facilities where your ceremony will be performed.

Find a reputable jeweler and pick out rings. There are lovely things already on the market, and if you want something custom made, go for it.

2 Months to the Big Day

Order your cake, or bakery, or sweets, or whatever you choose to go with.

Address your invitations/announcements (usually 6 weeks before, but allow a bit more time if your ceremony is near a holiday or guests need to travel far to attend).

Set up a recording system for correspondence and gifts you receive prior to your wedding. Keep cards, letters, etc. so you can respond to them when the event is over.

Determine transportation needs. Get costs, time minimums, etc. from various limo companies. Make plans on who will chauffeur you and your partner around on the big day so you won't have to do it yourselves.

Finalize plans for your wardrobe. (I told you not to try and lose 20 pounds before the big day.)


1 Month to the Big Day ... and Counting

Thirty days before... and now you're thinking about calling the whole thing off. You've had a terrible fight about seating arrangements, flowers, whatever... and you're ready to throw the towel in. Make up and get on with it. Soothe those frazzled nerves by planning a quiet evening together, making "the big day" a taboo topic.

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Seriously, refocus yourselves and concentrate on your ultimate goal, declaring your commitment of love, in public, and going on with the rest of your lives... together.

Ready to go on? Then buy your gifts for your attendants, confirm details with caterers, florists, limo companies, tuxedo rental places, your site, your officiant, etc.

If you made honeymoon plans, confirm those details as well. If you're traveling out of the country, get your passport and travel documents in order.

If you've planned to hold a rehearsal dinner, finalize those plans, and confirm arrangements.

Send out an announcement to the local press, and send along a photo.

21 Days to the Big Event

If the two of you will be relocating to your new "home," or if one of you will be moving in with the other, start packing now.

Go over every detail, and apply Murphy's Law: "What can go wrong, will go wrong." For example, do you need new shoes to go with that tux? Shop for them now, and make sure they're comfortable to wear. Make an appointment with your hair stylist and discuss hair, make-up, nails, etc. If you're wearing a veil or hat, bring it along and have them try some preliminary hair styles on you.

Spend some quality time with your partner, discussing your new life, not discussing "the event." Tell each other what your commitment means to you, how it will enhance your life, and how lucky you are to have each other.

14 Days ... and Counting

Pick up your wardrobe needs, check to make sure everything is included, and purchase those items you need to get your desired "look."

Pick up your rings and make sure they fit.

7 Days ... and Counting

Confirm the last minute details with everyone involved.

Make up seating arrangements and write out place cards, if you're using them.

The Day Before the Biggest Day of Your Lives

Call everyone involved with your event to confirm time, arrangements, etc. This is the only thing you need to do today, so spend some extra time on the phone with those close to you, and let them know you appreciate their kindness, service, etc.

Relax, and spend the day together, spoiling yourselves. Get a massage, facial, watch favorite movies, have dinner delivered, listen to favorite songs, dance, laugh, be close, and relish in the idea

that tomorrow starts a whole new life for the two of you. There's nothing you can change now, anyway.

The Big Day!

Allow 30 minutes extra time to get to the site of your event. Don't do the driving yourself.

Assign a trusted friend or hire a professional to be your trouble shooter. You will not want to be bothered with last minute problems. Find someone you know will make a good decision (don't forget the rings!), and let them have the authority to take care of things for you.

Take the time to enjoy and cherish the memories you are creating together.

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Wedding Lore

Tradition or Superstition

By Belle Pepper

Certain customs like the ring, kiss, etc. date back further than history can suggest. Romantic love was once seen not only as a kind of mating ritual which would prepare the couple for the nuptial bed and a lifetime of sexual union, but also as a real and practical preparation for the change from single existence to shared existence.

The Ring is a circle, symbolic of eternity, unity, reincarnation and the universe. Rings are still an accepted symbol of marriage and other unions because of their association with eternity. The Romans, Greeks and Egyptians all used rings. Many believe that Cain, the son of Adam, was the first to use the ring for marriage. This dates the wedding ring to about 10,000 years ago. That's a pretty old superstition.

The Kiss at the end of the ceremony originates from the earliest times when the couple would actually make love (for the first time) under the eyes of half the village!

Throwing Confetti or Rice originally, the throwing of wheat over the bride only, as a direct symbol of fertility, that she would give forth young in the way that wheat gave forth bread.

The Wedding Cake comes from a similar tradition where the bride was brought "bride-cakes" by guests as symbols of fertile union.

The Attendants or Witnesses, an Anglo-Saxon tradition, though the source is quite different. Attendants were responsible to get the groom to the church on time, and to watch over the bride, keep her safe, and deliver her into the arms of her beloved.

The Ceremony is one of the most potent rites of passage which carries the couple from one state of existence to another.

Not Seeing the Bride in Her Wedding Dress. The bride should not project herself as a married woman before it is true, as the gods may come and challenge her right. She may not be perfect for in the eyes of ritual "becoming" is what counts.

Old, New, Borrowed, Blue. The old saying, "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" derives from bringing all the available mystical influences into her possession. Something old is the past, something



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new the future, something borrowed represents the present, and the color blue means purity.

The Honeymoon. Here you might imagine this to be a modern ritual concerned with vacations away from home and breaks from the routine, but then why call it a "honeymoon?" Very simply because during the period of one whole moon following a marriage, all the guests, married or otherwise were to drink honey, an aphrodisiac in the northern part of Europe.

walk in a bar alone and I made my move. One month later we moved in together. One year later we bought a house. Three years later (it took him 4-1/2 years) he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him.

Marry him? Of course I said yes, but how could two men who love each other, want to share the rest of their years together, grow old together — get married?

As of yet two men can't marry, but we can, in public/ private, express our bond in a Holy Union. Since I believe a



Anthony Balistreri Jr., Pastor Lew Broyles, and David Jones during their '94 ceremony.



Tony and David light the candles during their union ceremony.

Why a Holy Union?

He Asked Me To Marry Him!

By David R. Jones

Did we really need all the stress of planning a holy union: the invitations, the church plans, the ceremony, flowers, dining hall, meal plan, DJ — much less who to invite?

Was it worth losing my family because I sent them an invitation to the biggest day of our lives?

Wasn't there a better way to spend or enjoy close to \$4,000?

Would we do it all again?

I met Tony while I was involved in a previous relationship. I remember always saying "I want that man." I even, at one point, told him how I felt. He gave me a kiss, then another, then said "give that second kiss to your lover." Pretty classy on his part, very slutty on mine.

Two years later, single, I saw him

marriage is in the mind and not just a piece of paper, a Holy Union was planned.

We arranged for Rev. Lewis Broyles of Milwaukee Metropolitan Community (MCC) Church to perform the ceremony.

Our Union day was perfect except for the fact that my family decided I was no longer a part of their family. You would think I committed murder. I am no longer a son or brother because I wanted to tell the world how I felt about Tony.

Well it's been two years since our Holy Union. Tony is known as my husband and I'm known as his husband.

I can't think of anything more loving than two committed adults proclaiming they are partners through good and through bad, forever.

I honestly believe the world of today is too difficult to get through alone. I know now I never have to ever worry about going through this tough world alone.

So... Did we really need all the stress of planning a holy union, the invitations, the church plans, the ceremony, flowers, dining hall, meal plan, DJ — much less who to invite?

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Definitely, without a second thought!



Reflections of Our Ceremony

On Our 10th Anniversary

By Wendy Morris Pologe and Mary Gerard Thoreson

We publicly pledged our commitment and love before our extended family on May 28, 1985.

We asked for the love and support of our family in our unique journey through life. We promised laughter, tears and struggle, support, caring and nurturing in time of sorrow and joy. We promised love and friendship throughout eternity. An exchange of rings symbolized these promises.

It's almost ten years since we were joined in love and struggle forever, and what a time it's been! Our rings are a little scratched but never tarnished. Our promises have been kept, in more ways than ever we could have imagined.

Our family has grown with the birth of our son, Daniel Gerard Thoreson Pologe on September 18, 1989. We continue to look forward to our journey together through life.



Wendy and Mary during their commitment ceremony, nearly 10 years ago.

the commitment of their lives to each other are what we celebrate. Together they share that love and procreate that love.

Their love for each other has given them that responsibility — to nourish their love that it may grow and spread; shared between them and by them.

Their love increases them and becomes a creative force in their lives and in the world.

This celebration changes the world. Nothing is the same now as it was. This small beginning, this spark of light, has changed everything. Reality has shifted slightly. This is just the beginning."

While this article is supposed to be an account of our Union Ceremony, it is really an account of our union, which is ongoing. Our union began before the ceremony and has been strengthened and stabilized by the ceremony.

Before the Union Ceremony, my lover and I had already committed ourselves to each other, not in words, but by our actions. We had committed ourselves to each other for the long haul. Our finances and investments were quickly entangled, as were our material possessions. This material commitment to each other was our way of assuring ourselves that we really were, in practical ways, together for good. It was our way of showing the world that we would be a couple in any way we could — even if only materially.

Another Couple Relates Their Story

By P & J

With these words, our Union Ceremony began:

"Since the government and the church have put the love of P and J outside their laws, P and J turn naturally

to themselves and those gathered here; they turn to the law of God's love and the overpowering law of the oneness and unity of humanity and the universe; to celebrate and make legal their marriage and commitment to one another.

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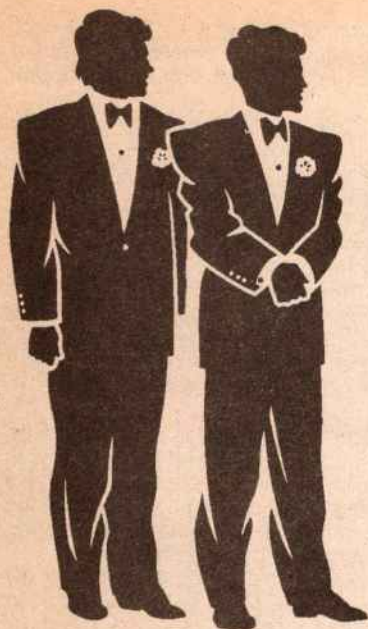
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One of the arguments used against such unions as ours is that there is no possibility of procreation. My response is that we have indeed procreate. Where once there were individuals, there is now a family. Where once there were people searching for a place in this world, there is now a community of love and hope. Where once we were alone and weak, we are now one and strong. Our love is what is procreated. Our love is what has made for us, and everyone, a new world. Our love has born forth an increase of love in the lives of all we touch and in ourselves. That is procreation in fact, and not the lack of even its possibility.

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Books

Who's the Bride?

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

The Essential Guide to Lesbian & Gay Weddings
 by Tess Ayers & Paul Brown
 Harper San Francisco Pb \$16

Even before fundamentalist groups began to banter about the notion of "family values" in their tirades against the "perverse" homosexual lifestyle, Lesbians and Gay men had always placed great importance on their families — not only the biological units into which they were born and raised — but also the surrogate families of lovers and friends they would establish. Now, in increasing numbers, Lesbian and Gay men are seeking to formalize their relationships with commitment ceremonies.

Lacking any traditions or models and of course any legal basis, naturally, Gay weddings have been until recently unique, individual affairs most often based on the heterosexual examples. Not anymore. Finally the Gay community has a perfect "how-to" wedding book: **The Essential Guide to Lesbian or Gay**

Weddings, by Tess Ayers and Paul Brown.

Ayers and Brown have covered a comprehensive range of related topics beginning with a chapter, appropriately enough titled, "Why Bother (If it's not legal)?" Follow-up chapters focus on the engagement and finally, a chapter about how to tell the rest of the world, "It's a Straight, Straight, Straight, Straight World: Dealing with the Other 90 Percent."

In the second and longest part of their book, Ayers and Brown focus on the preparation of wedding plans, making the guest list, creating invitations, choosing a location, types of ceremonies, organizing the reception, deciding on wedding attire, and finally, the all important decision on wedding cake tops.

Throughout **The Essential Guide to Lesbians & Gay Weddings**, the authors have invested equal measures of practical information, old-fashioned common sense, and a generous helping of wry humor. When discussing members of the wedding party and specifically, the person to give you away, they write, "We like to think of it as someone accompanying you to the border you're going to cross as you begin the next part of the journey. It's like the moment in *Wizard of Oz* when the Munchkins have led Dorothy to the border of Munchkinland; as soon as she puts that ruby slipper on the Yellow Brick Road, it becomes her own ball game." Throughout the book are plenty of easy-to-use step-by-step checklists, suggestions for further readings, and sample procedures. In addition, Ayers and Brown have included a thoughtful and comprehensive Resource Directory.

The Essential Guide to Lesbian and Gay Weddings is a perfect book for any Gay or Lesbian couple seeking to formalize their relationship, or anyone hoping to become involved in such a relationship. *Recommended.*

OTHER EXCELLENT BOOKS ON GAY & LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS

A Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples (8th Edition)
 by Attorneys Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford and Robin Leonard
 Nolo Press Pb \$24.95

Permanent Partners
 by Betty Berzon, PhD
 Plumb Pb \$12.95

The Male Couple's Guide
 by Eric Marcus
 Harper Collins Pb \$15

Same-Sex Unions in Pre-Modern Europe
 by John Boswell
 Villard HC \$25

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I had a call last Thursday from a concerned community member who complained about the blatant use and sales of cocaine in, outside of and around our bars. He said he's known it's been there for years, but thought there has been an explosion in sales and use especially since last Summer. He told of being approached by dealers who were total strangers going into and coming out of many of the Milwaukee bars, and seeing it openly consumed in bathrooms. He complained of having to wait to use the toilet because people were in the stalls making "sniffing noises".

I know this isn't just a Milwaukee problem, or a LesGay bar problem... coke is everywhere, and it's cheaper than it was years ago. *But it is such a waste of money, and the risks in selling and doing it are just too high*, that I'm surprised it has escalated to this point. I don't go out enough to see it myself, first hand. Sure, I've seen wrappers laying around here and there, and thought to myself, "Someone's been partying..." But I never really sat and thought about the abuse of cocaine, until this reader called.

Hopefully, some of the abusers and sellers will take this to heart and remember, when police come into the bars for spot checks, they immediately check out the bathrooms, and shine their flashlights on the floors of the bars looking for tell tale wrappers, etc. Don't say you weren't forewarned when you get busted.

Apologies to those of you who submitted Valentine's Messages for inclusion in the last issue, and when they were printed in the blue ink, were completely illegible. The printers over-inked the blue run and the fineline letters in white were "filled in" by the overuse of blue ink. We went through and pulled out the unreadable messages from last issues centerfold and are re-printing them in the *Graffiti* section of this issue. There were also quite a few VD

messages that came in well after deadline, and they are also included in the *Graffiti* section. Our apologies!

When you get to the *Guide* section of this issue, you'll notice we had a new Milwaukee area map professionally designed by the UW Milwaukee Geography Department's Cartographer. It includes an "inset" of the Third Ward/Walker's Point area; and is much more accurate and easier to use than our previous Milwaukee map. This map is copyrighted (as everything is on these pages) so it can not be used elsewhere without my written permission.

I'm so glad there hasn't been a Gay or Lesbian angle to the O.J. Simpson debacle. I hereby declare **In Step** an O.J. Free Zone!

Ray's Bar and Grille in Madison is closed, and owner Ray (who recently bought, totally remodeled and opened **Geraldine's** just up the street at 3052 E. Washington Avenue) sold Ray's back to the original owner. **The New Bar** will be knocking down a wall or two and making some other changes in the next few months. Meanwhile, the patio bar (used by all the Hotel Washington's bars) has been redone and named the **Micro Bar**.

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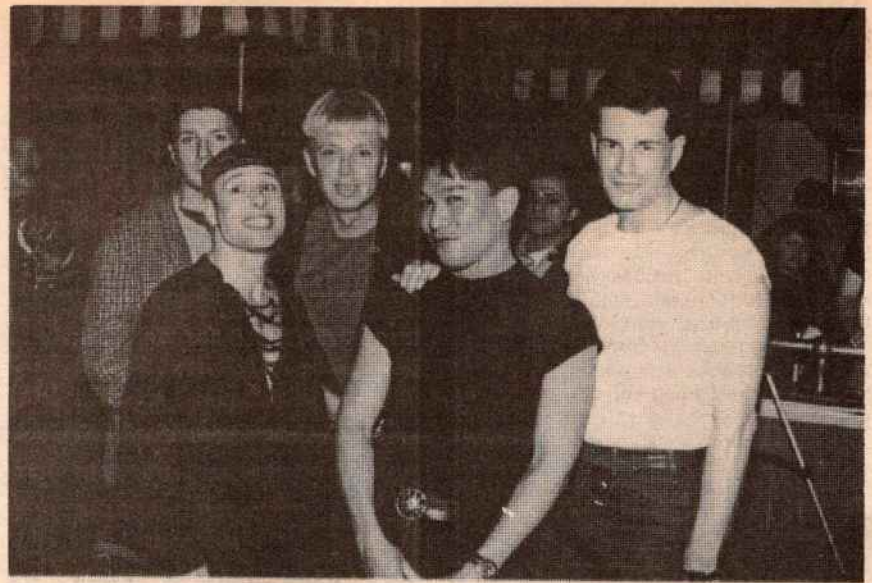
Congratulations to Attorney (and **Just Us** co-owner) Steve Byers who was awarded the *Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year* award by the State Bar Association at their meeting in Madison on January 26. On the 27th scads of well-wishers (and pasta fanatics) descended on the bar for a free spaghetti dinner to help him celebrate.

Allegre, one of Madison's newest LesBiGay friendly bars, celebrated their Grand Opening Jan. 26-29 with a full slate of activities and specials. Kitty and her Krew had everything from a black tie formal with hors d'oeuvres and champagne top a Mailbox Night, beer bash and wrapping things up was a super Super Bowl bash. Congratulations and best of luck!

The *Stallions Male Dancers* thoroughly entertained crowds at both **Club 219** and **Club 94** (Jan. 27 & 28 respectively). I sent Jamie to Kenosha to take photos and he came backing drooling... and laughing. It seems one of the audience members thought he had what it took to compete with the pros... Jamie commented, "There ought to be a law..." The weekend of Feb. 3-4 saw the *Titans* strip both 219 & 94.

Super Bowl mania swept through the state, and lots of people were bored and drunk, well before half time. (Wasn't that half time show a flop after all the build-up and advance publicity?! Just What did they stick Tony Bennett in there for, and the *Raiders* theme was just Dumb!) The producers must have been doing to many drugs! Aren't there any sacred cows anymore (except for Patti LaBelle)?

The **Blue Lite** added a *Connie Casserole Cookoff* and **AIDS** benefit to



Some of the crowd who gathered to watch the male dancers at Club 94.
Photo by James Taylor

their Super Sunday activities. The HOPE t's and sweat shirts went like wildfire! Jamie wants to thank Dean and all the customers for your hospitality. (It's hard to Not be hospitable to Jamie, he's such a sweetie and I'm glad he represents the magazine as our head photographer.)

Don't forget *Carl Chadek's Open Mic Sundays* at **M&M Club**. The **New Bar** celebrated it's 11th anniversary on the traditional last Tuesday in January date. The stylish evening started with a luscious hors d'oeuvres spread and wrapped with a brief, yet intensely entertaining four song set by European Super Diva **Lonnie Gordon**. That girl had the crowd in her hand before the first lyric passed her lips! I always go to this anniversary myself every year... to

renew friendships and celebrate with staff and other notables that show up every year. The **New Bar** and **In Step** also share the same anniversary time, and year. We're both now in our 12th year, and it's my way of celebrating the magazine's anniversary as well. Congratulations to Greg, Sherry, Mark, Amy and all the rest of the management and staff. (Missed seeing you this year, Pam!)



Tag Team Productions (Todd, Greg and Ann) did themselves proud with the *1995 Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant* the evening of February 5 at the **Pivot Club**. Eight good contestants vied for the title held by Shannon DuPree until that night. Special guest entertainers included Miss Gay USA Coco (who was stunning & effervescent); Miss Gay WI-USA Sasha Mitchell; Mr. Gay WI-USA Jeff Jennings; and Lady Miranda, Miss Gay WI-USA At-Large Ms. Gay WI-USA, Vickee (co-owner of **Wausau's Madhatter**) joined us at the judges table.

As a judge (this WILL be my last time) it was next to impossible to evaluate the Evening Gown competition. All the gowns were stunning, glittery, and stylish. The top 4-6 in talent made that judging difficult, too. Contestants came from Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay and Appleton. There was a very large crowd, considering it was a Sunday night.

The evening started only about five minutes late and still lasted for nearly 3 hours (without delays). Congratulations to the 1995 Miss Gay Great Lakes, Kylie West (contestant #6 in the photos); 1st runner up Neeley O'Hara (#3); Ashley Andrews (#5, from Minneapolis). Gloria Halloway won the Miss Congeniality award. (Shannon: one ballad in a row is more than enough!)

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SATURDAY, FEB 18

level meeting rooms. Speaker Dr. Gerald Wellens on *Coming Out at Work*. Open to LesBiGays. Refreshments.

THURSDAY, FEB 16

BESTD Women's Clinic (Milw): 6-9pm, Walk-in.
CAIR Research Conference (Milw): 3-4:30pm. "HIV Prevention for Lesbians & Bi Women," refreshments follow. Conference Room of CAIR, Franklin Building, 1249 North Franklin.
Sherman Park Rainbow Association (Milw): Meeting, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3617 North 48. FMI call (414) 777-3986.
Club 219: Lilly White's New Talent Show, 11pm, \$50 for 1st Place.

FRIDAY, FEB 17

3B's Bar (Milw): Designing Men merchandise display and sale.
Pivot Club (Appleton): Anniversary.
Club 219 (Milw): X Men Dancers, 11:30pm.
Boot Camp (Milw): Leather Men's Bar Night.
Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls (Madison): Sweetheart's Ball, 8-11pm, Grace Church, Guild Hall, 116 West Washington Avenue, \$4.

M&M Club (Milw): Singsational 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.
Station 2: 4pm meeting for vacation planning.

MONDAY, FEB 20

The Main Club (Superior): Anniversary Week thru February 26.
Positive Voice (Green Bay): General Meeting, 6:30, downtown library, lower

TUESDAY, FEB 21

Triangle (Milw): Jimmy's Birthday Blow-Out, 9pm-?
Rod's (Madison): Winter Half Time Party.
Club 219 (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 9pm-12am.

THURSDAY, FEB 23

SAGE Milw: Two 1/2 hour films, *A Family Portrait* and *The Silent Pioneers*. 6:30pm, Eastside North Avenue Library.

FRIDAY, FEB 24

Club 219 (Milw): Body Sweat Dancers, 11:30pm.
Station 2 (Milw): Tappers, 75¢, 7-10pm.

SATURDAY, FEB 25

Club 94 (Kenosha): Body Sweat Male Dancers.

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Wreck Room (Milw): Rummage your buns off, 3-7pm. Some collectibles will be marked with reasonable, firm prices.

PrideFest: Proud Crowd Party at Mama Roux, 3-6pm.

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Chili Potluck Supper, 6pm. FMI call (414) 499-5533.

Northern Womyn "Valentine" Dance (Green Bay): 7-11pm, YWCA, 230 South Madison. Everyone welcome, donations accepted.

Madison Gay Video Club: Double feature, *Zero Patience* and *Road to Hopeful*. 8pm. Call (608) 244-8675 eves.

SUNDAY, FEB 26

Boot Camp (Milw): Wisconsin Leather Men's Association Beer Bust, with food, \$5 from 3-7pm.

People of All Colors Together/ PACT (Milw): Viewing PBS documentary on choreographer Bill T. Jones and videos of performances by Arvin Ailey. Ray Grant will moderate. (Choreographer Jones was featured on the cover of *In Step* late in '94.) 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, Ogden & Astor. Refreshments served, all welcome.

Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milw): The latest info on oral sex — is it safe? 6-8pm, The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett. Special guest facilitator. \$3 donation. FMI call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

MONDAY, FEB 27

Integrity/Metro Milwaukee Chapter: First organizational meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 East Knapp (use parking lot entrance at rear of church). FMI call (414) 276-6277.

TUESDAY, FEB 28

Frontiers (Madison): Open Forum *Man to Man* rap, 7:30pm. FMI call Kevin (608) 251-4487.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

La Cage (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 10pm-1am.

Spouses/Partners/Lovers of HIV+'s Support Group (Milw): First meeting of support group for lovers/ spouses/ partners of Gay HIV+ men. 7pm, BESTD Clinic (1214 East Brady), 2nd Floor North meeting room. FMI on the group, call Erv at (414) 353-4798.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Club 219: Lilly White's New Talent Show, 11pm.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Club 219 (Milw): Titans. Hot male dancers, 11:30pm.

AfterWords (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 7:30-10:30pm.

GLO/UW-Parkside (Kenosha): Gay & Lesbian organization sponsors an Alternative Love Dance, 9pm-1am. Open to general public, 18 and over. Union Square on Outer Loop Road in Kenosha. FMI call John (414) 595-2244.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Club 219 (Milw): Titans. Hot male dancers, 11:30pm.

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): Miss Club 94 Pageant hosted by D'Carlo with special guests. \$100 first prize. Applications at Club 94 & Just Us.

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Sleigh Ride in Green Leaf, 5:45pm, Call FMI. (414) 449-5533.

Frontiers (Madison): *What Makes a Relationship Work?* discussion and video screening. 8pm, call Tom FMI at (608) 255-6595.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Time changes everything. The course of rivers, the height of mountains, the style of hairdos, the members of the Simpson jury. Relationships are no exception to this rule. To most, a long term commitment means a spiritual bond with another person that transcends time. Unfortunately, time in a long term commitment for most Gay tops out at about one month. And while few relationships make it past that one month hurdle, fewer still climb the one year mountain. That's probably because so much can change after just one year as the following column graphically illustrates.

One Month: Falling asleep after sex.

One Year: Falling asleep before sex.

One Month: Hot and steamy love notes.

One Year: A grocery list and a nasty reminder to change the litter box.

One Month: Planning romantic dinners.

One Year: Arguments over who's going to pop the Lean Cuisine in the microwave.

One Month: Getting your ears pierced together with matching gold, heart shaped studs to illustrate your commitment.

One Year: Replacing your stud with a No-Pest-Strip earring designed to keep him at least 15-feet away.

One Month: Wants to meet your family.

One Year: Wants to date your brother.

One Month: Calling him up in the middle of the night just to tell him how wonderful you think he is.

One Year: Calling him up in the middle of the night because your car broke down and you have no way to get home from the clubs.

One Month: You proudly introduce him to everyone as your lover.

One Year: You mumble something about splitting the rent.

One Month: You buy him a bottle of your favorite cologne.

One Year: You purchase a can of pepper spray for the nightstand, just in case he tries something.

One Month: Romantic moonlight strolls on a romantic beach.

One Year: Falls asleep on the couch.

One Month: He gently says, "No, don't go on a diet, I love your cute little belly."

One Year: Strongly recommends that you use Kathleen Sullivan as a role model.

One Month: Using his name in every sentence when talking with your parents.

One Year: Trying to get his name off the lease (with a blow torch if necessary).

One Month: He's so neat and clean.

One Year: He's the most compulsive, anal person I have ever met.

One Month: You hold hands in a darkened movie theater.

One Year: He lays on the couch, holding the remote control, absently zipping to the best scenes in porno videos.

One Month: Says, "Let's snuggle."

One Year: Says, "I need my space."

One Month: Twice on the couch, once in the kitchen with the shades open and then first thing in the morning when you get up.

One Year: It's been so long, you've got to look up directions in the *Joy of Gay Sex*.

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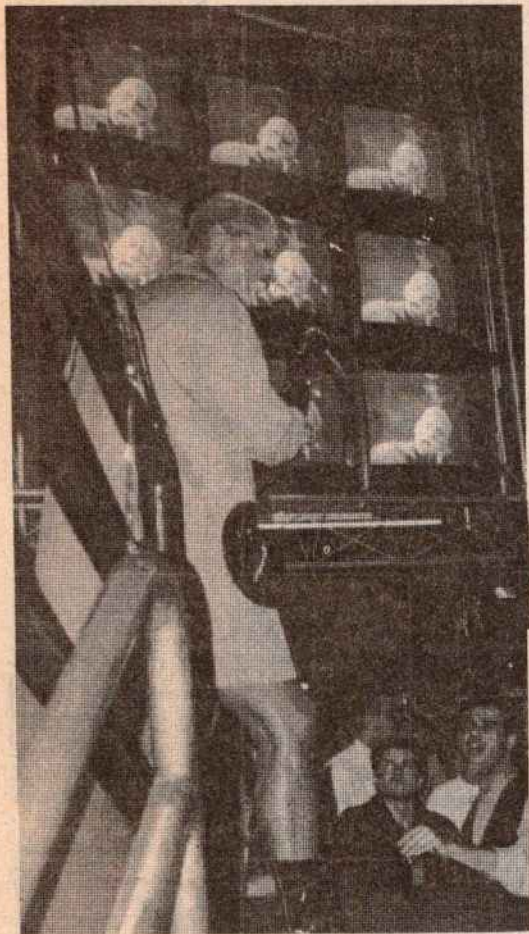


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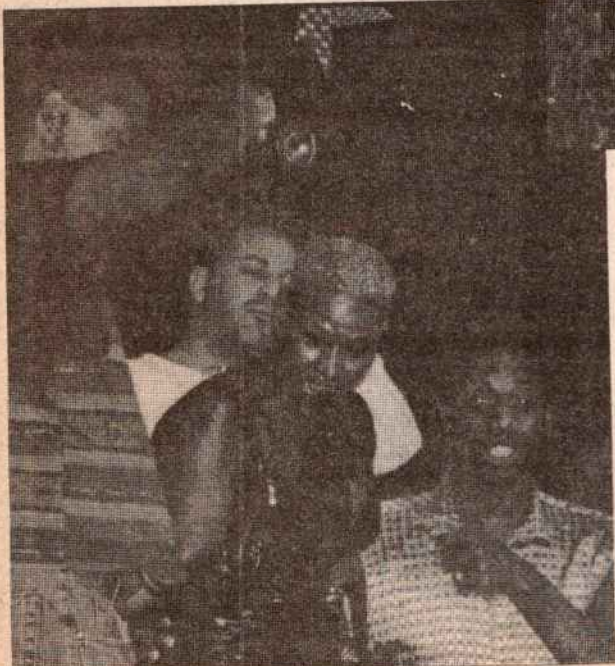
LEATHER MEN'S BAR NIGHT



Left side: Diva Lonnie Gordon was a big hit at The New Bar's 11th anniversary blowout. Top Right: Hotel Washington owners, management and staffers (L to R) Ken, Greg Scheel, Amy, and DJ Brenda (that's Mark down on his knees) pose with Ms. Gordon after her concert.



Above: (L to R) Toni, Sherry and Greg Scheel, Mark and Amy. Below: New Bar staffers take a quick break for this group photo.



Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

Bug Out!

Once upon a time last week, Mark, the Bugman, come to wage his regular monthly battle with dragonflies the size of the choppers that evac-d Da Nang, and various, variegated, arthropods and arachnids (beasties and creepies) that, in these tropic Florida climes, come in surprising sizes from big, big, omigod! to small, small, "oww-dijeew-see-anthing?" Critters and creatures, great and small, that Disney could only have invented at the bottom of whatever was in that pipe he always smoked.

So anyway, Mark, the Bugman [played in the movie by (Whatever Happened To) Rob Lowe, or Charlie Sheen, whichever comes first.] (Now don't get impatient, Children. Mama's getting to the story. You just need a little colorful background to set the proper tone.), Mark, whom I've come to know over the months, and who knows me, and who I write to, (you) had something bugging *him* for a change.

"Hey, what's bugging *you* for a change, Mike, the Bugman?" I inquired. He was not amused.

"My brother, Jack." He rejoined, humming, glumly, a few faint "Freres Jacques" phrases. "If you must ask."

"I must. *Repondez, sil vous plait.*" I *respondez'd* to him. "Tell me all. I'm here to hear."

"He's Gay. I know he's Gay. At least I think he's Gay. But he won't say."

"And it's about damn time we got this out. We've been brothers since before as long as I can remember. Shared a red wagon, and fought over the dog. Sometimes the other way. He's 45 now, and he's cheating me blind. For sure. I want to know. Give him a party. Slap him on the back for his anniversary. Share married jokes. Take them both into the circle in ways you can't if it's just a couple of guys pretending to be friends, just happening to go to Europe with the cousins, or fishing at the lakefront family house, instead of really being related to. To each other and to other kith and kin."

"So?" I seriously encouraged.

"It's kind of a sin," he spoke. "See, our folks are old, and if they never know, they'll never really get him, and that's not fair. To them. Besides. I don't like having to live his lie."

"What're your clues?" I inquired.

"Well, to start," he smartly responded, "he doesn't date. Girls, I mean. Or anyone else."

"Since when?" I intoned.

"Since he's lived with David. Not since then. Twentysomething years, I think. I think he thinks we know by now. We do. But he since he won't say. And we weren't raised to raise so rude a ruckus, well... you know?"

"I don't. What do you know?"

"I know that he won't say, and that's not enough. I like David, like another brother. But I pretend that they pretend that I don't see the checks with both their names. Or that in a three bedroom house, two of them are an office. I need permission, so I can say, 'okay.' But till he does, I'm stuck outside his life. He doesn't need a wife, for me to love him like a long, lost brother. And our mother an our father think the same. Or would soon enough if he'd stop implying us away. What do I say?"

"Simple. Say it for him."

"That wouldn't seem nice."

"You have to break the ice. You have to."

"Should I?"

"Sure."

"But how?"

"Just say, 'Big Brother, are you Gay?' And, by the way it wouldn't hurt to do it with a smile, and add 'I love you' as you can, and... a just a little hint from me... don't ask which one's the groom, and which the bride in any kind of sadly humorous attempt to hide that you're a little bit uncomfortable with the question. That's what he's afraid of, that you'll

laugh or disapprove if he should bring it to the table."

"I think, of that, I'm able."

So, good Girls and Boys, here ends our fable.

We won't know for weeks on end if we have a happy ending. But this old story has a brand new start in this one not-so-isolated family tree. Is it just me? Am I too jaded? Or naive? To be surprised this story still goes on in countless tales untold, where we would find a hearty "Welcome home," if we'd unfold. Something we will never know for sure by merely buying into that belief we hold that by now "they certainly must know."

The y do. They're waiting for you. Now go tell them and give them permission to let you know they know.

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Ask Billy Holliday

Off-Key Advice From an Off-Color Life

Dear Billy:

I am in a relatively new relationship and it's one that I value greatly. I really do want it to last. The problem is that I still get strong urges and often see people that I want to sleep with. It's very hard to go out with my boyfriend without my attention wandering when some hot young boy walks by. I try to hide my glances, but I know he suspects. What

do I do?

TH, Long Beach, CA

Well, if that's TH for Too Hot or Too Hung, then I'd give my boyfriend the TH, The Heaveho, and head for the TH, Tea House, and TH Take Head, for the rest of the night. You sure don't sound TH, that's Too Happy, to me. I think you've come down with a tiny case of infatuation and it sounds like you are really just about over it. So don't prolong the agony any longer. Get it over with now. If you can't come right out and say it, then when one of these boys walks by stand up, apologize to your boyfriend and say, "I'm sorry baby, but I'm just TH; that's Too Horny."

Dear Billy:

Do you vote?

CM, Waco, TX

No! Why! I mean, what was the last nice thing that voting did for you? Elect Jesse Helms? Sure honey, I just love electing deadbeats to high paying jobs that let them suck the honey from the hive and tax me for carrying the nectar. The problem with politics is that we all take it far too seriously, believing that these dickheads really give a shit about the people that voted them in. Believe me honey, the dipsticks on the ballot sniff good stuff — did anyone ever wonder why one seat in the US Senate is worth \$30 million — \$30 million for a job that pays about \$100,000 a year for six years? Whoa! Somethin's wrong there. Of course we know there is a lot to be made under the old table right? Honey, a scumbag is a scumbag is a scumbag. Votes don't change a thing about scumbagness. And there's not one who's not at least distantly related to scumbagdom.



Top Left: The top three contestants in the Miss Gay Great Lakes USA '95 pageant: 1st runner up Neeley O'Hara; winner Kylie West; and 2nd runner up Ashley Andrews. Middle Left:

Tag Team Productions owners Todd, Ann and Greg with their Great Lakes winner Kylie West. Bottom: The eight contestants. Top Right: CoCo, Miss Gay USA.

Dear Billy:

It's funny, but as much as I would like to get to bed with someone, I get real nervous. If we go to his place, I feel very vulnerable and worried about not being able to get out. And, if we go back to my place, I still worry about the danger of violence. It really screws things up for me and I don't know what to do. I need your advice quickly and badly.

BJ, LA, CA

So, BJ, welcome to the next millennium. There is no easy answer to what you are saying. There is so much going on there right now that so many of us don't know how to proceed. I understand entirely how you feel. The way things are, it's sad. I remember once it was the thrill of danger that added so much to the notion of sex. Now there are so many sickies out there, you just don't know where to tread. What to do... There are fun alternatives. One is those nice bars that encourage group groping and all the dirty things we like so much. You might even find Miss Billy there one night... And then there's old fashioned romance — have a couple of dates, get to know one another, feel out the boundaries. Discover how hot sex can be when you denied yourself. Role play. Talk dirty. Then when the time is just right, fuck hard. And remember, don't give those bastards the satisfaction of knowing they've scared us. Who knows, maybe all this shit is a Republican plot to make us stop playcreating. Hang in there BJ, sex is good whether it's the first night or the third morning, in the bedroom or in the booth.

Dear Billy:

I'm just curious; what is your stand on group sex?

PW, NYC, NY



Photo by James Taylor



I won't stand for group sex; in truth, I can rarely stand after group sex!

Allegre owner Kitty and her staff, friends and customers celebrated during the bars recent grand opening white tie affair.

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

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2. OJ's Hung Jury	101/46
3. Wez B Cook'n Dande Candi	92/55
4. This Is It — TNG	91/56
5. Absolutely Fabulous Booze Bags	81/66
6. 3B's — Bowlers, Boys & A Bitch	80/67
7. Searching for Velma	67/80
8. Rainbow Bowlers	60/87
9. Four Divas and A Dyke	58/89
10. This Is It — GDS	54/93
11. Triangle-Bottom to Tops	51/96
12. Triangle-Trailer Park Trash	50/97

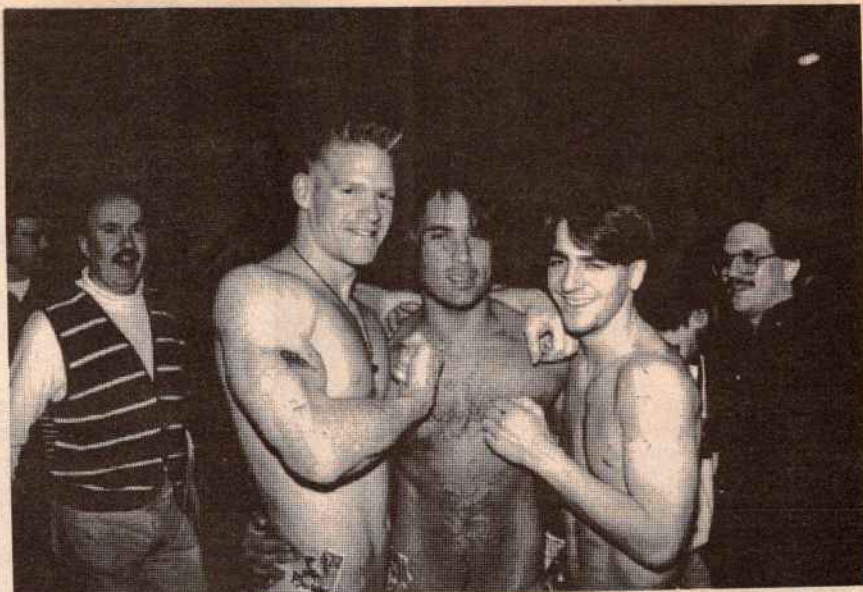


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The Stallions Male Dancers performed at both Club 219 and Club 94 the weekend of Jan. 27-28.

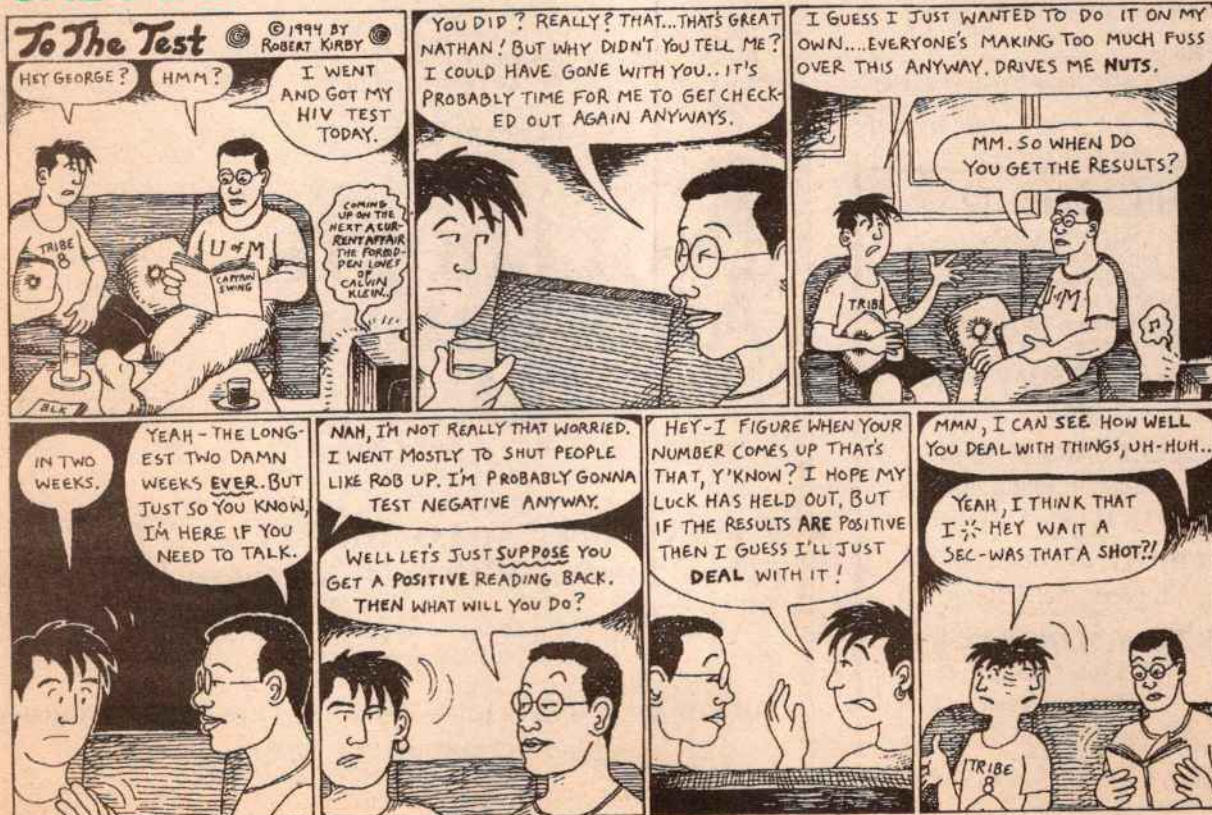
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Teams	Won/Lost
1. We & The Queen	50/20
2. Wreck Room-Heirs of Uranus	45/25

3. Slippery Zippers	44/26	12. Who Knows, Who Cares	28/42
4. Ballgame	40/30	13. Bottoms Up	19/51
5. Something Sassy	40/30		
6. Barons	39/31		
7. Strike Oppose	38/32		
8. Who Knows	37/33		
9. Just Us — Cartoon Alley	36/34		
10. Just Us Fairies	30/40		
11. Gutter Sluts from Mars	28/42		

CURBSIDE



Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

Dear Bitterina:

Kirk is on vacation for this issue. Temporarily stepping into his estimable shoes is Bitterina Q. Wetzel, MSW, BFD, who will be answering some of the letters received from the readers.

Dear Kirk:

For the past few months I've been dating a guy who makes me feel like I'm on top of the world. He buys me things, takes me to nice places, listens to me, and the sex is incredible.

The problem is his fiancée. He's due to get married in a few months, and I'm not sure how this will change our relationship. He's Bi, and while he loves his girlfriend, she can't give him everything he wants. He says that he loves me too.

Does their impending wedding plans have to change our relationship? Should I stop going over to their house for Sunday brunch? She just thinks I'm a close friend...

Signed, Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Wonder no longer and let him go. He's using you so that he can have his cake and eat it too. If he's marrying her and seeing you on the side, there is a problem. It isn't fair to you, and it certainly isn't fair to her. Escape this third rate Noel Coward play while you can, before she gets a clue and decides to re-enact the *Lorena Bobbitt Story*.

Yours, Bitterina

Dear Kirk:

My boyfriend claims that I'm not enough for him in bed. Lately he talks about menages, buying sex toys, and open relationships. I love him, want to please him, but I don't know what to do and am afraid of losing him. What should I do?

Sincerely, Matt G.

Dear Matt:

The problem isn't with you, it is with him. There is something he isn't happy about, and he is projecting his insecurities and fears on you. You didn't say how long you have been together, but another factor inherent may be that of time.

Talk with him about your concerns, share with him your desire to recapture the way the relationship was when it was happy. If that doesn't prove effective, try page sixty of *Kama Sutra*. A surefire method for repairing a marriage, and a great icebreaker at parties.

Best Wishes, Bitterina

Dear Kirk:

I've been seeing this man for about a week. He's nice, fun, and we have lots in common. We like a lot of the same

movies, TV shows, and we have a similar sense of humor.

The sex is great, and the mutual attraction is there, but that is about it. Unless we discuss our mutual topics, the conversation runs out. You can only talk about movies and TV so long. He doesn't read for fun, he doesn't really do anything but go out to movies and to the bars, and he doesn't like to discuss anything of importance to me.

I like him a lot. What should I do?

Yours Truly, Richard L.

Dear Richard:

You have two options. Leave him and look for someone who is more on

your wavelength, or stay with him and belly up to the bar for as much of that amazing sex as you can get. If you are that compatible sexually, it would be a shame to give it up for a celibate future while you wait for Mr. Right to show up.

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Enviously, Bitterina

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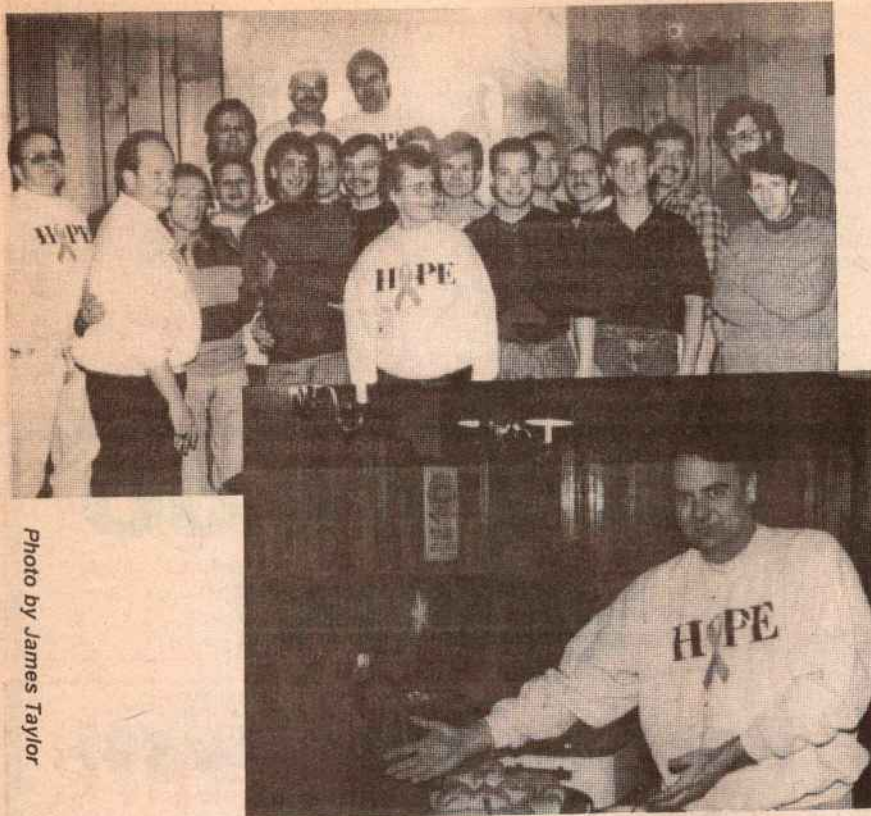


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The Connie Casserole cook off and AIDS benefit fund-raiser at Blue Lite brought out some great support (and good food).

Life's a Drag

© By Bob Arnold



"Listen, Honey, they're playing our song: 'I'm getting sort of mental over you...'"

Profiles

Pride Council Adds New Members

Milwaukee — PrideFest proudly announces the appointments of four new members to its Pride Council.

Shelli Marquardt — Harvey Milk Stage Coordinator, is the Fund Raising Director of LAMM. She was instrumental in producing LAMM's Variety Show held in August. In addition to coordinating the Harvey Milk Stage, Shelli will also assist in scheduling entertainers throughout the

grounds.

Bill Hanel — Stonewall Stage Coordinator, is well known for his work with LesBiGay discussion groups at the Counseling Center. He is seeking a Lesbian to help share in his duties.

Sue Cook — Volunteer Coordinator, was the Chairperson of the Pride Celebration in 1989 and 1990. She brings a wealth of volunteer management experience to the Council.

Mike Hall — Operations Manager, helped with security last year, where he impressed everyone with his abilities.

PrideFest welcome the newest members to its Council. If you have a skill or talent you would like to share with the community, call PrideFest at (414) 272-FEST.

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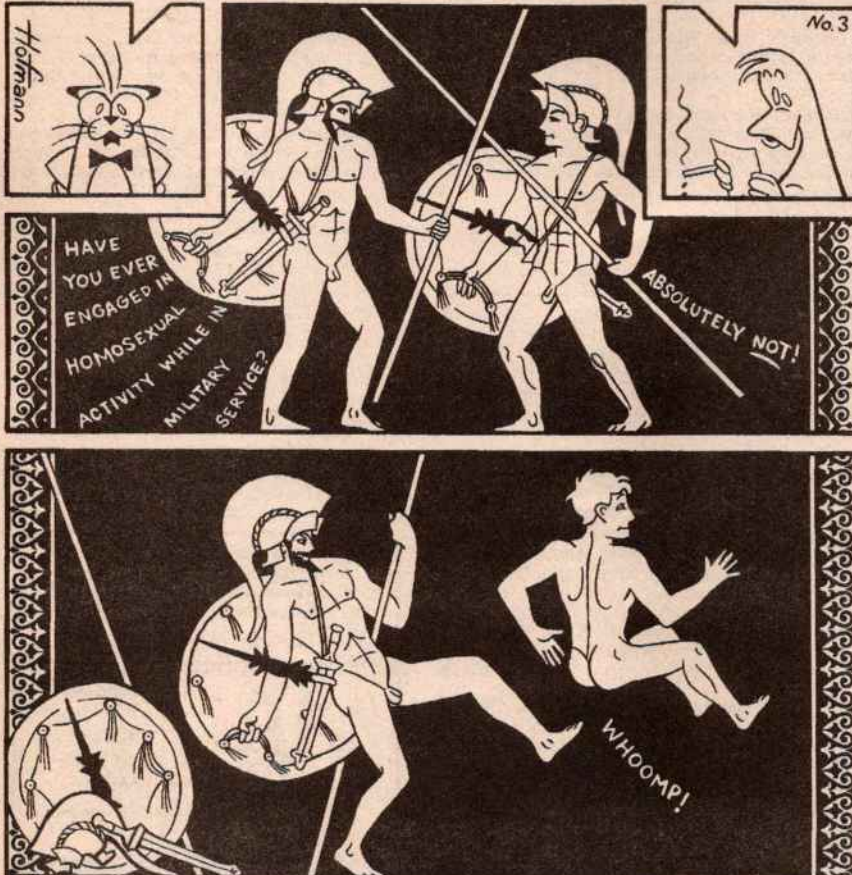
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by Hofmann

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Center Project Exec Direc to Join Camp Heartland

Milwaukee — Jean Buschke, executive director of Center Project, Inc. in Green Bay will join **Camp Heartland Project**, Milwaukee, as its executive director on April 3.

"Jean has played an integral part in the ongoing development of Center Project as a valuable resource," said Mary Ellen Maietta, president, Center Project board of directors. "She will be a great asset to Camp Heartland Project in managing its rapid growth."

Center Project is a private, non-profit AIDS service organization serving

nine northeastern Wisconsin counties. At Center Project, Buschke supervises an 18 person professional staff. She coordinates all development activities along with agency community relations and public policy activities.

"I am leaving Center Project feeling secure in a committed board of directors and talented staff to meet client needs," said Buschke. "I look forward to watching Center Project continue to move forward in providing an essential service to people in the Green Bay Area."

Camp Heartland Project is a Milwaukee-based, charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to helping children impacted by HIV/AIDS. The Project provides recreational activities, support and AIDS education nationwide.

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1. We will no longer accept Roommate or other non-personal ads with sexual connotations. If you're looking for sex, place your ad in the Personals section. There is a difference between "Roommates" and "Bed Partners."

2. We have received numerous complaints from readers who use all the Classies sections to legitimately — find a roommate, rent an apartment, find a service provider, etc. — please, no phone sex calls to non-personal ads.

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Orally inclined — GWM, 5'7", 140, 40's, Brown/Blue, mustache, hairy, hung, uncut, seeking all men who like to lay back and enjoy. PO Box 632, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Wisconsin Bares: A Bi and Gay Male nudist group. Meet new men, make new friends in a safe, relaxed and confidential atmosphere. For information send your complete date of birth and a SASE to WB, PO Box 1684, Kenosha, WI 53141.

GW Couple, early 30's, boy next door looks, dark hair, thin, clean-shaven, NS, ND, professional, stable. Seeking singles or couples interested in safe, discrete fun. Prefer under 35, boyish looks, college student or professional types. Responses in strict confidence and only those who include photo can expect response. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 1064, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1064.

Milwaukee GWM, 34, looking for a friendship/relationship with GWM who enjoys going out to dinner and so on. I'm handicapped but mobile, speech impaired, 5'10", 190 lbs. Call (414) 253-0921. If just interested in sex, don't call.

I want a Man — GWM, 62, wheelchair bound, would like to pleasure a slender, young black or white male. Very oral. (414) 633-2521 anytime. Frank. (Dennis Milw. please call me.)

Masculine, Professional, GWM, 44, Br/Bl eyes, 6'1", 186, in shape. Unpretentious, enjoy being with people. Variety of interests/ pleasures. You: masculine, 25+. Boxholder, PO Box 311, Plover, WI 54467. Photo please.

GWM, 33, not into bars. Good looking, shy, seeks similar, 30-40 for L.T.R. Enjoy dogs, cooking, culture, quiet evenings, and primitive art. Also enjoy doing things one- on-one. Prefer quiet type. Respond to Boxholder, PO Box 14532, West Allis, WI 53214. Photo helpful!

Gang-Bang-Bottom: Tall, slender and slutty GWM, 43, bottom, looking for 2 or more top men. I love to safely have my emptiness repeatedly filled. I'm also very oral. I'm not camera shy. Write to: Occupant, PO Box 311, Appleton, WI 54912.

Muscular 42 Year Old: Looking for a relationship based on friendship, thoughtfulness, and romantic times. Interests include working out, travel, quiet times at home. Photo, phone. PO Box 13632, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

Yo Mr. Right: are you out there? 21, 6', 165 lb., brown-red/ brown, into music, adventure, dining, dancing, romancing needs you, tall, thin, 18-33, masculine, raunchy; for friendship/ relationship, sparks. (414) 543-7181.

GWM-33, Attractive: seeking 18-40 for friendships. Possible relationship for caring, unselfish, affectionate person enjoying romance. All races, except black please. Enjoy movies, pop music, concerts, long walks, nature, golf, restaurants, camping, hiking. I'm 5', 5", blonde, blue, 180#. Brad, PO Box 1818, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Photo please.

35 BIWM, 5'11", 162 lbs, trim, well defined swimmers build from regular workouts seeks similar guy(s), 20-40 for physical relationship. Athletic or muscular body a must, smooth a plus. Send letter and photo to 12021 West Bluemound Road, #201, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

WM, 45, 5'9", 150, beard, HIV-neg, services in-shape, healthy men any way you want, including kink, can be a real pig. Call am's or write with picture. Karl, 836 Wheeler, Woodstock, IL 60098. (815) 338-9137. Any Race.

GWM, 6'1", 43, Brown/Hazel, 185, honest, sincere, professional person, non-smoker, drink moderately, avid antique collector, reader, flower gardener, many others. Enjoy dining out or romantic evenings at home. Will answer all, 501 West Fulton, Waupaca, WI 54981.



♥ Wedding ♥

Commitment Ceremony Services

Woodstock, VT — Pride, Love and Union Services, a Gay owned and operated company, is going into its third year of helping couples arrange and produce their own wedding ceremonies.

They provide customized information in a beautifully arranged Commitment Ceremony guide. Within the guide a couple will find the following: sample ceremony certificates; planning checklists; business referrals to Gay and Gay-friendly businesses and services in the area of the ceremony that can be of assistance to the couple; legal information including State and regional laws concerning same-sex domestic partnerships; sample vows that are same sex friendly; sample same sex marriage contracts; a reference list of other helpful publications; retail information regarding wedding bands and same-sex cake toppers!

For more information, write or call: Pride, Love and Union Services, PO Box 283, Woodstock, VT 05091. Phone (603) 448-3754; Fax: (603) 448-4076.

Graffiti

JF: Do you know what I wanted to tell you in the park that one day? Whenever you're ready. **Single Pink Rose** Desperately Seeking Possum Queen: The more the merrier. 271-3732.

Tommy Rebecca Carlson: Billboard (Feb. 4th) is a collector's issue thanks to your info on the Material Girl in Fred Bronson's ChartBeat. You got it goin' on, girlfriend! **Ken Laura, Sheila & Autumn:** Please call.

Keith Andy: Thanks for all that you've done and given me this past summer. I'm extremely glad we were able to meet! Come visit sometime!

Jesse Joel: May this Valentine's Day be filled with peace, happiness and lots of love.

Tammy Debra: My soul mate, lover, friend. No matter how far apart we are, I'll feel your presence inside me this Valentine's Day and always. I love you.

Carmen Attention Danny! No fancy card, expensive gift or dozen roses. Just my love, respect, admiration, affection. Today and always. You're Friend Forever.

Ken Goofus Moofus: No one else on earth could get to me! But passionate kisses, shows love can build a bridge. Love Always.

Turtle Al: You were the love of my life. That one person, on earth for me. Happy Valentine's Day. I'll never forget you.

Love, Joey My Dearest Katherine: Happy Anniversary and Valentine's Day! The first 20 years have been the best, I happily anticipate spending the next.

Love, Susan Jo: Loving you this past 16 years has been beyond wonderful! If there is another life after this one, I have to find you again!

Love, Rose Giggie Guy: Ready for our Valentine's celebration in Cancun? White sand, clear blue ocean, here we come! I'll give you a HOT Time!

Love, Lambiekins JW: To the many memories we have shared, both good and bad. Love Always. AJT

The Guide

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

APPLETON & FOX VALLEY (414)

BARS

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

ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 (414)235-5100
- 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) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
- Gay/Lesbian Support Group
UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
- Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
- Fox Valley G/L Parents 727-1975
- Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, Bi Group (Lawrence University)
Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Scott) 832-7503

GREEN BAY (414) & NORTHEAST WI

BARS

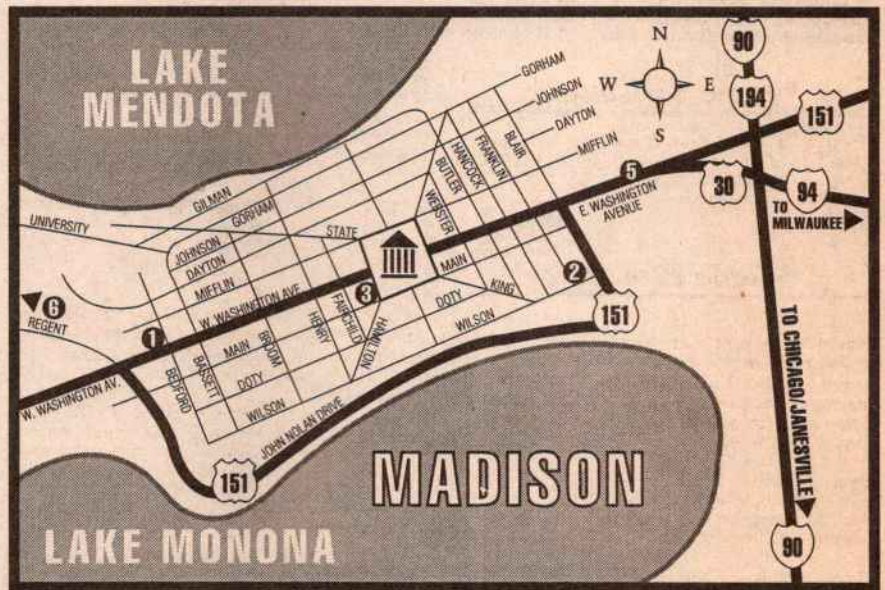
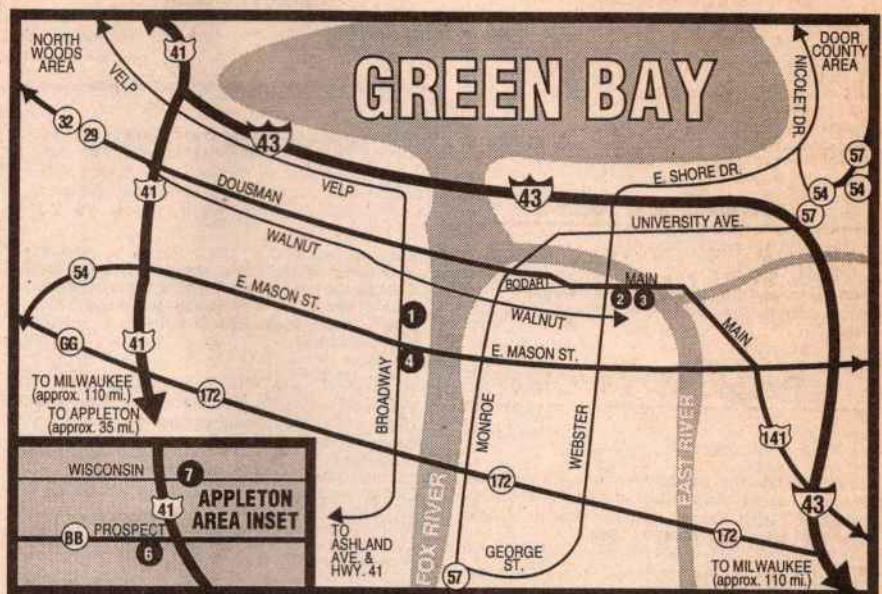
- 3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)
1126 Main St. 54301 437-3917
- 1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ)
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646
- 2 Java's (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 4 Sass (WM) 840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
PO Box 672, Green Bay 54305 432-0830
- Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
- Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly) Green Bay 494-9904
- Bay City Chorus PO Box 1901,
Green Bay 54305 494-5029
- Center Project, Inc. [CPI] (HIV Test/Counsel)
824 S Broadway, Green Bay 54305
437-7400 or (800)675-9400
- Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-Green Bay 465-2343
- HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Green Bay 468-6316
- Men's HIV+ Support Green Bay 437-7400
- Women's HIV+ Support Green Bay 437-7400
- Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/social Group)
Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
- Parents & Friends of 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

ACCOMMODATIONS

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



MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

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

BARS

- 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
- 5 Geraldine's (MW, DJ)
3052 E. Washington, 53704 241-9335
- 6 Greenbush (G/S, MW, F)
914 Regent, 53715 257-BUSH

ORGANIZATIONS

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

MADISON (608)

ORGANIZATIONS

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- Gay Men's Video Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608)244-8675
- GALVANize (Madison LGBT Pride)
PO Box 1403, 53701 (608)256-4289
- Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)
PO Box 6091, 53716
- Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)
(608)255-7447
- LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
Dean of Students Office, 75 Bascom Hall
Madison 53706 (608) 263-5700
- LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) 336 W Dayton 53703 (608)265-3344
- LesGayBi Teen Support Group (Briarpatch & Picada)
(608)251-1126/246-7606
- Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
- Lesbian Parents Network
PO Box 572, 53701 (608)255-8582
- Madison Volleyball Group
Jeff, (608)251-8716
- Madison Wrestling Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608)244-8675
- MAGIC Picnic Comm.
636 W Washington 53703 (608)256-3404 (EXT 220)
- Men's Alanon (608)255-8582
- New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
PO Box 1786, 53701
- Nothing to Hide (Gay cable)
(608)241-2500
- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
PO Box 1722, 53701
- 10% Society (student organization) Box 614,
UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 (608)262-7365
- Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701
- The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy)
14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103, 53703 (608)255-8582
- UW LesBiGay Alumni Council Ken, (608) 263-4086
- Womansong (Women's Choral Group) (608)246-2681

RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701 (608)836-8886
- Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353

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

BULLETIN BOARDS

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

MILWAUKEE (414)

BARS

- 1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd 53204 273-7474
- 3 Boot Camp (M, L/L) 209 E. National 53204 643-6900
- 4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 53204 291-9600
- 5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd 53204 271-3732
- 7 Dance, Dance, Dance (Mw, DJ)
801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
- 6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950
- 2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)
200 E. Washington 53204 643-9633
- 7 Grubb's Pub (MW, F) 807 S 2nd St 53204 384-8330
- 27 Just Us (MW,D,F)
807 S. 5th St, 53204 383-2233
- 22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673
- 21 KT & Zips Atmosphere (MW, DJ)
2800 N. Richards, 53212 372-6330
- 7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
- 17 Loose Ends (GS, MW, F)
4332 W. Fond du Lac 442-8469
- 26 Mama Roux (MW, G/S, F)
1875 N. Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
- 10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- 20 Station 2 (Wm, D) 1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755
- 13 This Is It (M) 418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192
- 12 3B's Bar (Mw, D) 1753 S. KK 53204 672-5580
- 18 Triangle (M, V) 135 E National 53204 383-9412
- 24 Walker's Point Marble Arcade (G/S, MW, F)
1101 S. 2nd St., 53204 647-9430
- 11 Wreck Room (M, L/L) 266 E Erie 53202 273-6900
- 9 Zippers (Mw) 819 S 2nd, 53204 645-8330

BOWLING

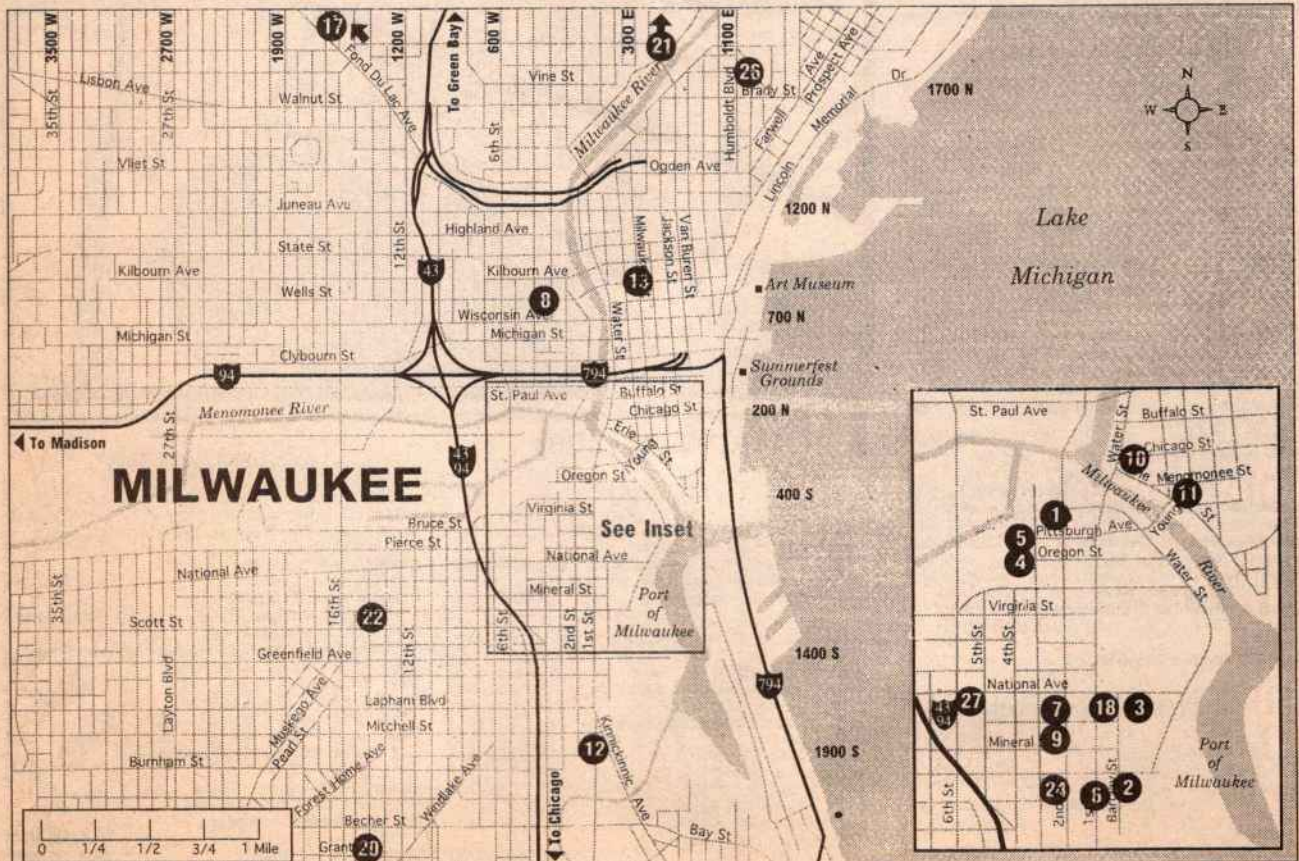
24 Walker's Point Marble Arcade (G/S, MW, F, Bowling)
1101 S. 2nd Street 647-9430

RESTAURANTS

- 6 Miguel's (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950
- 10 Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- 7 Grubb's Pub 807 S 2nd St, 53204 384-8330
- 23 Walker's Point Cafe (10am-afterhours)
1106 S. 1st St, 53204 384-7999
- 26 Mama Roux (Serving 11am-10pm)
1875 N. Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
- 8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F)
720 N. Old World 3rd St 53203 291-9889

RELIGIOUS

- Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St 344-1746
- Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
PO Box 597, 53102 444-7177
- Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Affirming)
914 E Knaap, 53211 276-6277
- Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 11864, 53211 372-9663
- MAP Spiritual Care
PO Box 92505, 53202 273-1991
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
UFMCC PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995
- Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
2717 E. Hampshire 964-1513
- The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational)
1636 W. National 647-9199
- St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
3661 S KK, 53235 481-3696
- St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave 271-1340
- St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Anglican Rite)
1311 W Lincoln, 53215 643-9313
- First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N Astor 273-5257
- Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave 273-7617



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ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP Milwaukee PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708
 Alcoholics Anonymous (req. Gay meetings) 771-9119
 Beer Town Badgers PO Box 166, 53201
 Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) 272-3009
 Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
 Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
 PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
 Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support &
 discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
 Cream City Chorus P. O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222
 Cream City Foundation (CCF)
 2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201 265-0880
 Cream City Squares
 (G/L Square Dancing Club) 521-1259
 DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression
 PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
 Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L TheatreCo)
 PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673
 Fest City Singers (Gay choral group)
 PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
 Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
 2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
 Gaylaxians (G/L sci-fi group)
 c/o Emory Churness, 3815 N 49, 53210 444-3853
 GAMMA (sports/social)
 PO Box 1900, 53201 963-9833
 Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
 Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro
 Milw.(GLEEMM) Larry 384-9695
 Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201 562-7010
 Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
 PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
 Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 271-2565
 Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social)
 PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328
 Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862
 Great Lakes Harley Riders
 PO Box 341611, 53234-1611
 Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMA)
 (Boating,social) POBox 1768,53201 475-6800
 Human Rights League (HRL), PO Box 92674, 53202, 228-1921
 Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
 PO Box 899, 53201 (608)831-4038
 Imani (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians)
 PO Box 92146, 53202 521-4565
 Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
 PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344
 Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal
 defense)Box 93252, 53203 871-4839

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
 PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600
 Lesbian, Gay and Bi People in Medicine (LGBPM)
 c/o 3122 W Michigan, 53208 933-6581
 LOC/Women of Color 873-4942
 PACT (People of All Colors Together)
 PO Box 12292, 53212
 Dave 527-4296 Veral 347-0580
 MGALA (MU Graduates)
 PO Box 92722, 53202
 Marquette LesBiGay Student Group
 Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
 MATC's Gay & Lesbian Organization
 700 W State, 53233 297-6832/VM 297-6551
 Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club 482-0472
 Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) 543-4850
 Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833
 People Living With AIDS Coalition
 820 N Plankinton, 53203 273-1991
 Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207
 Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
 c/o 3074 N Maryland, 53211 Sandy, 962-9320
 PrideFest (Pride Committee)
 PO Box 93852, 53203 272-FEST

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PO Box 93951, 53203 225-1500

SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays)
PO Box 92462, 53202 after 4pm: 271-0378

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 276-6936

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

Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program)
820 N Plankinton, 53203 273-1991

STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

Alternate Lifestyles BBS
(Gay listings, messages) 933-7572

Back Door BBS (GayCom messages, chat, news, games IBM file transfers, netmail) 744-9336

Crossroads BBS (8 lines, chat, matchmaking, files, netmail) 282-0494

Dr. Pervitis DYM-BBS (e-mail, matching, sub boards) 873-2838

Dr. Pervitis Wildcat BBS (e-mail, graphics, sub-boards) 873-1680

GLINN Multi-Board Super System (news, personals guides, files, on-line games, graphics) 289-0145

Starcom BBS (user descrp., files, echo mail) 873-6969

HELP LINES

Gay Information Svcs. (referrals) 444-7331

Gay People's Union Hotline 562-7010

Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331

Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123

Wisconsin AIDS Info Line 273-AIDS

Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution
Marge Bell 286-2200

SERVICES

Able Amazon (Home Repair, Remodeling) 263-2889

Alternative Connections (G/L matchmaking) 765-1233

Bottom Line Travel (Travel Agency, member IGTA)
3468 S 13, 53215 383-1244

Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)
6510 W Layton Ave, 53215 282-6160

Federated Realty Jack Smith 964-9000/ 283-1452

Financial Planning Services
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427

Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010

Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN)
PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789) 289-7777

GLINN Voice Mail 289-8780

Havlicek & Assoc. (Advertising, Desktop)
225 S. 2nd St, 53204 271-5819

Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 255-0704

Hume, Attorney Kathleen
5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130 529-2129

Hurricane Womyn's Productions
PO Box 71268, 53211

Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training, hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling) 276-8669

K-9 8 till 5 (Dog Grooming) 933-5995

Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)
5665 S, 108th, Hales Corners 53130 529-2800

Lohman Funeral Service
804 W. Greenfield Ave. 53204 645-1575

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161 W. Wisconsin, Suite 3189 53203 765-9413

Jeffrey G. Miller, MS, RN (Psychotherapy)
721 American Ave, Ste 50, Waukesha 53188 574-7771

Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)
PO Box 92487, 53202-0487 273-1991

Milwaukee Financial Planning Service
(money management, retirement planning)
175 N Corporate Dr #110 Brookfield 53045 792-1690

Mulry, Greg PhD, MSW (psychotherapy) 276-4664

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4855 N Mariboro, Whitefish Bay 53217 964-1902

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