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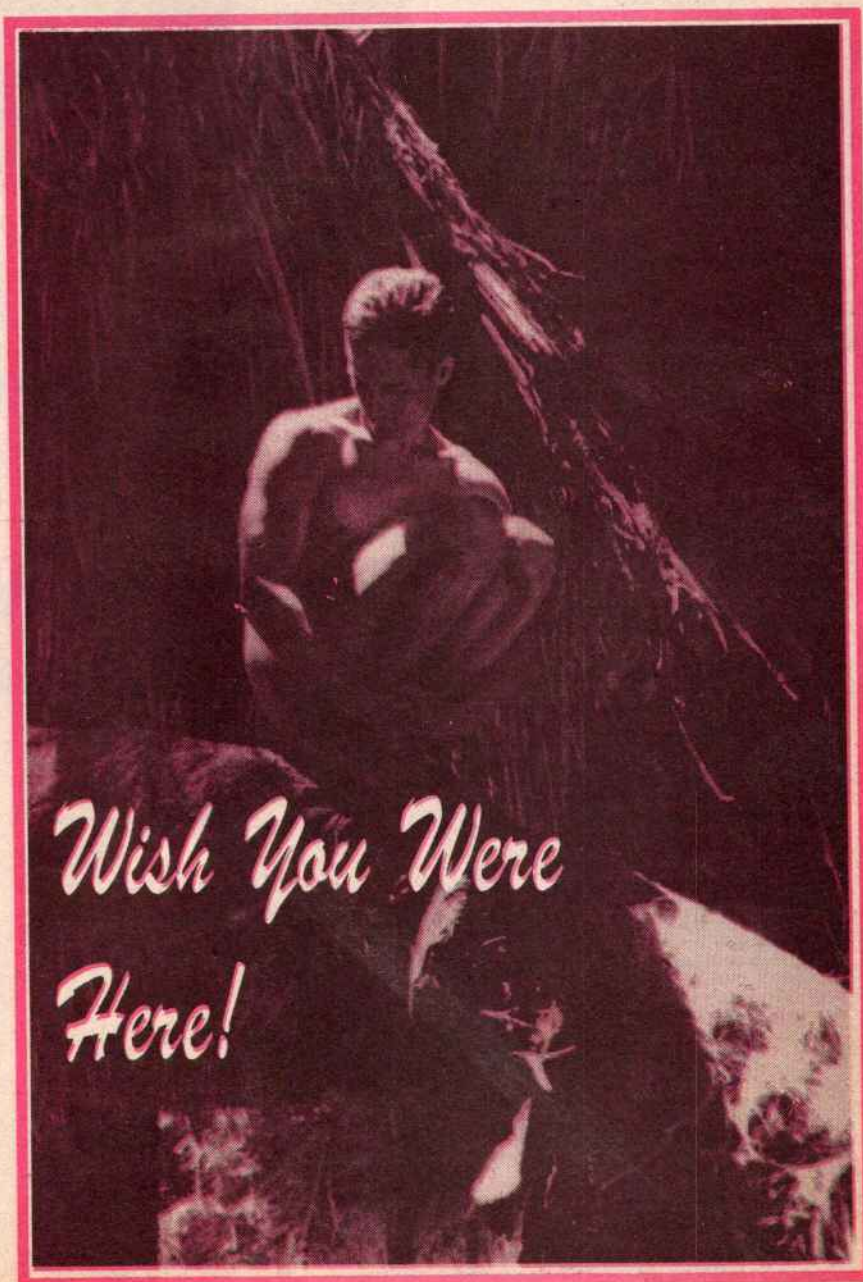
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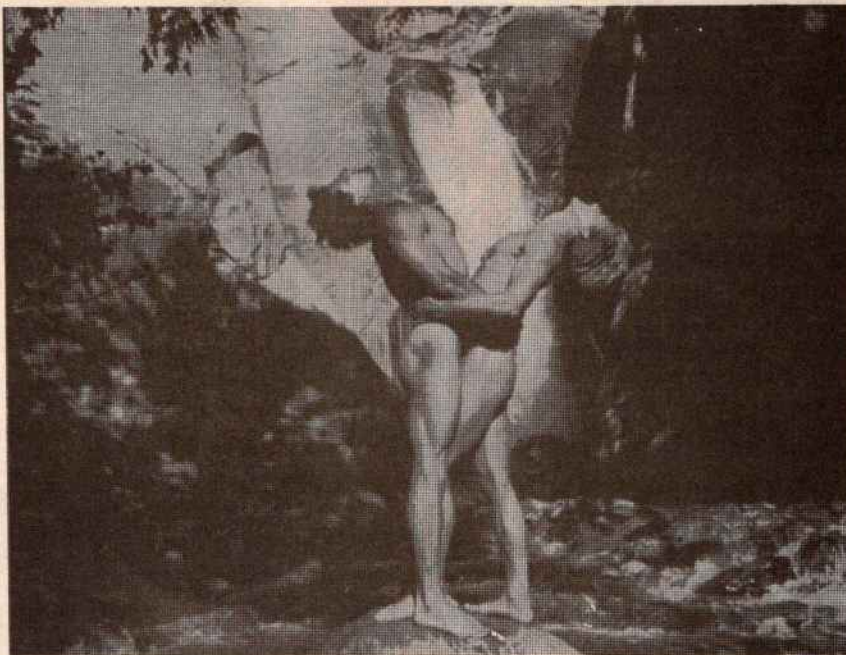
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# U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Colorado's Amendment 2

## Constitutionality of Anti-Gay Initiatives to be Resolved

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — The United States Supreme Court has agreed to consider the appeal of the State of Colorado in defense of Amendment 2, the controversial anti-Gay measure passed by 53% of the state's electorate in 1992. The outcome of the case, *Romer v. Evans*, is likely to decide the fate of anti-Gay referendum campaigns throughout the country.

Amendment 2 would void Gay rights ordinances already on the books in Denver, Aspen and Boulder and prohibit any government entities in the state, including cities, counties, school boards and the state legislature, from adopting civil rights laws banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Amendment 2 has never been implemented because opponents won an injunction prohibiting its enactment until court challenges to its constitutionality are fully resolved. The US Supreme Court, which will hear oral arguments in the case this fall and render a decision next year, is expected to do just that.

The first challenge to Amendment 2 came in Denver District Court where, in December 1993, Judge Jeffrey Bayless found the measure in violation of the Constitution's right to equal protection of the laws. Supporters of the measure then appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court.

Last October 11, which was National Coming Out Day, the state's high court sustained Judge Bayless's decision by a vote of 6-1. "The right to participate equally in the political process is clearly affected by Amendment 2," the court ruling declared. "States have no compelling interest in amending their constitutions in ways that violate fundamental federal rights."

Amendment 2, Colorado Chief Justice Luis Rovira wrote, "singles out one form of discrimination and removes its redress from consideration by the normal political process."

Colorado's appeal to the US Supreme Court describes Amendment 2, on the other hand, as an attempt to restrict "special rights" for a group identified only by its sexuality. It calls the state court's ruling "unwarranted interference in the political process" which "strikes at the heart of voter

sovereignty and federalism itself."

### IMPACT OF RULING

Kevin Cathcart of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is co-counsel in the *Romer v. Evans* case, welcomes the review by the nation's high court.

"The rights of any minority should not be swept away by popular vote," he contends. "The Court recognized the serious implications that anti-Gay initiatives have on the democratic process. We now look forward to a ruling to end this national assault on Gay and Lesbian civil rights."

Cathcart referred to the anti-Gay referendum campaigns which have spread across the US in the past few years. Right wing organizations and Christian fundamentalist groups have often spearheaded voter initiatives which aim to write Gay men and Lesbians out of state constitutions and local civil rights laws.

In 1994, over ten states faced anti-Gay initiatives, but pre-election challenges and inadequate signatures on petitions prevented many from taking place. The two statewide measures submitted to voters in November were defeated in Oregon and Idaho, although a similar referendum in Alachua County

in Florida was approved. It is currently under legal challenge.

This year, anti-Gay initiatives are expected to be held in the states of Maine and Washington and also in Tampa, Florida. Because the high court is not expected to rule on the Colorado case until next year, the results of these votes will not be affected immediately, though Gay rights advocates and the American Civil Liberties Union will no doubt submit separate legal challenges if they are passed.

On March 7, the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit will hear arguments in the appeal of a lower court decision striking down an anti-Gay measure passed by Cincinnati voters. The judge in that case had also ruled the anti-Gay initiative unconstitutional.

Suzanne Goldberg, staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense who is working on both the Colorado and Cincinnati cases, commented: "Anti-Gay initiatives call into question the very heart of our democracy. If courts permit these measures to take effect, it would fundamentally change the relationship between the rights of minority groups and the power the majority has to infringe upon those rights."

"This case," she said of the Amendment 2 appeal to the Supreme Court, "will affect the future of all civil rights in America."

## House, Senate Committees Take Divergent Action on AIDS Funds

### House Members Slash Funds; Senators Support CARE Act

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — In a mind-boggling outbreak of Congressional schizophrenia, committees of the House and Senate in late February adopted wildly divergent positions on funding for AIDS.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources heard extensive testimony from people with HIV/AIDS, Clinton administration officials and AIDS service providers about the necessity for re-authorizing and increasing allocations for the Ryan White CARE Act. Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, was among those who testified.

To the relief of AIDS advocates, the committee's powerful chair, Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-KS) expressed

her strong support for re-authorization and her opposition to a plan to turn the CARE Act into a block grant program. The committee's second-in-command, Edward Kennedy (D-MA) is a solid supporter of the CARE Act and increased funding.

But just as these positive signals came from the Senate, preliminary votes by two subcommittees of the House approved the slashing of AIDS funding already allocated for the current fiscal year. These are funds already in the pipeline which AIDS groups had anticipated receiving.

The House appropriations subcommittee on Labor/Health and Human Services/Education voted to cut \$13 million from Ryan White CARE Act programs. The same committee slashed \$23 million from prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, even though the programs are effectively stemming the spread of AIDS.

Meanwhile, the House appropriations subcommittee on Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development voted to eliminate the \$186 million Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, which provides housing assistance to people with AIDS who would otherwise remain homeless.

### "THIS IS AWFUL"

"This is awful," Doug Nelson told **In Step** about the subcommittees' action. "I'm afraid it's a signal of what is yet to come in the 1996 budget battles and indicates how difficult this new era will be."

"This is a very dangerous time for social programs and economic justice issues," Nelson commented. "Everything is on the cutting block. Cutting the WIC program [nutrition for Women, Infants and Children], the school lunch program — it's such heartless slashing."

Nelson said the House subcommittees' action cutting AIDS funds is far from the last word. The cuts would have to be ratified by the regular committees, then the whole House, then the Senate. If the budget-cutting is approved, Wisconsin would not be immediately affected because Title II funds have not (yet) been targeted. But Title I funds to cities with high incidences of AIDS and money for pediatric AIDS and prevention programs would be sorely missed.

Nelson found some cause for hope in the commitments made by Senators Kassebaum and Kennedy and in the favorable reception accorded to the idea that the formulas of the Ryan White CARE Act be revised to ensure more equitable distribution of funds. This is a goal long lobbied for by Nelson and AIDS service providers in smaller states and communities. Their efforts were reinforced by a Government Accounting Office report that confirmed the money is inequitably distributed, causing great disparities from city to city, state to state.

The three proposed changes to the CARE Act funding formulas include: counting cases based on the number of people actually living with AIDS rather than using a cumulative count from the beginning of the epidemic (60% of those individuals are dead); stop the "double-counting" of AIDS cases in places that get both Title I and II funds; and factor in a formula that takes into account the different capacities of each community to provide services — for instance, Los Angeles is more likely than Detroit to have more local funds for AIDS services because of its bigger and wealthier tax base.

Citizen support is desperately needed in the battle to re-authorize the Ryan White CARE Act, to maintain current funding and to increase next year's AIDS budget. Nelson urges **In Step** readers to call their Senators and members of Congress.

## NATIONAL News Briefs

### Gay Olympian Greg Louganis Reveals He Has AIDS

**New York, NY** — Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis, who declared his homosexuality last year during opening ceremonies at Gay Games IV in New York, has now revealed that he has AIDS.

In an emotional interview with Barbara Walters on ABC's *20/20*, Louganis revealed that he received his HIV diagnosis several months before competing in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He feared the discovery of his condition but was advised by his doctor and coach not to reveal it. He went on to win gold medals in springboard and platform diving (just as he had in 1984). Today, he said, according to the Centers for Disease Control's definition, "I have AIDS versus HIV."

Louganis told Walters of his traumatic childhood. As a Gay boy, a dyslexic and the child of a Samoan father, he was taunted as a "sissy, nigger, retard." He made several attempts to take his life, all of which failed. He admitted that channeling all his energies into diving was a way to escape the harassment and his own self-doubts by immersing himself in his sport.

The media made much of the fact that Louganis hit his head on the springboard and bled a tiny bit into the pool at the Seoul Olympics. The doctor treating the cut did not wear protective gloves. The doctor has tested HIV-negative and experts say there was virtually no danger of anyone contracting HIV from the pool's water. Meanwhile, spokesmen for the Olympics have said they have no intention of testing athletes for HIV.

### Log Cabin Leaders Defend Controversial Words, Deeds

**Washington, DC** — Leaders of the Log Cabin Federation, a coalition of clubs for Gay Republicans, are on the defensive for their decision to hold their annual convention in Cincinnati, a city which passed and anti-Gay referendum, and for comments that seemed to imply they did not fully support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill in Congress that will outlaw job bias based on sexual orientation.

In 1993, Cincinnati voters approved a measure forbidding the city to adopt civil rights protections for Gays. Local Gays called for a boycott, which the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau concedes has cost the city \$19 million in lost revenue from canceled conventions. While the initiative is being challenged in court, local activists say the boycott is still on.

"Some people may ask why the Federation would come to a place that supports discrimination against Gays and Lesbians," Log Cabin President Abner Mason said. "We are excited to engage in a dialogue with the people of Cincinnati. We believe that the majority of Cincinnatians are good people who do not believe that anyone should lose their jobs or be denied a home or service because they are Gay or Lesbian."

Meanwhile the Federation's Executive Director, Rich Tafel, told the **Washington Blade** that he was misquoted in press reports as saying that he thought passage of ENDA should be delayed. He had said last November after the GOP victory: "Many Americans find expansive civil rights legislation as one of the most visible types of government intrusion."

Tafel clarified his position by saying that since ENDA is unlikely to be passed by Congress this year, the Gay community's top priority should be re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act.

### Award-Winning Author Paul Monette Dies at 49

**West Hollywood, CA** — Paul Monette, whose critically acclaimed novels, memoirs, poems and essays chronicled the struggles of Gay men accepting their sexuality and living and dying in the time of AIDS, died of AIDS complications at his West Hollywood home on February 10. He was 49 years old.

Monette won the National Book Award in 1992 for his memoir **Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story**. The book traced his youthful upbringing, his suppression of his homosexuality and his gradual acceptance and celebration of it. In it, he wrote: "I can't conceive the hidden life anymore, don't think of it as life. When you finally come out, there's a pain that stops, and you know it will never hurt like that again, no matter how much you lose or how bad you die."

Monette also wrote **Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir**, about Roger Horowitz's death from AIDS. The **New York Times** said of the book: "Monette has etched a magnificent monument to his lover's bravery, their commitment to each other and the plague of hatred and ignorance they had to endure."

Monette's book of poetry, **Love Alone: 18 Elegies for Rog**, was a tribute to Horowitz. His novel **Afterlife** was about three Gay men who meet in a hospital as their

partners are dying of AIDS. **Halfway Home** is about a man with AIDS who is reunited with his estranged brother who needs his help.

Monette was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and educated at Yale. He taught college English for many years. He is survived by his lover, Winston Wilde, his father and a brother.

## Rev. Mel White Fasts in Prison Protest

Virginia Beach, VA — As **In Step** went to press, Rev. Mel White of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was completing the second week of a fast to protest his arrest outside the headquarters of the Christian Broadcasting Network on February 15.

Rev. White, a Gay man who is a former ghostwriter for Pat Robertson, the owner of CBN and producer of the *700 Club*, had gone to the CBN offices to see his former boss. White hoped to discuss Robertson's extensive use of anti-Gay rhetoric on the *700 Club* and in Christian Coalition policy statements and fundraising appeals.

White and a coalition of other members of the clergy went to CBN on Valentine's Day but were turned away. When they returned the next day, they were met by CBN security guards. His delegation left, but White was arrested for trespassing at an institution of higher learning. He is currently in the Virginia Beach jail under \$2,500 bond, which he has refused to pay. He has vowed to fast until Robertson meets with him.

White wants to make two requests of Robertson: that Robertson acknowledge the growing number of hate crimes against Gay and Lesbian people, and that he condemn those hate crimes and the people who incite or commit them.

## Lesbian Avengers Spread Terror with "Plague of Locusts"

San Rafael, CA — The Lesbian Avengers have struck again! This time they unleashed a "Plague of Locusts" on the headquarters of Exodus International, the organization which oversees 75 ministries that claim to cure Gays of their homosexuality through redemption in Jesus Christ.

Five Avengers stormed Exodus's office February 8 chanting and carrying signs saying "Queer Love is Not a Disease!" Once inside, the women climbed on a desk, shouted "We don't need to be cured!" and released 1,000 "locusts" (crickets) in an attempt to shut the operation down.

The Exodus staff watched dumbfounded as the swarming pile of crickets spread across the office floor. One worker picked up the phone and dialed 911, shaking as she reported, "There are Lesbians here with bugs!" By the time she was able to convince the police that it was not a prank call, the Avengers were on their way back to San Francisco.

Through their action, the Lesbian Avengers wanted to expose the fact that Exodus and the "ex-Gay" ministry movement are an insidious part of Christian Right organizing that have profoundly devastating effects on Gays and Lesbians.

Thousands of troubled people are referred to these "conversion" programs every year. And "ex-Gays" are used as "trophy cases of the far Right," noted Avenger Katie Hern. "They're used in right wing propaganda to prove that homosexuality is a chosen perversion. And that we therefore don't deserve basic civil rights."

"If anyone deserves a plague of Biblical proportions right now," Avenger Liz Harris declared, "it's the Radical Right."

## Attorneys: Homosexuality Shouldn't Limit Child Custody

Chicago, IL — The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, comprised of the nation's top 1,500 divorce and matrimonial law attorneys, has declared that homosexuality in and of itself should not be a bar to the custody of children. The policy statement was included in an amicus brief filed in the Sharon Bottoms custody case, soon to be heard by the Virginia Supreme Court.

"Any presumption that a homosexual parent is 'unfit' for custody simply by virtue of his or her homosexuality is a doctrine based upon prejudice and stereotypes which deprives a parent of fundamental rights and privileges guaranteed under the Constitution, while simultaneously ignoring the best interests of the child," the brief says.

"The fact is," Attorney Cynthia L. Greene, primary drafter of the Academy's statement, said, "that as to actual child-rearing skills and the ability to provide an appropriate home environment, be it from a material, moral or spiritual viewpoint, recent research shows there is no difference between heterosexual and homosexual parents."

In the case at hand, Sharon Bottoms, a Lesbian mother, was denied custody of her son by a trial court in 1993 based solely on her homosexuality. Custody was granted to the boy's grandmother. An appeals court reversed that judgment, but the grandmother appealed that decision to the state's high court.

## Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — Homophobic Congressman Bob Dornan (R-CA) may be planning a new anti-Gay campaign. Dornan recently requested that the Department of Health and Human Services provide him with detailed information on any and every HHS program that involves Gay or AIDS-related grants or projects. Activists are bracing for Dornan's expected onslaught.

Los Angeles, CA — Hundreds of African American Gays and Lesbians met in Los Angeles the weekend of February 18-19 for the annual conference of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. Discussion focussed around building the group into a national organization which could give support to fledgling organizing efforts by black Gays and Lesbians in their localities. Participants also discussed the desperate need for better AIDS prevention efforts among young Gay and Bisexual men of color.

New York, NY — Terrence McNally's critically acclaimed comedy/drama *Love! Valour! Compassion!* has moved from the Manhattan Theater Club to Broadway's Walter Kerr Theater. The popular play about eight Gay men interacting on successive weekends at a farmhouse retreat, needed a larger theater to accommodate the crowds and is likely to be nominated for a Tony Award. Another Gay-themed play, Cheryl West's *Holiday Heart*, about a girl who finds family with a boisterous drag queen, opened off-Broadway to mixed reviews.

Toledo, OH — A new group called the Toledo Gay and Lesbian Coalition planned to hold its first demonstration March 1 to protest disciplinary action taken against a high school student for wearing a "Boycott Homophobia" t-shirt. Activists planned to distribute information on Gays, Lesbians and AIDS as well as condoms in their protest at Central Catholic High School.

Honolulu, HI — A court has granted the state of Hawaii an extra period of five months to prepare for the trial which is expected to decide the legality of same-gender marriage in the islands. Opening arguments were originally scheduled for April, but the trial will now be delayed until September.

Chicago, IL — The American Civil Liberties Union has reached a settlement in its challenge to the Chicago Police Department's HIV testing policy. The City has agreed it will no longer test police recruits for HIV, nor will it require them to disclose their HIV status. The ACLU's lawsuit had prompted Mayor Richard Daley to issue an executive order prohibiting all city agencies from testing prospective employees for the virus.

**San Francisco, CA** — After strenuous protests by Gay and Lesbian activists, KSFO fired its conservative talk show host J. Paul Emerson. Emerson had called for the imprisonment of people with AIDS, labeled Gay men "sick butt humpers," and described Japanese Americans as "rotten and filthy." He repeatedly stated that all listeners who did not agree with his views should be shot.

**New Milford, CT** — Bob Randall, who wrote the Broadway play *6 Rms Riv Vu* and was head writer and producer of the *Kate and Allie* TV show, died of AIDS complications at his Connecticut home February 13. He was 57. Randall also wrote the suspense novels *The Fan*, *The Next*, and *The Calling*. He's survived by his partner, Gary Pratt, and a son and daughter.

**Washington, DC** — The Freer Gallery of Art, affiliated with the Smithsonian, canceled the showing of a Gay film in February citing its "explicit sexual scenes" which would be "exceedingly problematical" for gallery-goers. The film was *Okoge*, a Japanese movie about a woman who befriends a Gay male couple.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## Two Madison Area Men Charged in Gay Bashing

### Attack Labeled Hate Crimes

By John Cain

**Madison** — Two Dane County men are free on \$1,000 signature bonds in the beating and robbery of a 33 year old Gay Madison man, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Authorities charged both Ryan D. Meiller, 18, of Madison and Erik Jacobson, 20, of Waunakee with robbery and substantial battery on February 23. The two were arrested the morning of February 22. The assault is being classified as a hate crimes, which extends the maximum prison sentence they face from 10 years to 15 years on each count.

When arrested, Meiller allegedly told officers: "All right, I did it. We beat the shit out of that faggot." According to police he also said "I don't like homosexuals and anything like it."

According to the filed complaint, the two met the anonymous victim near the Red Letter News, and adult bookstore on East Washington Street in Madison and agreed to follow him to Demetral Park. There, the two allegedly kicked the victim repeatedly in the ribs and head.

The alleged assailants then took the

man's automated teller card, and while Jacobson held the man in the park, Meiller tried to use the card. When it didn't work, Meiller returned to the park and the two allegedly beat the victim even more.

As the pair departed, the victim wrote down their license plate number and then called police. The criminal complaint alleges that the two initially intended only to beat the man "because he was homosexual" but later decided to rob him as well. The robbery yielded about \$7.

Wisconsin's Hate Crimes Enhancement Penalty provides for an

increase in sentence for bias against people in a number of categories, including sexual orientation. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that such statutes are constitutional.

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## STATE News Briefs

### Federal Suit Against Milwaukee Police Starts March 21

**Milwaukee** — Attorneys for the family of Konerak Sinthasomphone, a 14-year-old victim of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, go to federal court March 21 to argue that institutionalized racism and homophobia in the Milwaukee Police Department contributed to the death of the boy.

The civil rights lawsuit will be argued before Judge Terrence Evans and a jury which, if it decides in the Sinthasomphone family's favor, will determine what compensation is in order. The defendants in the suit are the City of Milwaukee and Officers Joseph Gabrish and John Balcerzak who, on the night of May 27, 1991 returned the fleeing Konerak back into Dahmer's custody where he was killed. The ABC and DEF Insurance companies are also defendants.

The plaintiffs charge that the Milwaukee Police Department "tolerated and acquiesced in a custom, practice and policy of discrimination on the basis of race, sex and sexual orientation," that "a clear and unequivocal statement of anti-discriminatory policy" was never adopted, that "measures to eliminate discrimination in recruitment and selection were not implemented" until after Konerak lost his life, and that the conduct of officers Gabrish and Balcerzak on the evening in question included "racism, sexism and homophobia."

One affidavit in support of the Sinthasomphone case is by Ralph Navarro of the Gay Information Service, who relates his own impressions of discrimination and its toleration by police brass while he tried to run sensitivity seminars on Gays and Lesbians at the Police Academy.

### Former Student Sues School for Allowing Harassment

**Madison** — A lawsuit filed in federal court charges that 19-year-old Jamie Stuart Nabozny was beaten and harassed by fellow classmates throughout his high school years and that although Ashland school officials were informed of the problem they did nothing to stop it.

The suit states that classmates became aware of Nabozny's sexual orientation after he was sexually assaulted in 1987. After name-calling escalated into physical harassment, Nabozny and his parents reported the behavior to the school's principal who allegedly responded that "boys will be

boys." The principal also suggested Nabozny might be provoking other students by acting "openly Gay."

"Regardless if Jamie flaunted his sexuality or not," his attorney, Rae Randolph, told the Associated Press, "you can't put the onus back on the child. That's not an appropriate response by school officials when a physical assault complaint is brought."

Nabozny twice attempted suicide and dropped out of school as a junior in December of 1992. He seeks \$350,000 from the Ashland school district and an order allowing him to attend graduation ceremonies and get his diploma.

### MASN Moves to New Location; Mowry Resigns

**Madison** — On February 24, the Madison AIDS Support Network moved from crowded quarters on Lathrop Street into spacious new offices in the Gateway Center at 600 Williamson Street. The new location has the added advantage of being completely wheelchair accessible. There are some parking spots reserved for MASN in front of the Center, and handicapped spaces are clearly marked as well.

To contact MASN, the new number is (608) 252-6540. The FAX number is (608) 252-6559.

In other MASN news, Director Mary Alice Mowry tendered her resignation to the Board of Directors. Mowry cited health reasons and left at the end of February.

The Board issued this statement about Mowry's work: "With great regret, the Board accepts Mary Alice's resignation. Her three-year tenure at MASN was an important and challenging time. MASN is a much stronger and more vibrant service organization because of her efforts."

### Also Around the State...

**Kenosha** — Citizens here are lobbying local TV station WHKE-TV, Channel 55, to take the *Bob Enyart Live!* show off the air because of the host's inflammatory anti-Gay, sexist and racist rhetoric. Enyart has served time for disruptions outside abortion clinics and was convicted of child abuse last month for beating his own stepchild with a belt. Complaints can be lodged with WHKE General Manager John Miller at (414) 657-9453.

**Milwaukee** — Over 500 people attended the annual Danc'n for AIDS fundraiser at the MECCA Convention Center February 11 raising \$45,000, exceeding the event's goal by \$10,000. The dance, sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, featured live music by the local band Rhinocerotie and dance music by V100 and Muzic in

Motion. Funds will support AIDS care, education and research through several state AIDS service groups.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## INTERNATIONAL Briefs

### Puerto Rican Police Harass Gay Cops

**San Juan** — Members of the Gay Officers League, in Puerto Rico in mid-February for their annual convention, were harassed by Puerto Rican police as they partied in a Gay bar after their meeting.

Leaders of the Gay Officers Group, with chapters in 14 American cities, say they believe the harassment was retaliation for their public statements against institutionalized anti-Gay discrimination in the San Juan Police Department.

The incident occurred just before closing time at a bar called The Cups and just hours after some of the Gay officers present had appeared on a local news show discussing Gays in law enforcement. Fifteen San Juan cops toting automatic weapons entered the bar, demanding to see its liquor license and other permits. Fearful that anything might provoke the police into violence, the bar patrons, mostly police officers themselves, stood still and did not protest.

In Puerto Rico, cops who associate with "homosexuals, prostitutes or persons of ill repute" are subject to dismissal. Police Superintendent Pedro Toledo denied any wrongdoing in the bar raid and reiterated his department's belief that homosexuals are not cut out for the rigors of police work.

### Canadian Parliament Harbors 3 Jesse Helms Clones

**Ottawa** — The *Washington Blade* reports that three members of the Canadian Parliament have emerged as vocal leaders of Canada's tiny but growing anti-Gay movement. One is a member of a right wing party, but two are members of Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Liberal Party which is committed to adding sexual orientation to the country's Human Rights Act.

Roseanne Skoke, 40, a Liberal MP from Nova Scotia, has made the most blatant Gay-bashing remarks. Skoke has called homosexuality "unnatural, immoral" and "an inhuman act" that "defiles humanity, destroys family and is annihilating mankind." When Skoke was confronted with her own family's moral lapses in the form of evidence that her daughter had given birth out of wedlock,



she replied: "At least she is not a Lesbian." Skoke belongs to the Bayside Movement, a group which believes the Virgin Mary has appeared in Bayside, New York.

Skoke is joined in her anti-Gay fervor by fellow Liberal Tom Wappel of Toronto and Myron Thompson from Alberta. Thompson is a member of the Reform Party, which is actually the most conservative group in Parliament. This trio, which claims support from at least a dozen other MP's, intends to block revision of the Human Rights Act and another bill mandating stiffer penalties for hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

Some activists and politicians dismiss Skoke and her cronies as far right extremists with no credibility. But John Fisher of Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere in Ottawa blames the Prime Minister and the ruling party. "There is a lack of leadership on the part of the government," he told the *Blade*. "There needs to be a firm hand in dealing with such feelings of hatred."

### Latvian Lutheran Church Excommunicates Gays

Riga — The International Lesbian and Gay Association reports that the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, the largest denomination in this country of 3 million people, recently took action to excommunicate all sexually active homosexuals.

The church's governing body issued a statement declaring that "Persons who deliberately practice homosexuality and have chosen it as their way of life shall not be allowed to fulfill any responsibilities during parish services or within the church hierarchy. They shall also be separated from the Eucharistic community while the evangelical principle, 'Repent your sins and bring forth the fruits of your repentance' remains unfulfilled."

Latvian Gays and Lesbians, organized as the Latvian Association for Sexual Equality, held a demonstration outside church headquarters protesting the church's action. Since Latvia declared its independence from the former Soviet Union, small numbers of Gays and Lesbians have begun meeting and organizing. Progress for them is likely to be very slow because of the deeply conservative nature of their homeland.

### Protests Squeezing Benetton Retailers in Germany

Kassel — The New York Times reports that increasing protests against Benetton's controversial advertising campaigns are cutting the company's



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profits in Germany and causing bitter litigation between the company and its retailers.

Benetton, an Italian-owned clothing manufacturer, has been subject to increasing public protests and boycotts for ads featuring vivid images of misery: a dying AIDS patient, a war cemetery, an oil-soaked sea bird, child labor, and the bloody uniform of a Croation soldier. While anger has been expressed worldwide, Germans, with a special sensitivity to the horrors of war and the Holocaust, have reacted most aggressively. A survey found that 84% of Germans feel Benetton's ads are in poor taste.

German retailers who are Benetton licensees say their business has dropped nearly 30% since the public outcry began. They have appealed to Benetton to change its ad campaign. Several retailers who have tried to sever their relations with Benetton, or refused to pay the company to cover their own losses, are being sued by Benetton.

"It is using human tragedy and suffering to sell clothes," attorney Ulfert Engels said of Benetton's ads. "I think that's totally cynical and without feeling. If you are against child labor, poverty, war, fine, take out all the ads you want. But don't put your company logo on it."

In a related story, a French court recently ordered Benetton to pay \$32,000 in damages to several French people infected with HIV who were distraught by the company's depiction of people with HIV/AIDS. The company will be fined \$9,000 for each offending poster that is not taken down.

## Vengeance-Seeking Serial Killer Dies of AIDS

London — The Reuters News Service reports that Michael Lupo, convicted of killing four Gay men in 1986 after he learned he had contracted HIV, has died of AIDS complications in prison in northern England.

Lupo, an Italian-born fashion designer, was Gay himself. Furious that he had been infected with HIV, he went on an eight-week killing rampage before being arrested. He strangled his five victims after having sex with them and mutilated their bodies. He also confessed to two other attempted murders.

"Lupo had been ill for a long time," said a prison official, "and we had all been expecting him to die."

## Also Around the World...

Canberra — The Australian Industrial Relations Commission has decided that Gay and Lesbian federal workers may have access to sick leave to care for loved ones. The Commission revised the language of the policy from

allowing sick leave to care for "immediate family members" to allowing sick leave to care for the more broadly defined category "household."

Medellin — A new study reveals that homosexuals are among the many victims of roving drug gangs and death squads that mete out frontier "justice" in the cocaine capital of Medellin, Colombia. About 1,500 people are killed each year in a vicious form of "social cleansing." The main targets are suspected criminals, prostitutes, Gays and others perceived as "undesirables." The death squads are often made up of former and current police officers.

Manchester — A British newspaper reports that a woman broke into the Styal women's prison in Cheshire last month so she could spend an evening with her incarcerated female lover. When guards

found a hole in the fence, they conducted a security search suspecting that an inmate had escaped. But all the prisoners were accounted for. The intrepid Lesbian had apparently hidden under her lover's bed and left the next morning, undetected.

Ottawa — During a committee hearing on health expenditures last month, openly Gay Canadian member of Parliament Real Menard told fellow MP's that his lover has HIV. His revelation came during a grilling of the Health Minister who has withheld funds from AIDS projects in Quebec. Menard declared: "I live with someone who is infected. When the minister tells us she's not obliged to spend all the money, it's criminal. There's no other word, it's criminal."

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## Family, Community Bid Farewell to Christopher Fons

### Respects Paid to "The Conscience of the AIDS Community"

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Hundreds of family members, friends and fellow community activists paid their respects to Christopher Fons, the man known as "The Conscience of the AIDS Community," at a memorial service at the Pabst Theater Sunday evening, February 26.

Fons passed away the morning of February 21 at the home he shared with his lover, Yuri Keegstra, in Bay View. Keegstra was present, along with Fons's longtime friend from high school days, Eric Burna.

Fons died from AIDS complications at age 27. He had received the diagnosis of his HIV-positive status in 1987 and, since then, had been a tireless advocate for AIDS education and funding. Fons was a founder of the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) in 1989 and led many campaigns and demonstrations to get institutions like the school system, the medical societies, the prisons and city government to better respond to the epidemic.

By all accounts, Fons provided much of ACT UP's leadership and inspired others to become activists. Fellow members of ACT UP say the best memorial to Fons's life and work is for others to come forward to continue the fight.



AIDS Activist Christopher Fons during one of his many protests.

## "Moral Compass"

Chris Fons was "the moral compass of the group" said his brother Dan, also involved in ACT UP. "He was an activist to the core, putting himself on the line all the time. What amazes me most is how he opened up his very personal disease process to the public, trying to educate and sensitize people."

"Whenever I was with him, I felt stronger in my beliefs, my determination to confront the ignorance out there," Dan told *In Step*. "I will continue to feel him looking over my shoulder, guiding me for the rest of my life. I was closer to him

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## Chris Fons...

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than anyone in my family, and I'm going to miss him very much."

"Chris created and defined AIDS activism in Milwaukee and made it work," said Doug Nelson of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "He inspired hundreds of people to join the ranks of AIDS activism and his leadership made a real difference."

"He led the fight in Milwaukee against AIDS discrimination. He constantly challenged public officials and private leaders and institutions — even the Milwaukee AIDS Project — to respond more aggressively to AIDS. Nobody could ever ignore Chris and he, on the bottom line issues, was always right. I think Chris was the conscience of the AIDS community."

Fons's death was "devastating" both personally and politically to Keegstra, his lover and partner in activism, who said: "I feel like half of me is gone."

Keegstra moved to Milwaukee from Chicago to be with Fons. They were together two and a half years. Keegstra nursed Fons through his final illnesses, exacerbated by his contraction of cryptosporidiosis from Milwaukee's tainted water two years ago.

"It was an incredible relationship," said Keegstra. "We loved each other and we worked together well politically. We were a really great team."

## Outreach to Youth

Michael Lisowski, Director of Gay Youth Milwaukee, who first met Fons when he came to Gay Youth meetings as a teen, said Fons's most important legacy was his commitment to educate young people about HIV/AIDS.

"Chris always said, 'I didn't have the information to protect myself, and we shouldn't let that happen to any other kids.'"

The first of Fons's numerous arrests occurred in October, 1990 when ACT UP distributed AIDS information and condoms outside Marquette University High School, his alma mater. The charges were dropped, but ACT UP has continually been harassed by police, school officials and some parents for their ongoing outreach to teens.

"They were actually shielding the kids from us," Fons once observed. "They don't want us to hand their kids condoms, but how would they like it if someone handed them the AIDS virus?"

At the memorial service, Kari DeFonzo, a friend and fellow AIDS educator at MAP, noted that Fons was speaking to student groups up to a month before his death, sharing what it was like to live with AIDS.

"These kids, who probably gave their teachers an incredible amount of hell during the day, listened to Christopher with bated breath," DeFonzo recalled. "What blew me away is not what he said or how much he was willing

to share — which was alot — but he spoke to them with such respect. He never made any of them feel their questions were stupid, and that's why he reached people."

## ACTing UP

Fons initiated and/or participated in most of the major public awareness and civil rights campaigns around AIDS in southeastern Wisconsin.

In 1990, ACT UP surveyed about 200 dentists in Milwaukee and found that nearly one third either refused to treat people with HIV/AIDS or were ignorant of how to use universal precautions. A picket line and subsequent meetings with the Wisconsin Dental Association resulted in the WDA providing its members with HIV/AIDS information and reminding them of the illegality of turning away people with HIV/AIDS.

In 1991, Fons was arrested after trying to present Gov. Tommy Thompson with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, protesting the state's refusal to give dietary supplements to prison inmates with HIV/AIDS. He protested the failure of the State Department of Corrections to implement reforms in the prisons as well as the deaths of Donald Woods and Dennis Hill, men with AIDS who were allegedly mistreated by prison guards — Woods at Waupun, Hill at the Racine County Jail.

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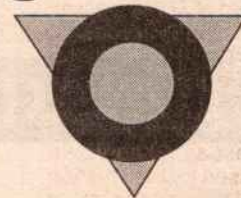
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and more funding for an AIDS cure, Fons was arrested with 36 other AIDS activists who disrupted the US Senate and occupied the Capitol's rotunda in October, 1991. The charges were later dismissed.

During a local visit by President Bush's Secretary of Health and Human Services, Fons and his brother Dan were detained and thrown into a paddy wagon by Milwaukee police, one of whom made

Chris Fons *contd. on page* ▶ 53

## Arnold (Arnie) M. Malmon

**Milwaukee** — AIDS activist and community volunteer Arnie Malmon died of complications from AIDS February 27 at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center. Malmon, 51, was a strong vocal client advocate at the Milwaukee AIDS Project where he served on the subcommittee on the board of directors, the consumer advisory panel and the internal review board for clinical trials. He also served on the internal review board of the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, and several committees of the HIV Program at Sinai Samaritan.

An accomplished public speaker, Malmon became a community educator by traveling the state speaking to students, educators and health care professionals about living with AIDS. He drew his audiences in with humor and his personal approach. He also influenced drug manufacturers and health care providers to make their products more patient friendly and through this he became a consultant to Caremark. His bi-weekly column, *Positively HIV*, which appeared in **In Step Magazine** was collected into a booklet that was widely distributed at health conferences throughout the state and in other parts of the country.

Malmon's experience in the health care field began when he directed the Milwaukee Blood Pressure Program where he turned a fledgling community health program into an international model. At the invitation of the German government he took a six month leave of absence to set up a similar program in Munich, Germany. He also worked as fund development coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association of SE Wisconsin, and was a visiting scholar at the UWM Center for Architecture and Urban Planning. He was a director and founder of the Cream City Foundation and a member of GAMMA.

Most recently Malmon took part in a survivor's workshop used for the creation of internationally acclaimed choreographer Bill T. Jones' dance production *Still Here*. Malmon wrote about this experience for the **Milwaukee Journal**.

Malmon, a graduate of UWM, is survived by his parents, Lee and Morrie Malmon of Ormond Beach, Florida; his brother and sister-in-law, Sheldon and Ruth Malmon of Fox Point; two nieces, Elizabeth Malmon of Fox Point and Ellen Malmon of Chicago; and a sister, Sunsh Stein of New York City.

A celebration of Arnie's life will be scheduled in about a month, watch **In Step** for details.

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Ron Geiman, publisher of **In Step** commented: "Arnie always said he'd write his *Positively HIV* column as long as he could. He'd say, 'It's not over till

the fat lady sings' so I hope she performed his favorite aria."

His sister, while browsing through Arnie's computer found that Arnie had started to write his final column. Reprinted below is what he had completed, headlined **Dead End...**

"If you're reading this column you can safely assume my demise. So this is the final column. I started writing this in January of 1994. I figured that it couldn't hurt to be prepared. Anyway, I wanted to title this article *Positively Dead*. But everyone I showed it to was appalled. Anyway, you might want to watch **In Step** for information on my celebration of life."

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# Group Notes

## Dance It! in Madison to Raise Money for MASN

Madison — Hundreds of dancers are expected for **Dance It!**, a fundraiser for the **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)**. Scheduled for Saturday, April 15, the pledge event will be held in the Spotlight & Marquee Rooms, 7:30-11:30pm, at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street, Madison.

The goal to raise \$10,000 for AIDS care and education provided by MASN is attainable, considering the contributions made by area businesses to help keep costs down to a minimum.

Dance It! is a pledge event, not a dance marathon. Dancers collect pledge money to support their participation in the event, who must raise at least \$30 in pledge money to enter the dance.



Prizes will be awarded to dancers who raise the most money. The Grand Prize, to be awarded to the dancer who raises the most money is a "State Street Fling," a shopping spree courtesy of businesses on State Street. First prize is a "West Side Sweep, a shopping spree courtesy of businesses on the West Side of Madison. Second prize is a "Couch Potato Paradise."

Dancers who raise \$50 will receive a t-shirt featuring the movin' and groovin' Dance It! dancer logo. A sweatshirt will be awarded to those who raise \$100.

MASN is the AIDS service organization for Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk counties.

For more information, or to request a pledge form, call MASN at (608) 238-6276.

## MASN Relocates Offices

Madison — The **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)** has relocated to new office facilities in The Gateway Center at 600 Williamson Street. MASN's new phone number is (608) 252-6540, the new fax number is (608) 252-6559.

The new offices will allow MASN to provide space for a number of support groups, client and staff meetings and trainings for the first time in several years. The new site is also handicapped accessible. MASN will continue to serve as a resource center for a 13-county area of southcentral Wisconsin. In addition to a library and resource center, MASN also offers a speaker's bureau made up of certified HIV/AIDS educators who can speak on a wide range of topics related to HIV disease.

Four local businesses (Nicolet Instruments, Inkworks, Inc., Imagesetters and Quinn Communications) have all contributed services to MASN that will save them over \$10,000 in moving costs. "As we all know, moving costs a lot of money," explained Denise Starkey, MASN spokesperson. "The support of these businesses helps defray moving expenses. Their support also demonstrates their willingness to join us as partners in the struggle to deal with the AIDS epidemic."

## Names Project Quilt Coming to UW-LaCrosse

La Crosse — A portion of the **NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt** will be displayed Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30 in the Mitchell Hall Fieldhouse at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Opening ceremonies will be at 6pm on Thursday, April 27. Display hours are from 9am-9pm April 28 and 29; and 9am-5pm on April 30. A closing ceremony beginning at 4pm will include a formal acceptance of quilt panels.

From 8am-4pm on Friday, April 28, a special viewing of the Quilt geared especially for youth will feature talks by people affected by HIV/AIDS. Educational displays, program and activities will also be a part of the "Youth Day at the Quilt."

Nearly 1,050 panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS will be part of the La Crosse display. The current full quilt contains nearly 28,500 panels that have come from all 50 states and 29 foreign countries.

The display is being coordinated by a committee of university and area volunteers. Money raised will be donated to various La Crosse area AIDS funds.

If you're interested in volunteering or if you want more information, call the UW-L Student Activities Office at (608) 785-8866.

## LOC/Women of Color Seeking Steering Committee Members

Milwaukee — **LOC/Women of Color** is seeking six new steering committee members to assist them in

their mission to facilitate dialogue among Lesbians of color which will encourage and promote self-awareness, sense of community, health, safety, education and social interaction.

Social, Information, Financial, Community Advocate, and Public Relations Coordinator positions are filled, but **LOC/Women of Color** is seeking someone to fill the Health, Political, Recreation, Membership, and Fundraising Coordinator positions.

General requirements/ criteria include: Lesbian or Bi-sexual; African-American or Multi-Cultural. A 3 year term is required, and a willingness to share skills and information (self-taught or learned) in a formal setting, attend steering committee monthly meetings and 75% of scheduled events, be able to work with multiple personalities, and be able to work within deadlines.

The current steering committee has worked very hard to bring events like "Slippery When Wet Pool Party," **LOC Picnic**, National Center for Lesbian Rights power of attorney workshop, the **Mistletoe Dash Christmas Dance**, national representation at the **Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Forum**, marching in the **Milwaukee Pride Parade**, participating in the **AIDS walk**, volunteering at **MAP**, participating in **Blacks Educating Blacks about AIDS (BEBA)**, and much more. All Steering Committee Members work for a common mission and that is for the betterment of all People of Color.

If you are interested in filling one of the six open positions, call **LOC/Women of Color** at (414) 454-9300, or write PO Box 93594, Milwaukee, WI 53203 and request an application.

## Free Public Lecture on Homophobia

Milwaukee — **The Ancient Origins of Modern Homophobia**, a free public lecture, will be held Thursday, March 23 at 8pm at **Greene Hall**, 3347 North Downer Avenue in Milwaukee.

**Eugene F. Rice, Jr.**, a distinguished historian of the Renaissance and Reformation at **Columbia University** will deliver this lecture as part of the **13th Annual Scholar-in-Residence Program**. Besides numerous published pieces, Rice is working on a book entitled, **Western Homosexualities**, a history of same-sex behavior and attitudes from the Greeks to the present.

A cashier-operated parking facility is located in the **UWM Union**, 2200 East Kenwood Blvd. The lecture is free of charge.

## Local Chapter of Nurses Group to Hold First Meeting

Milwaukee — **The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)** is a

national organization of nurses and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of people affected, or infected with HIV.

Several members in the Milwaukee area are organizing a local chapter of ANAC and will hold their first meeting on March 15 at the Issac Coggs Health Connection, 2770 North 5th Street, Milwaukee.

For more information and the time of the meeting, write C. Highsmith at the above address.

## **INSIGHT — Young Women's Support Group**

**Milwaukee** — If you are 17 to 21 years old and know that you are a Lesbian or Bisexual woman, or think you might be, The Counseling Center of Milwaukee offers a support group for you.

The group meets weekly at The Counseling Center and provides a safe, confidential place to discuss your questions, concerns, and experiences. Issues such as self-image, relationships with family and friends, and sexual identity will also be dealt with.

If you're interested in finding out more about our Insight Group, call (414) 271-2565 and ask for Cheryl Orgas. You do not have to identify yourself when you call and your call will be kept confidential.

## **SAGE/Milw To Hold Annual Meeting Mar. 19**

**Milwaukee** — On Sunday, March 19 at 1pm, **SAGE/Milw.** will hold its 1994 Annual Meeting in the Colonial Room at the Hotel Wisconsin, 720 North Old World Third Street. The Members only event costs \$10 and includes a sit-down lunch. The presentation of the Annual Report, Board Members & Officers, as well as recognition of volunteers will also be part of the program. Make reservations by Tuesday, March 16, 10pm by calling (414) 271-0378 after 4pm.

On Thursday, March 23, 6:30pm, at the Eastside Library, 1910 East North Avenue, William Straub, MSW, Geriatric Chemical Dependency Consultant will present a program entitled *Seniors & Addictions*. Mr. Straub will discuss the special effects of alcohol and drugs on seniors, explain who is at risk of addiction, and show a short film before opening the floor to questions and answers. The public is invited and this event is free.

## **"Cumming Out Party" for New L/L Club**

**Milwaukee** — A "Cumming Out Party" for Milwaukee's newest Levi/

Leather/ Uniform club will be held March 11, 10pm to 1:30am at the Boot Camp Saloon, 209 East National Avenue.

The new club's first social event will help to introduce itself and its club members to Milwaukee's LesBiGay community. The club's new name will be officially unveiled at the party.

Admission is just a \$1 donation. Members will be going down on their knees to measure attendees for the crotch-to-knee raffle.

## **Unicorns West Quest to be Held 4th of July Weekend**

**Madison** — The Unicorns of Madison have announced that the 1995 *West Quest*, their second annual run, will begin Friday, June 30 at Fort Unicorn, a rural encampment, 75 miles west of Madison. This outdoor event with its wild west theme, promises ropin' and rompin' through Sunday, July 2. Additional events on will be held in Madison on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & 4.

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The designated charity for this year's event is the National Gay Rodeo Association. The Unicorns of Madison, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit club, formed in 1991 as a charitable, educational and social extension of Madison's Levi/ Leather community. In the last three years, the club has sponsored or participated in numerous events across the Midwest and raised thousands of dollars for community charities.

### Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest May 12-14

**Milwaukee** — The 4th Annual Wisconsin Leather Daddy/ Daddy's Boy Contest will be held in Milwaukee May 12, 13 and 14. Wisconsin's levi/ leather clubs and bars will again co-sponsor this annual event.

Daddy's Boy will be chosen Friday, May 12, 10:30pm at the **Wreck Room, 1100 Club** will host the New Daddy contest on Saturday, May 13, 10:30pm. A fund raising auction will be held on Sunday at the **Boot Camp Saloon** beginning at 1pm.

All contestants must pre-register

and though sponsors are not necessary, the levi/ leather clubs and bars are encouraged to recruit contestants to represent them in the quest for the title.

For more information, contact Rob Pfeiffer, 3235 East Puetz Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

### Counseling Center Benefit Dance

**Milwaukee** — Please join the Shoreline Line Dancers as they host the 3rd Annual *Country Dance Gala* to benefit the **Lesbian & Gay Support Group Program of The Counseling Center of Milwaukee**. The event will be held April 1 from 7pm to 12:30am in the Memorial Ballroom of the War Memorial Building/ Art Museum, 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive.

The evening will feature dance performances by Shoreline of Milwaukee and the **Windy City Spurs** from Chicago. Country two-step and line dance lessons will be available to beginners and advanced dancers. Nationally recognized dancers Carol Anderson and Suzan Lamey, NSGRA two-step champions will also perform.

Great raffle prizes will be announced throughout the evening, and local groups and merchants will be operating booths to provide information and items for purchase. If you are interested in renting space, please call Bill or Cheryl at (414)

271-2565.

Tickets for the benefit are available for \$8 in advance (\$10 at the door) at The Counseling Center, People's Bookstore, or at 3B's Bar. For more information, call Bill or Cheryl at (414) 271-2565.

### Wisconsin's First Entertainer of the Year Pageant

**Madison** — The **New Bar and Simply Divine** are proud to announce the May 7th preliminary for Wisconsin Entertainer of the Year. Winner of this pageant will represent Wisconsin in the National Entertainer of the Year this August in Georgia.


Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *In Step Magazine*.

### GALVANize Meeting Schedule

**Madison** — GALVANize, the Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is looking for a few good people interested in planning the 1995 GALVANize March to be held Sunday, July 16 in Madison. The current meeting dates are Tuesdays: Mar 7, Apr 10, May 9 & 23, June 6, 20 & 27, July 4, 11 & 16.

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GALVANize is also looking for people who sew to participate in a fund raiser. For more information call (608) 256-4289 (Ben) in the mornings.

### St. Patrick's Day Pride Buttons

**Madison** — GALVANize is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual *Wearin' O' the Pink* St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The limited edition Pink Shamrock buttons were designed by Barb Peterson of Milwaukee and will be available at the BESTD Clinic lobby and LesBiGay bars and retailers throughout the state.

Half of the proceeds from the sale of the buttons sold in Green Bay will be donated to the Bay City Chorus. Half of the proceeds from the sale of the buttons sold in Milwaukee will be donated to the BESTD Clinic.

If you wish to purchase a button, and can't find one locally, contact the Bay City Chorus (Green Bay), BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee) and GALVANize (Madison).

### AfterWords Celebrates Women's His(Her)tory Month

**Milwaukee** — March has been designated as *Women's History (Herstory) Month* and **AfterWords Books** is featuring 10% off all titles in their newly redeveloped "Women's Section" including a much enlarged section focusing on contemporary women's fiction.

AfterWords has also composed a list of 20 essential and influential books to be discounted throughout the month at 20% off, including both fiction and nonfiction by and for women by such authors as Audre Lorde, Virginia Woolf, Marian Zimmer Bradley, and Joan Nestle. Stop in at AfterWords during the month of March for details.

### Cream City Cummers Seeking Volunteers

**Milwaukee** — The **Cream City Cummers**, Milwaukee's only safe-sex education and play space for men is seeking volunteers to be trained as facilitators of Safe Sex Education/ Play Sessions.

Cream City Cummers is also seeking donations of equipment and furnishings that were lost due to a theft of their meeting space last February. Couches, trash cans, 1 Beta and 1 VHS VCR, blank tapes, etc. are all needed.

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# Viewpoints

## Lavender Hill Bows Out

By Larry Giantomas

**Milwaukee** — Many of us in the Gay community and those of us who are associated in one way or another with the Milwaukee AIDS Project were very familiar with **Lavender Hill**. (Lavender Hill was a MAP fund-raiser and party that was very popular in Milwaukee for many years.) It was started by Steve Steinhauer and held in his back yard on Booth Street for many years. In fact, it was held for 11 successive years before it was forced to bow out and in a sense ... "retire."

The last Lavender Hill event was held on Saturday, August 6, 1994 at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee campus. The committee who worked so hard to plan this event, hoped for a very successful evening and lots of good people there to support it.

The large ballroom that evening was beautifully decorated and the food was plentiful and delicious. Costumes were stunning. However, success was not to be... the evening wore on and less than 175 guests were present and 25% of those were admitted free. We had hoped for at least 500 to be present to make it a huge success. Large attendance that evening was so important to the survival of Lavender Hill.

Those members who gathered there the next day to take down the decorations were visibly broken hearted.

They knew they had not brought in the crowd needed to survive and their hard work had been in vain. They saw the "handwriting on the wall."

A meeting was held in November tinged with sadness and regret and the vote that day was in favor of disbanding Lavender Hill after 11 wonderful, heartwarming years. There was not a dry eye that day... a sad meeting and remorse over the demise of a wonderful and heartfelt fund raising event.

Sometime this summer, a very intimate Lavender Hill party, for committee members and their guests, will be held. Monies collected will be donated to MAP or to some group associated with helping HIV victims.

The active committee members at the end of 1994 Lavender Hill were: Anita Boliaris, Tom DeCicco, Ebbie Duggins, Larry Giantomas, Michael Hammer, Annabelle Havlicek, Cory Haywood, Chris Koelsch, Ron Leurquin, Jim Martin, Debbie Martynski, Larry Masters, Adie Olson, Michael Phillips, Christine Picard, Therese Scherbert, Noel Skarpmoen and last but not least, the founder and head of Lavender Hill — Steve Steinhauer. Lavender Hill had 11 glorious years... they have nothing to

regret... they did their best and this group raised a considerable sum of money to help their brothers and sisters living with AIDS. To the many who were associated with Lavender Hill or attended as guests each year... the memories live on.

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Lavender Hill began in the summer of 1984 as a simple back yard party hosted by Steve. There was a good showing of people and word spread of

this fun event.

Steve then scheduled the 2nd Lavender Hill as a fund raiser for MAP. At that time MAP was strictly all volunteer. The crowd in '85 was even bigger, so Steve decided it would be a yearly, summer event and he sought some assistance in planning it. By 1987, it was a smashing success and Steve used the back yard of his neighbor to hold some of the guests.

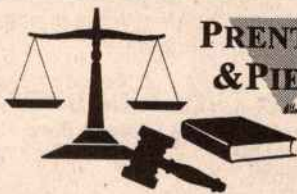
Because the event had outgrown Steve's yard, the committee decided to move to a larger area, a hall.

The first year away from Booth Street, Lavender Hill was held at Renaissance Place. Each year a special theme was assigned to the event and that year it was called *Lavender Space Odyssey*. It was well attended and held there again in 1993 and was called *Lavender Hollywood*. The 1993 crowd was less than ever before... the committee began to worry about the drop in attendance and the high cost of renting the Renaissance Place for one evening... and it was decided to move it again, to a smaller and less expensive location. UWM was selected.

**Editor's Note:** Steve and the entire committee should be congratulated on the contributions they made (both monetarily and in time and effort) to ease the worries of those afflicted with AIDS. All monies raised went to patient care and comfort.

## Community Spirit in Sheboygan

By Keith C.  
Sheboygan — On February 11th, a




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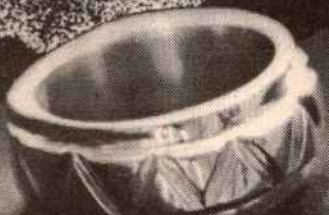
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night when the temperature dipped below zero and the wind chill tore at your face, a small group of friends in Sheboygan set out on the most adventurous project they'd ever attempted; a silent auction which was the culmination of a benefit they had begun on January 1st to *Give Your Heart to a Friend* in Sheboygan County who are struggling in a battle with HIV/AIDS.

New Years Day began at the Blue Lite Bar in Sheboygan with the first of at least five hundred red and white hearts being applied to the walls etched with the names of friends who had lost the battle over the past years, Valentine wishes from patron-to-patron as well as slams meant in nothing more than good humor. The profitable end of the hearts is that while it only costs a dollar to put a heart up; they charge three dollars to take one down. Then, toward afternoon, steaming crockpots of chili began arriving from many donors for the *First Annual Chili Cook-Off*. Bar owners Dean Dayton and his mother Vera, generously had provided space, tables, silverware, condiments, and slabs of hot garlic bread to help the event. Two dollars per person was the charge and prizes were awarded for the top three chillies. T-shirts and sweatshirts, silkscreened with the word HOPE; a large red ribbon replacing the O, also went on sale that day and would continue through Valentine's Day.

The tempo continued to build until Superbowl Sunday when the committee launched the *Connie Casserole Cook-Off*. Once again, generous volunteers paraded into the Blue Lite laden with a plethora of delicious concoctions, each one vying for the coveted title. There was a charge of two dollars per person and the outcome was more than anyone expected. By this time they had far exceeded the amount raised the year before on the sale of hearts alone and there was more to come.

By February 11th, spirits at the Blue Lite were much higher than the temperature outside as the committee organized dozens of antiques, gift items, art works, and gift certificates they had coerced, begged, and panhandled from local friends and merchants for something they had never before tried to accomplish. The back room of the bar had been converted to a gallery of treasures, all for sale to the highest bidder. There were donated snacks there for the hungry and a delicious champagne punch to help loosen tight wallets. At midnight, Dean announced the bids were about to be picked up and what had been a mild melee an hour earlier suddenly resembled a feeding frenzy among the tables of merchandise. When it was done, over \$2,000 had come in from the auction alone; the highest bid appearing on a photograph which was donated by *In Step* photographer, Jamie Taylor.

This small group of people had truly given their hearts, time, labor and



*The Blue Lite in Sheboygan wrapped up their "Hope" campaign with a silent auction that raised \$2,000 for their local AIDS group. (Top) volunteers monitored the silent auction bids, and (Bottom) the crowd swarmed the auction tables looking for good buys. Photos by James Taylor*

money, even down to a "swear jar" used by the in-house dart league to raise \$85. Here, in a relatively homophobic blue collar community, nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan, a brave group of adventurers had raised just over \$5,000 which they will pass on to Synergy, a blanket HIV/AIDS organization which

serves the Sheboygan County area.

We can never thank these 15 organizers enough for what they have done for all of us. And, they are not done. Fund raisers will continue over the summer and no one knows what *Give Your Heart to a Friend* will produce for the next chilly February in Sheboygan.

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# Independent Thoughts

Commentary  
by Marvin Liebman

## Rejecting Former Labels

About fourteen months ago, I began writing a monthly column for Gay publications around the country. I called the column *Conservatively Speaking*. Why this title? I believed that my major credential in the Gay community was my autobiography **Coming Out Conservative**, and the fact that I was a mover and shaker in the American anticommunist/conservative community for many years before I came out at the age of 67. There were many Gay men who could write a column, but there were not many Gay conservative men around, over 70, who wanted to share their thoughts in the Gay press. I certainly had that spot covered — with no competition.

Most of the publications printed my columns either regularly or sporadically. However, most of the publications never used *Conservatively Speaking* as the column header, but simply published what I had to say under my own name. I realized that the word "conservative" repels most Lesbian and Gay men, as do such words as "Christian" and "Republican." Rightly or wrongly, these terms had become code words symbolizing bigotry, fear and loathing of Gay men and Lesbians.

But, I am conservative, Republican and Christian. God knows, I'm Gay, too. Isn't it possible to be all four, or have I become a living oxymoron? The answer eluded me for some time, but is now obvious: No, it is not possible, at least for me, not in today's world.

In my coming out letter to my friend, William F. Buckley, Jr., which was published in his **National Review** in July 1990, I aired a premonition that had been haunting me for a long time: "I feel that our cause might sink back into the ooze in which so much of it rested in pre-**National Review** days," I wrote to Buckley. "In that dark age, the American Right was heavily, perhaps dominantly, made up of bigots, anti-Semites, anti-Catholics, the KKK, red-necks, Know Nothings, a sorry lot of public hucksters and religious medicine men. Now, times are changing. There is no longer the anticommunist cement to hold the edifice together. The great enterprise... is in danger of sinking back into an aggregate of bigotries."

## HOLD THE FORT AGAINST THE BARBARIANS

Alas, my prediction has been realized. The words "Conservative," "Christian," and "Republican," are being held hostage by the same forces that controlled the American Right before Buckley and his band of true believers (of which I was proud to be part) made American conservatism more mainstream and respectable. Of course, even now, there are still those among the Republican ranks, like Senator Arlen Specter, who attempt to hold the fort against the barbarians. But, they are vastly outnumbered by the descendants of those from a half-century ago who would drag the country back into the swamps of intolerance and division. Can the valiant defenders prevail? I don't believe they can, not in the foreseeable future.

Where does this leave me?

I cannot associate myself with Rush Limbaugh and other new "Conservative" leaders, nor with Pat Robertson and his "Christian" brigades, nor with Jesse Helms and his new "Republican" majority. The only identity of which I am absolutely certain is that I am a homosexual in a country which has little patience with us Gay folk.

*"I cannot associate myself with Rush Limbaugh... Pat Robertson... nor Jesse Helms..."*

— Liebman

Millions of Americans Gay men and Lesbians — perhaps a great majority of our would-be community — are in the closet, terrified of coming out and standing openly with their sisters and brothers against the forces that would see us obliterated. Make no mistake: The ultimate goal of our enemy is to make us disappear, either back to a closet that will make today's seem wide open by comparison — or dead. Hysterical? I don't think so...

Where does that leave me? Us? I can no longer accept such labels as conservative, Christian, or Republican, which draw much of their coherence from hostility towards people like me. No Gay or Lesbian American should any longer accept any of these labels, which have become mere code-words for attacks on our collective dignity. We can accept no labels any longer. We must give our allegiance and support only to those individuals and groups who publicly stand with us against bigotry and fear of Gay Americans.

Forget the hand-wringing over Congress and the federal government.

We must focus on our own neighborhoods, our cities, and our states. This is where we will find allies, men and women who have seen our faces, who know who we are. Here we develop the coalitions and power bases who make elected officials — local, state, and national — sit up and take notice. Here, too, we must find and nurture new Gay leaders to replace the figureheads of our national Gay groups who have accomplished little and at great cost.

No longer can we give our votes, our contributions, and our efforts for the pursuit of vague promises. We mustn't sell the soul of our community for "tolerance." Although we desperately need allies from America's mainstream, we must be satisfied with only their full and open support for our cause against our enemies. Indeed, as we have done so often in the past, we will give them our unbridled aid for their steadfast support.

In the past — and sometimes to the consternation of my African-American friends — I have compared the Gay rights movement to the Black civil rights movement of the sixties. I still believe that they are comparable, and we have much to learn from the history of this great quest, both from its setbacks and its victories. Now, however, I believe it even more urgent to draw a comparison between our community and the Jews and homosexuals of Europe in the 30's and 40's. Then, as now, the majority cried out that those who predicted death and misery were crazy, that such things as mass extermination could not happen, that hysteria was dangerous. Until the very last, until they choked on the lethal gas in the extermination "showers," they did not accept the fact that the Nazi state despised them to the point of eradicating them from the face of the Earth.

The Jews and homosexuals of Europe were victims. We are not. We must never be grateful for mere crumbs off the table at which we have no place. Neither must we let ourselves be shamed from claiming our identity as Gays, content instead to seek shelter under tents whose stakes are planted in the backs of our brothers and sisters.

I can no longer call myself a "conservative," nor a "Christian" nor "Republican." I am a Gay American, and I will retain my independence from any other label. You may, from time-to-time, still come upon my thoughts in the Gay press. Henceforth, however, my column will be called **Independently Speaking**.

# Health

## AIDS Briefs

### Protein in Saliva May Help Block HIV

Washington, DC — Scientists from the National Institute of Dental Research have discovered a protein in human saliva which seems to play a key role in preventing HIV from infecting blood cells. The finding vindicates the long-held belief that saliva rarely if ever transmits HIV, and it could lead to new routes for preventing or treating HIV infection.

For several years scientists have tested saliva to understand why it apparently contains properties hostile to HIV. But the finding by the Dental Association team has pinpointed the exact element in saliva that inhibits the virus. It is called SLPI (pronounced slippi), for secretory leukocyte protease inhibitor.

SLPI does not directly attack HIV, but works indirectly, sticking to the surface of white blood cells, called monocytes, and preventing HIV from adhering to that same surface and invading the cell. When scientists added purified SLPI to test tubes containing HIV and monocytes, the virus was unable to take hold or to replicate. They need to understand precisely how and why SLPI has this effect in order to use that knowledge in the development of preventive medications or treatments for HIV.

In addition to saliva, SLPI is found in the body's mucous membranes. It is believed to provide protection against the body's own protein-destroying enzymes. Researchers plan to measure the amounts of SLPI found in the rectal and genital and urinary tracts of humans to see if low levels of SLPI in those areas aid in the transmission of HIV.

### Overview of Gene Therapy for HIV Published

Washington, DC — The February 18 issue of the medical journal *Lancet* includes a state-of-the-science review of gene therapy for HIV disease and discusses other innovative approaches to restore the immune systems of HIV-infected individuals. It is written by researchers from the Division of AIDS in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

HIV gene therapy involves injecting into human cells a gene that confers resistance to HIV infection and then infusing these altered cells into a person with HIV. Such therapy may help limit HIV replication within the body and delay

the progression of HIV disease.

The article discusses the future use of harmless viruses or non-viral agents in tiny spheres called liposomes or gold particles to deliver protective genes to a patient's cells. Other technologies described are infusions of certain cells, grown to large quantities in labs, to help restore immune function, and the use of "naked DNA" vaccines to enhance an HIV-infected person's immune response to the virus.

Five NIAID-supported gene therapy trials for HIV disease are awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration. One approach involves splicing a gene for molecules called ribozymes into CD4+ T-cells. Another study will try to determine whether a modified form of an HIV protein called Rev, produced by a gene inserted into immune cells, can prevent the killing and depletion of the cells by competing with normal HIV Rev.

### Majority of AIDS Cases Outside Largest Cities

Milwaukee — A scientific article published by a team from the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin reports findings of the largest study ever conducted establishing HIV/AIDS risk among Gay and Bisexual men in middle-sized American cities and identifying factors that contribute to risk.

Although AIDS is often thought to be primarily a "big city" problem, over 57% of AIDS cases diagnosed in the US have occurred outside the nation's ten largest cities. The CAIR study's findings show that a new front line in HIV prevention

efforts is the nation's small and moderate-sized cities.

The study, directed by Professor Jeffrey A. Kelly, anonymously surveyed 6,000 Gay men in 16 US cities, all with populations of less than 250,000. Excluding from the survey those men in exclusive relationships, 27% of the men reported that they had engaged in

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unprotected anal intercourse in the past two months.

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The survey also questioned men about factors that contributed to their risk or to their successful avoidance of risk. Gay men who were older, had more education, had fewer sexual partners overall, had a strong commitment to safer sex, and who believed that safer sex was an expected standard of behavior among their own friends were the group most likely to avoid risky sex.

"By contrast," Dr. Kelly noted, "those men who were most likely to continue having unsafe sex were younger, had less education, had larger numbers of sexual partners, and believed that safer sex was not an accepted norm within their circle of friends."

The article, published in the February 1995 issue of the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, calls for an increase in HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in middle-size

American cities, particularly directed toward younger and less educated men sexually active with multiple partners.

"Our findings show that effective HIV prevention programs are those which extend beyond simply providing basic factual information about AIDS," said Dr. Kelly, "and instead change social norms

within the Gay community to foster safer sex and to strengthen people's intentions to avoid risk."

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By Arlene Zarembka

### The War on Unmarried Mothers

Bashing women on welfare has become the latest political sport. President Clinton did it to help his election chances in 1992. The Republicans have picked up where Clinton left off.

"Welfare reform" has become a phrase for re-asserting patriarchal control of women. Women who are unmarried for whatever reason — because they are divorced, deserted, Lesbians or heterosexual women who simply choose not to marry — are suspect members of society whose independence must be arrested. As Newt Gingrich proclaimed in his April interview with Chandler Burr, "... [I]f you look at the pathologies and weaknesses of America today, re-establishing the centrality of marriage and of the role of a male and female in that relationship is a very central issue of the next 20 years."

In background to the welfare reform proposals contained in the Contract with

America, the Republicans claim that the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, when it was first established in 1935, was created to help widows with children, but that it "now serves divorced, deserted and never-married individuals and their children."

Two points must be made. First, the AFDC program was never limited to widows with children (although it is true that most female-headed households during the Great Depression resulted from the death of the father). Second, the Republican subtext is clear — AFDC has been perverted from its original "noble" purpose of helping deserving poor widows (whose single status is not anyone's "fault") to one of helping undeserving families headed by women who are divorced, were never married, or have been deserted by the father.

The Contract proposes to forbid completely AFDC and housing benefits to families headed by unmarried mothers under 18 years of age (with states having the option to extend this prohibition to age 21). Families headed by women who give birth when they are 18 also could not receive AFDC unless the mother lives at home with her parents, marries the father, or another man who adopts the child.

What if the father refuses to marry the mother? What if the father is violent and the mother does not want to marry him? What if the mother's parents are

abusive and the mother and the child should not stay in their home? What if the mother's parents won't let them stay? What if the mother marries another man, but he cannot adopt the child because the father still has parental rights? The Contract fail to deal with these real life situations.

The Contract would require states to set up work programs for AFDC recipients. While the programs are billed in the Contract as "work training and education programs," there would be no requirement that states provide recipients with any sort of training or education. Instead, states simply would have to ensure that a certain number of their AFDC recipients are working outside the home 35 hours a week (or working 30 hours plus searching for a job 5 hours). A mother taking care of her own children at home is not considered working, while a mother paid to care for another family's children is counted as working.

States would have the option of ending AFDC payments to any recipient, including older mothers, after two years, if the recipient has been in a work program for at least one year. States would be required to terminate AFDC payments after 5 years. No exceptions, even if there is no paid work available for the mother, or even if employment that is available fails to raise the family out of poverty.

Full-time year-round minimum wage employment provides a gross income of \$8,840, which is less than a poverty level income for a mother and her child. The Republicans oppose increasing the \$4.25 per hour minimum wage. The Contract says not a word about providing health insurance, which is rarely provided by minimum wage employers. Nor is support for day care expenses for young children a feature of the Contract. (Presumably, friends and relatives are expected to provide free day care.)

The Republican "solution" for families where women are unable to earn sufficient money to support their children when they are denied or forced off AFDC are adoption, group homes for unwed mothers, and orphanages. Item #4 in the Contract, the "Family Reinforcement Act of 1995," would give a \$5,000 tax credit

to families adopting children. So much for reinforcing poor families.

Playing on common stereotypes of large families growing fat on AFDC, the Contract would allow states to reduce AFDC benefits if a recipient had another child. Never mind that the average size of families on AFDC is less than three, that birth rates of AFDC mothers are lower than birth rates for the general population, and that the birth rate among AFDC recipients in states paying low AFDC benefits is actually higher than in states paying high benefits. Never mind that combined AFDC and food stamp benefits are less than the poverty line in virtually all states. Never mind the additional AFDC benefits for an additional child is far less than the cost of raising the child, so that mothers do not increase their living standard by

having more children.

At the same time that the Republicans would penalize a woman for bearing an additional child, they would ensure that a woman, once pregnant, carries her baby to term: the Contract would forbid states from using federal funds for abortion services or counseling.

The welfare proposals are designed to force women into marriage, and where women refuse or are unable to marry, to destroy their families. Just as Lesbians and Gay men are deemed by many judges to be unfit to raise children, so too are poor unmarried women deemed unfit to raise their children.

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## Get Packed & Get Going To Gay & Lesbian Travel Destinations

By Belle Pepper

Gays and Lesbians make up one of today's most dynamic travel markets. The sheer numbers of you traveling, combined with your sophistication and buying power have set off an explosion of activity all clamoring for your business. More tours, cruises, travel packages, products, accommodations and Gay-friendly destinations come on the scene each year.

According to Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based market research firm specializing in the LesBiGay market, the Gay and Lesbian population took more than 162 million trips in 1992. Of that number, 28 million were vacations in the US, 7 million were vacations outside the US, and 127 million were business trips.

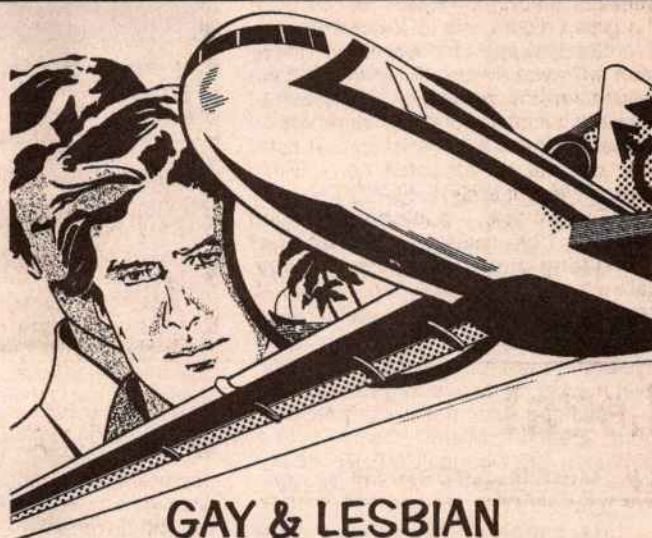
In the past there were three types of vacations for LesBiGay travelers: exclusively Gay or Lesbian group trips such as a cruise or a visit to an all-inclusive resort; a trip tied to a specific LesBiGay event like the annual Mardi Gras in Sydney, Australia, the carnival in Rio, etc.; or, travel to a Gay-friendly town like Provincetown, Key West or Palm Springs.

Today however, Gay- and Lesbian-friendly tour operators are realizing that the most important thing about LesBiGay travelers is that operators can't characterize it in terms of individual travelers; it covers the full range of travel experiences.

### WOMEN TRAVEL DIFFERENTLY

Gay men and Lesbians don't travel the same way. Most Lesbians are interested in the identity aspect of a trip, like going on a woman-only cruise. The quality of accommodations is also more important to women.

Plus, like other working women, Lesbians tend to make less money than Gay men. Several Gay-friendly travel agencies set up special payment plans to give Lesbian clients



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greater flexibility in paying for their trip.

Lesbians also seem to like their itineraries to emphasize cultural activities, more sightseeing and (like all women) time to shop.

Women-only white-water rafting trips in California, Oregon, Arizona and Utah are very popular. Lesbians are also traveling more frequently to Costa Rica and other ecotourism destinations around the world. Adventure travel tours popular with Lesbians include destinations like Peru, Honduras and Australia for kayaking, diving, snorkeling and rafting.

### ADVENTURE TRAVEL FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT

Accounting for 10-15% of the \$3.5 trillion spent worldwide on travel, adventure travel is the fastest growing

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component of the travel industry. In the US alone, an estimated 150 million people engaged in some form of adventure travel in the past year, according to the US Department of Agriculture. Using the basic 10% formula, that's 15 million LesBiGay travelers enjoying out-of-the-ordinary experiences.

Examples of adventure tours include sailing aboard a classic, 95-foot schooner in the British Virgin Islands, horseback riding through Canada's Banff National Park, white-water rafting in Colorado and California, scuba diving in the Caribbean, Hawaii or Fiji, plus much more.

Toto Tours, a Chicago-based adventure tour operator recently won the *Editor's Choice Award 1994* from **Out & About** travel newsletter for "developing consistently interesting, unusual and affordable itineraries."

## NEW QUEER SPOTS

As the LesBiGay universe expands, so do Gay vacation destinations. Usual spots are receiving heavy competition from US and European cities competing for those Gay dollars. Plus look for new queer spots to be flirting with Gay travelers in the future, as the LesBiGay travel market continues to grow.

Popular new domestic cities include South Beach (Miami Beach), FL; Charleston, SC; Ogunquit, ME; Rehoboth Beach, DE; Saugatuck, MI; and Russian River, CA.

International favorites like Amsterdam and the Greek island of Mykonos are facing growing competition from Sydney, Australia; Berlin; Sitges, on the coast of Spain; Ibiza in the Balearic Islands; the Canary Islands and Costa Rica.

## GAYS & LESBIANS ALMOST ALWAYS USE AGENTS

Learning new markets takes a commitment to education and knowing what resources to tap. Gay-owned and Gay-friendly travel agents have put that information to good use. If the LesBiGay community represents 10% of the population, chances are every travel agency in this country is currently servicing the LesBiGay market.

Statistics prove that Gays and Lesbians will faithfully patronize those who support their community. And thanks to the 11-year old International Gay Travel Association (IGTA), LesBiGay travelers are in knowledgeable hands when booking tours through IGTA member agencies.

IGTA, a nonprofit organization based in Key West, is a pioneer in **IN STEP** ▼ March 2-15, 1995 ▼ Page 24



Gay adventurers race through the Colorado River rapids in the Grand Canyon on Toto Tours' "Swept Away" tour. The popular trip will be held June 29-July 6 1995.

LesBiGay travel. Today it has 750 members and represents every segment of the industry: agents to operators to airlines and other related travel organizations.

Member agents receive a variety of benefits, including an annual accommodations guide brimming with Gay-friendly places to stay. For good service, great destinations, and well-informed agents, call an IGTA agent when planning your next vacation.

## CRUISING

No, not that all-American Gay pastime, we're talking "Cruising" here — warm, sunny destinations; food; great scenery on and off the ship; more food; tropical islands; and even more food.

Several Gay oriented cruise lines offer delightful cruise packages ranging from 4 days to several weeks or months. RSVP Travel Productions offers all-men and all-women cruises from St. Martin and calls at Anguilla, St. Barthelemy, St. Kitts and Nevis. Fares start around \$995 in double occupancy. Next season they

won't have many same-sex cruises, many will be more mixed.

Olivia Cruises and Resorts out of Oakland, CA caters to Lesbians and offers a seven night Alaska cruise. Fares start around \$1595 in double occupancy.

Other charter cruise companies have trips on the French and Italian Rivieras, Costa Rica, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean starting around \$1295. Pied Piper Travel in New York sells blocks of cabins on cruises to Gay clients. They're offering three scheduled sailings on the QE-2 (New York or Fort Lauderdale to Southampton, England); New York to Bermuda and back; and, New York to Halifax, Nova Scotia and back. Fares start around \$1696 and

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## SO... GET PACKING

Pack light. The general rule is don't pack anything you'll end up having to carry everywhere you go. Plan on taking washable, wearable, packable clothes that coordinate well. Cotton knits and cotton-poly fabric blends travel well. Pack for the climate you'll be visiting. Take clothes that can serve many purposes, a good raincoat can serve as a bathrobe (when needed) and protect you from a change in the weather.

Think about where you're going. If you're going to the beach, dress casual chic. Take along a lot of sportswear, and leave your leather chaps at home. If you're going to San Francisco, pack the chaps, your biker jacket, boots, and leave your thong bikini behind.

Take a good look at your lifestyle, and compare it with where you're going. If staying in a quaint bread & breakfast is on the agenda, you could end up sharing a bathroom. If you're one to run around nude in the morning, you better back pajamas and slippers (or at least a robe).

Remember your Boy Scout Motto — Be Prepared. If you wear contacts and require a special solution, take plenty with you. A well-packed toiletries case can save your life, as can SPF-15 sun block (if you're visiting the beach). I have a *MacGyver* bag that I take on every trip, whether I'm going to Chicago or Alaska. It has several interesting, but not related items in it. Here's just a sample: a sewing kit, a deck of cards, 4 AA batteries, a small drug store (aspirin, alka seltzer, Gold Bond powder, denture adhesive, etc.), a portable clothes line with clips, a travel tool kit, extra condoms, a travel bottle of Wet... well, you get the picture... (and so do I). Ooops, that reminds me, take your camera (and pack plenty of film).

Happy Trails!



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## A Wide Variety of Options

### Awaits LesBiGay Travelers

By John Joiner, Bottom Line Travel

The last five years has witnessed an explosion of opportunities for the LesBiGay traveler to seek far corners of the earth and to be able to experience all the world has to offer with other Lesbians and Gay men. Only a few short years ago Gay/Lesbian travel meant RSVP and Olivia Cruises, and a few isolated escorted tours as well as the old standbys of San Francisco, Key West, New Orleans, and Provincetown.

The 1990's has brought more tours and cruises for LesBiGays to choose from, and cities and resorts — realizing the economic benefits — are holding special events. Originally they may not have been a Gay event, but now draw large crowds of Gay people. Events such as Hotlanta in Atlanta, Fantasy Fest in Key West, Women's Week in Provincetown, and the Dinah Shore Golf Tournament in Palm Springs and of course, the famous street fairs and festivals in virtually every major Gay enclave in the US, providing a seemingly unending list of events from which any LesBiGay who needs to get away can choose. And now, in 1995, there are 13 Gay Rodeos around the country, and Gay Ski Weeks in three North American cities as well as regional ski weekends in both Lake Tahoe and Vermont.



Photos © Olivia Cruises

### GAY SKI WEEKS

Gay Ski weeks are held annually in Park City, Utah; Aspen, Colorado; and in Whistler, British Columbia. I was a member of a 20+ contingent of Lesbians and Gay men from Wisconsin who participated in Gay Ski Week at Whistler, held this year from February 5-12. The event kicked off with a welcoming party held in Vancouver, since many people needed to overnight there before heading to the slopes on Sunday. The week was jammed with events, some requiring traditional ski gear, and others needing far less.

Whistler Ski Resort is actually two mountains, Whistler and Blackcomb. Both mountains' management, as well as most restaurants and bars in the village enthusiastically supported Gay Ski Week and every day was packed with events sponsored by local businesses. Daily



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lunches were some days on one of the on-slope restaurants and other days down in the villages. *Après-ski* events were held each day to give everyone an opportunity to see what people looked like without ski masks and caps and each night a different restaurant in the area hosted dinner. As you can imagine with over 2000 participants not everyone could go to every event so most sold out early in the week.

In addition to ski related events such as early morning breakfast on the mountain top, Heli-skiing and Cross-country skiing there was a group of sleigh ride, movie night, and a Sarah McLachlan concert. The complaint most heard all week was "How can I do that and be on the slopes the next morning at 8:30."

The highlight of the week's evening events were on Friday. First from 4 until 6 at the top of Whistler Gondola Pike's Restaurant, the Mountain Top Tea Dance was held, with great music and a spectacular sight as the sun set and the moon rose on the majestic peaks of Whistler and Blackcomb surrounding us. Later that night the most unusual event of the week was held at Meadow Park Sports Center... the Beach Party. Now you might ask, "Where's the beach." Well actually, our beach was the large sports complex including pool, sauna, steamroom and jacuzzi. The party lasted until 2 in the morning so not everyone was up and on the slopes at 8:30, but no one was complaining. The week's activities culminated with the grand "Snow Ball III" at the Whistler Conference Center.

The Whistler Gay Ski week is certainly the most organized of the Gay Ski Weeks, however Park City, Utah and Aspen, Colorado have well organized programs which provide many activities as well as the usual sliding down the mountain.

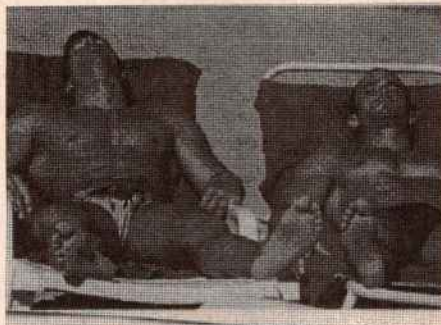
It is not too early to start thinking about one of the Gay Ski Weeks for 1996 and if you really can't wait, the Lake Tahoe Winter Fest is still scheduled for later this year.

If you haven't skied in years and your skis and bindings look like something from prehistoric times, or if you have never skied before, all ski mountains have schools for every experience level and at amazingly affordable rates. The key here, of course, is they want you to learn to ski so you'll keep returning year after year. Another way to prepare for the western mountains is to take lessons here in Wisconsin before going west so you'll spend less time falling in Colorado, Utah or British Columbia and more time schussing down the mountain.

The following dates will help you plan your next Gay Ski Experience: Lake

Tahoe Winterfest, March 16-19; Park City, Utah, January 14-21, 1996; Aspen, Colorado, January 21-28, 1996; Whistler, British Columbia, February 4-11, 1996.

For more information on Gay Ski Weeks, call your local IGTA member agency.



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## California's Russian River Area Bounces Back From Flooding

**Guerneville, CA** — The flooding is long gone and clean-up along the Gay favorite Russian River is proceeding faster than expected. The river crested January 9 in Guerneville, CA at just under 48 feet, a foot lower than the flood of 1986.

Dozens of inns, bed and breakfast, cabins, restaurants and other businesses in the area have reopened. Many seized the opportunity to make capital improvements to land and buildings while repairing damage caused by the flood.

Although the excessive rainfall led to flooding that attracted national media attention, most areas of west Sonoma County were unaffected. The Sonoma Coast and famous Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve were virtually undamaged by the heavy rains, and wine grape growers report the dormant vineyards "slept through" the substantial rainfall and emerged unscathed.

The Russian River Region is a visitor information center established in 1953. It includes the Russian River from Cloverdale to the Pacific Ocean, the Sonoma County coastline, and the largest wine growing region in Northern California.

## SPRING AROUND THE CORNER

Of the businesses not yet reopened, most say they will be ready for visitors this spring. The wet winter is expected to produce one of the most spectacular springs ever in the area, with huge seas of yellow mustard, budding vineyards and thousands of plants and trees in bloom. Along the ocean, the usual endless array of wildflowers will be even more dramatic this year.

All special events are expected to take place on schedule, including April's Apple Blossom Festival in Sebastopol and Fisherman's Festival at Bodega Bay. Other popular events are Healdsburg's Russian River Wine Festival in May, the area's free barrel testing March 4-5 and numerous winemaker dinners.

For more information, please call Jack Wolf at (707) 575-4415. People wanting details on lodging, recreation and attractions may call the Russian River Region visitor center at (800) 253-8800, or a local IGTA Member travel agency.

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## THEATER

### Different Drummer's One Acts This Weekend

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

The plays 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* 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*, includes **Sandy Lewis, Shannon Sloan-Spice, Allyson Grotzky, Indigo** and **Jackie Milbrandt**. *The Fairy Garden* 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.

*Tales of Lavender Youth: Lives of Gay & Lesbian Teens*, a drama of self-realization, 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, will also be shown.

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 at the box office.

### Love! Valour! Compassion! on Broadway

**New York** — Terrence McNally's *Love! Valour! Compassion!* is on Broadway at the Walter Kerr Theater, 219 West 48th Street, New York.

Named "The Best" of the Year in her Top Ten List, **Newsday's** Linda Winer called the play "the most explicitly Gay work to hit the mainstream." Directed by Joe Mantello, the play stars Nathan Lane, John Glover, Stephen Bogardus, Anthony Heald, Randy Becker, John Benjamin Hickey and Justin Kirk.

*Love! Valour! Compassion!* is the story of eight Gay men who gather to

laugh, love and care for one another over the course of three summer holiday weekends spent at a remote country house. It is a heartfelt play with humor of an unusual extended family and the friendships that sustain.

Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$40 and \$45. Call Tele-charge at (212) 239-6200 or (800) 432-7250 (24 hrs/ 7 days).

### Milw. Premiere of "On the Open Road"

**Milwaukee** — *On The Open Road*, an "apocalyptic comedy" by Steve Tesich runs through March 12 at the Stiemke Theater.

**Next Act Theatre** presents this fantastic cinematic adventure for the

stage, fueled by suspense and humor. The play is loaded with thrilling surprises and a torrent of provocative ideas.

Throughout the production of *On the Open Road*, Next Act will be participating in the second annual **Audiences for AIDS** campaign. Members of the audience will be given a donation envelope with a red ribbon attached. All proceeds from the envelopes will go the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin to be used to support AIDS care, education and research programs for hundreds of men, women and children.

Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 5pm and 9pm, Sundays, March 6 & 12 at 2pm. All performances are staged at the Milwaukee Repertory's Stiemke Theater,

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Shannon Sloan-Spice (left) and Allyson Grotzky are two ladies on a field trip to a Lesbian feminist restaurant in "Supreme beings Create the World/ Las Hermanas" one of the three one acts featured in DDTA's weekend festival.

All performances are in the newly named Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 North Broadway.

## Bluestockings Explores Suffrage Movement

**Milwaukee** — *Bluestockings*, a multimedia performance that explores the relationship between the US suffrage movement and contemporary issues such as sexism and homophobia, will be presented Thursday, March 9, 8pm, in the Wisconsin Room, UW-Milwaukee Union, 2200 East Kenwood Boulevard. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The performance is being presented by the **UWM Women's Resource Center and Center for Women's Studies** to celebrate Women's History Month and the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

The project was originally funded, in part, by a grant from Intermedia Arts/Minnesota with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts/ Presenting and Commissioning Program, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Warhol Foundation.

108 East Wells Street.

Single tickets are currently available at the Box Office (414) 224-9490 for \$18 (Thursday & Sunday performances) and \$22 (Friday & Saturday performances).

## Harvey Presented by Milwaukee Players

**Milwaukee** — *Harvey* by Mary Chase will be presented by the **Milwaukee Players** at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre, March 16-19.

For tickets to this 1940 comedy, call the Players box office at (414) 647-6050.

## Finn/Lapine's "Falsettos"

**Milwaukee** — A condensation of a trilogy of musicals developed by William Finn and James Lapine over about 15 years, *Falsettos* will be presented March 20-April 14 by the **Skylight Opera Company**.

Made up of one-act chamber musicals that comprise "the Marvin plays," after the central character, *Falsettos* tells the story of Marvin. In the first, Marvin becomes aware of his homosexuality; in the second he leaves his wife and son to take up the Gay life; in the third AIDS crashes into his life just as it has become settled.

## DANCE

## KirOga Theatre to Present The Garden

**Madison** — **KirOga Theatre** will present *The Garden* and other works as its annual spring performance at the Kanopy Performing Arts Center, 600 Williamson Street (Gateway Mall) in Madison, March 17-19, 8pm.

Tickets are \$9 at the door. For more information or reservations call (608) 255-9862 or (608) 255-2211.

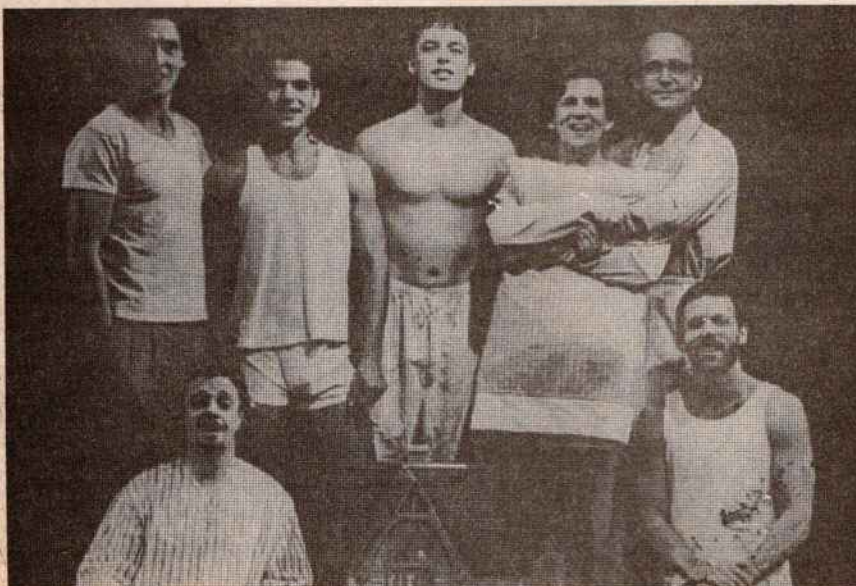
The KirOga Theatre brings together movement, breath, voice, striking images, atmospheric sound and music to create Movement Theatre, sometimes alluded to as New Dance.

## Come & Get It! with Danceworks

**Milwaukee** — **Danceworks** presents an evening of mind-boggling dance and performance art, as they join Sarah Moore, Joseph Rabensdorf, Carolyn Thomas and Tom Thoreson in *Come & Get It!* Saturday, March 11 at 8pm, and Sunday, March 12 at 7pm.

*Come & Get It!* includes four premieres and a reworking of a light-hearted piece by Moore. Moore will also premiere a darkly humorous solo.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Danceworks at (414) 276-3191. Performances will be held at 727 North Milwaukee Street.



(L to R) The cast of New York's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" by Terrence McNally directed by Joe Mantello at the Walter Kerr Theatre. The play is being hailed by critics and New York's Gay community.

## Daniels Auditioning Dancers for New Work

**Milwaukee** — New York choreographer **Brenda Daniels** will hold an audition for four dancers at Danceworks on Sunday, March 12, from 2:30-4:30pm.

Daniels will be the Artist-in-Residence at Danceworks from March 12 through April 8, while she creates a new quartet that will premiere at the April 7 & 8 Danceworks concert.

The audition and performances will take place at Danceworks, 727 North Milwaukee Street. Call (414) 276-3191 for more information.

## MUSIC

### Performers/Events for June Nat'l Women's Music Festival

**Indianapolis** — **Rita Mae Brown**, the best-selling author; and **Janis Ian**, an impressive presence on the music scene, will appear at the **National Women's Music Festival**, June 1-4, at the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Indiana.

Ian will perform on the festival's mainstage. Ian, who first broke onto the charts at age 15 with *Society's Child*, now composes in Nashville and also writes a column for **The Advocate**.

Rita Mae Brown, author of **Rubyfruit Jungle** and **Starting from Scratch: A Different Kind of Writer's Manual** will give the keynote speech on Thursday, June 1. She will also lead a workshop on Friday.

Concerts and workshops are the main components of the festival, which is in its 21st year. There are also dances each evening. The festival is held in campus buildings with dorm housing and meals available, as is access to local stores, restaurants and motels. A 24-hour support service is available for women in recovery, all events are wheelchair-accessible, special headsets, seating and interpreters are available for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing. Free child care is offered to those who pre-register.

One-three- and four-day passes are available. Those wishing to work during the festival in exchange for a reduced-cost pass may do so. Information on that option is in the registration brochure, which you can request by call (317) 927-9355 (leave your name and address). Or write, PO Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427.

### Appleton's Clark to Audition at Grand Ole Opry

**Appleton** — **Jill Clark** of Appleton (formerly from Milwaukee) has earned the opportunity to take her vocal talents to the **Grand Ole Opry Stage** in

Nashville, Tennessee for competition, March 18 through March 21.

Jill certainly has the presence, talent, and guts to be a winner. Sponsorships, donations for expenses, and other in-kind items are being sought. Show your support by contacting Jill Clark at (414) 954-8045 if you want to help.

Or, send donations to: Jill Clark, 2700 West College Avenue, #226, Appleton, WI

## FILM/VIDEO "Waters Meet" to Feature Richard Waswo

**Milwaukee** — Aerosol artist **Richard Waswo** will be featured in two separate programs of *Where the Waters Meet*, a weekly TV series on arts and social issues airing on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14.

**New Aerosol Compositions**, the first program, will document Waswo's show of the same name. Commentator Christina Zawadiwsky talks to Waswo about both his technique and the

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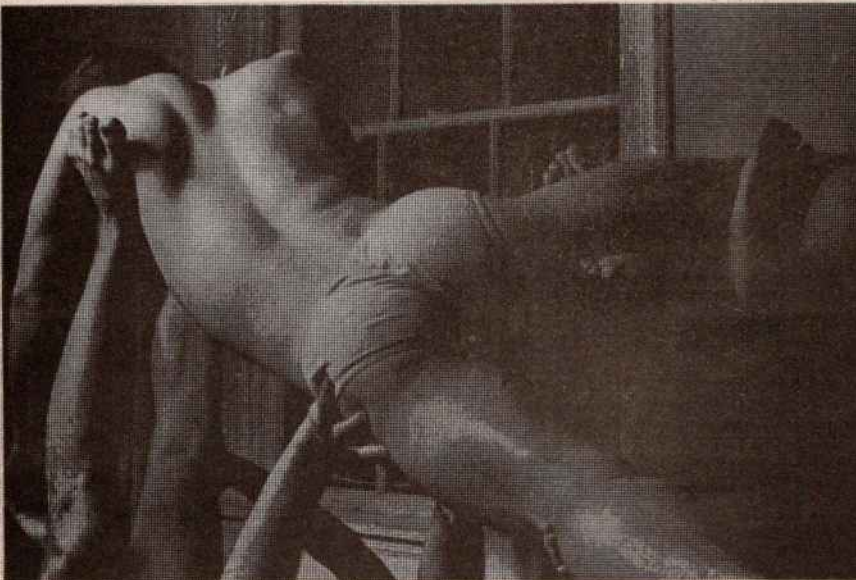
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Cyndi Durfee watches as Vasilo Valentine lifts a swooning Bob Hoyt in a rehearsal of "The Fairy Garden", one of DDTA's plays in their Queer Evening of one act plays, running March 2-5.



**Foothold Dance**  
photo by John Mapes

meaning behind each of several different paintings. Drawing both from evolutionary and religious themes Waswo explores his non-tradition quest for spirituality. The program will be seen at 7pm, March 10 on Channels 14 and 11B, and will be repeated at 2pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week on Channel 14.

The second program is entitled **Hair** and deals with the way artists approach their own hair. Waswo is known for his often radical changes in appearance. Produced for the Wigstock celebration last autumn, both Waswo and artist Valerie Drystel are interviewed. Hair will be seen April 21, 7pm on Warner Cable's Channels 14 and 11B. It will also be repeated at 2pm Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday of the following week on Channel 14.

### 14th Women's Int'l Film & Video Festival

Chicago — Women in the Director's Chair will present the 14th International Film and Video Festival on March 9-12 at The Film Center at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Columbus Drive & Jackson Boulevard, Chicago). Other sites include Chicago Filmmakers, 1543 West Division Street; Randolph Street Gallery, 756 North Milwaukee Avenue; and, the Center for New Television, 1440 North Dayton (all in Chicago).

This year's festival features the work

of nearly 100 independent film and video artists from around the world. Features screened represent a diverse cross section of women's ideas; bringing innovative work that is not ordinarily accessible through mainstream media.

Women in the Director's Chair holds its festival every March in celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day. This year the festival drew nearly 600 entries to this important and celebratory event.

Festival passes will be available at the special price of \$30 for six admissions (regular price tickets will be \$6 per program). For more information, including a complete festival schedule, call WIDC at (312) 281-4988.

## GALLERY

### All That Jazart!

Milwaukee — *Jazart* refers to the one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces designed by local metalsmith/ jewelry designer **Jeanette Payne**, a resident of Port Washington. Payne's creations employ fiber arts techniques, using fine silver to wrap or weave over sterling silver, niobium, and other non-precious metals and materials such as bronze or copper.

Payne is a graduate of UWM with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. Her work can be found at the Milwaukee Art Museum and at local arts fairs.

The Jazart showing will run at **Out of Solitude**, 3817 North Oakland, through March 31. It is part of an ongoing series of showings at the gallery featuring the work of other local artists.

Out of Solitude features the conceptually-sculptured artwork of local metalsmith/ jewelry designer Charles P. Bahringer, whose work has been displayed at shows throughout the country including New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Santa Barbara and Milwaukee. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey and actress/singer Cher are among the celebrities who own Bahringer's jewelry.

Gallery hours for Out of Solitude are Monday through Friday, 11am to 6pm and Saturday 11am to 4pm.

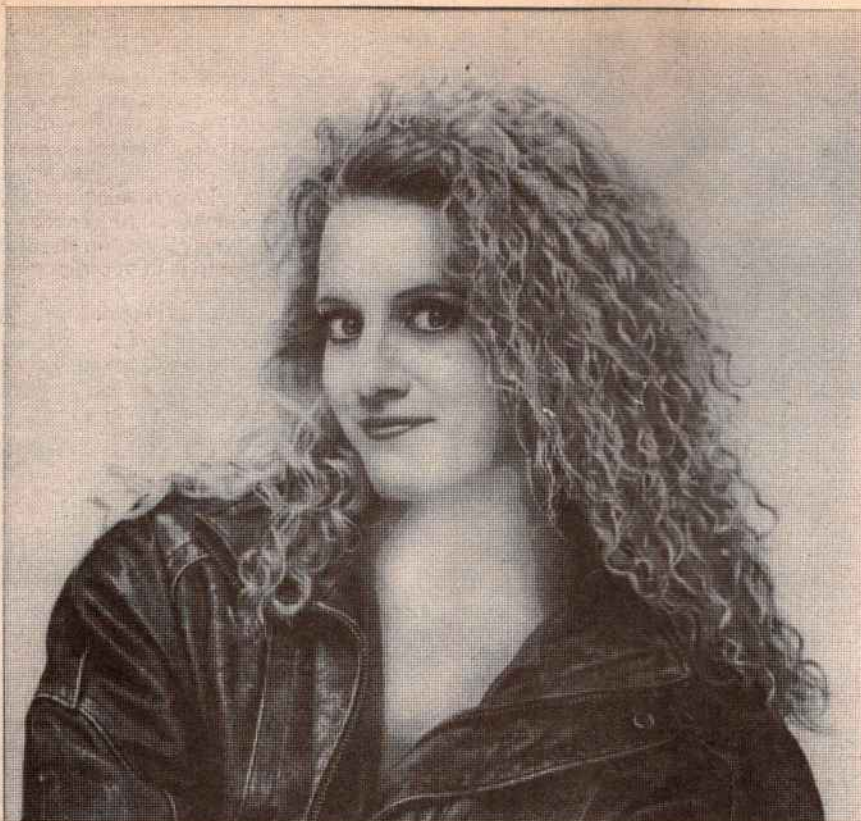
## POETRY

### Poet Jewelle Gomez at Woodland

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern is pleased to present **Jewelle Gomez** in a reading of her work on Saturday, March 18, 8pm, at the Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 East Locust Street. Admission is \$5 general/ \$4 Members.

Poet and novelist Jewelle Gomez is the author of the black Lesbian vampire novel **The Gilda Stories**, winner of two Lambda Literary Awards.

For more information, call (414) 263-5001.



Lesbian Comic Suzanne Westenhoeffer to appear in Milwaukee March 17.

## This is Suzanne!

### Lesbian Comedienne to Return March 17

**Milwaukee** — In 1990, **Suzanne Westenhoeffer** entered a contest at Kelly's Piano Bar in New York, never having appeared as a comedian, did her three minute routine, and won! Each moment of her career since has been filled with rave reviews and incredible opportunities, including the taping of her first comedy special for HBO, which aired this past summer. Suzanne appeared in Milwaukee in February of 1994 to a near sell-out crowd at Centennial Hall.

Over the last three years, Suzanne has played in major clubs and venues throughout the country, performing for every type of audience with the same results... they're crazy about her. As an out Lesbian on stage, she challenges all stereotypes and breaks down barriers. Audiences can only laugh and be part of the conspiracy... to change this little world into a more tolerant place. She's a Lesbian comedian who plays Gay straight venues; she's a comic whose timing and personality have made her one of the most exciting new faces on the scene today; she is a standout — a natural.

Besides her own HBO special, Suzanne has had major television

exposure on **ABC's Day One**, *Evening at the Improv*, **VH-1's Buster's Comedy Hour**, *Caroline's Comedy Hour*, *Out There* on **Comedy Central**, and a host of other appearances. Recently, she won New York City's Outstanding Achievement Award for Comedy, and her new show *Nothing In My Closet But My Clothes*, has received rave reviews throughout the country. She's a regular headliner at Caroline's Comedy Club, performs at Punchlines, Improvs, and Comedy Connections across the country, as well as in major venues such as Town Hall, Zellerbach Auditorium, the Rainbow Room, and the Great American Music Hall. Articles in **The New York Times**, **Village Voice**, **Entertainment Weekly**, **Newsweek**... all say the same thing... she's fresh, a standout, and "disarmingly funny."

**Full Moon Productions** brings her back to Milwaukee for one show only, 7:30pm, Friday, March 17. Doors open at 7pm at Centennial Hall (Main Library), 733 North 8th Street. Tickets are \$15 advance (through 5pm, 3/17), and \$17 at the door. Tickets are available at *People's Books*, *Just Us*, *AfterWords*, and *Outpost Foods*.

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## Spirit of Oscar Wilde Triumphs in "Man of No Importance"

### Albert Finney Shines as Late-Blooming Gay Irishman

Reviewed by Jamakaya

The new movie *A Man of No Importance* is a pleasant surprise. It's a heartfeltslice-of-life comedy/drama about a middle-aged Irish bus conductor coming to terms with his sexual identity back in 1960. And although not exactly a featured player, Oscar Wilde makes his presence felt strongly throughout the film.

Albert Finney is Alfie Byrne, the affable bus conductor who is so smitten with Wilde's writing that he reads passages to his bus passengers and organizes them into an amateur theatrical troupe to perform Wilde's plays.

Alfie is also smitten with the handsome young bus driver he is teamed with, calling him "Bosie," the endearment Wilde bestowed on his lover, Lord Alfred Douglas. But Alfie's desire for his Bosie is kept in check for he is convinced that Bosie, played by the gorgeous Rufus Sewell, will be "repulsed" by his feelings.

While bringing together his amateur thespians to rehearse Wilde's risqué *Salome*, Alfie also becomes obsessed with a pretty young woman just new to Dublin, Adele (Tara Fitzgerald). Charmed by her sweetness and grace, Alfie dubs her his "Princess." Alfie's clueless sister makes a comical attempt to matchmaker the two.

But Adele has her own secret. She breaks down during one rehearsal unable to utter the playwright's words about her character being a virgin. (Hey, this is 1960 in very Catholic Dublin!) In a dramatic sequence, Alfie learns the truth about his idealized "Princess." That revelation and the realization that his love for Bosie will forever be unrequited finally lead Alfie to publicly assert his sexuality.

#### HELP FROM OSCAR

Alfie dons the cape, fedora, walking stick and lapel flower favored by his beloved Oscar Wilde, sashays into a Gay bar and picks up a young man. The result is momentarily disastrous but ultimately liberating. Everyone now



Albert Finney is a middle-aged Dubliner coming out and Rufus Sewell plays the object of his affections in "A Man of No Importance".

knows about Alfie. A few narrow-minded characters, like a butcher who has tried to censor *Salome*, respond with predictable taunts. But Alfie's many friends, who know him as a decent man, and his pious sister, who is distressed but compassionate, open their hearts to him. Even Bosie comes around, and the last lighthearted scene has Alfie coaching him in a reading of Wilde's *Ballad of Reading Gaol*.

*A Man of No Importance* is a very slow-paced film, and American moviegoers have to contend with some heavy Irish brogues that may obscure some of the dialogue. But patient viewers and those prepared to see a sensitive movie about a very special character will be rewarded for their attention.

Albert Finney is simply splendid as the repressed, but irrepressible Alfie, who loves life and art with a passion yet is anguished by his own virginity. Finney conveys Alfie's sly humor and abundant wit and is most compelling in a wrenching scene when he bares his soul to his disapproving sister who doesn't want him to touch her anymore. "My hands are innocent of affection!" he cries.

Let's you think this is another lugubrious Hollywood tale of a tortured homosexual, rest assured it is not. There is a great deal of humor and insight sprinkled throughout and, praise the Lord, the queer doesn't die in the end! There's actually a very funny scene where Alfie, in despair, tries to kill himself. He jumps off a bridge, lands in water only knee-high and has a good laugh at himself. For those of us familiar with the long history of queer movie characters who commit suicide, it's a lark!

For any cynics out there who may be chortling at the idea of a middle-aged Gay virgin — get a life! I have no doubt

there are men and women, hetero- or homosexual, who experience their sexual awakening late in life. I think *A Man of No Importance* treats its protagonist with intelligence and wit and dignity. It's a portrait of one man's struggle that adds to the growing diversity of movie images about Gay and Lesbian lives.

## Gay/Lesbian Films, Filmmakers Win Oscar Nominations

### Watch for Winners at Oscar Ceremonies March 27

By Jamakaya

Los Angeles, CA — A record number of openly Gay and Lesbian artists and Gay and Lesbian-themed films have been honored with Academy Award nominations this year. The envelopes will be opened and the winners announced at the annual Oscar gala set for March 27.

*Straight From the Heart*, a half hour documentary that was produced to counteract the anti-Gay propaganda film *The Gay Agenda*, was nominated in the category of Best Documentary - Short Subject. The film was co-produced by Lesbian activist Dee Mosbacher, daughter of a high-ranking Republican fundraiser and former Commerce Secretary, and Frances Reid.

Reid will be in the audience Oscar night as a nominee for *Straight From the Heart*, but she'll be accompanied by her lover Deborah Hoffman, who was also



nominated for her directorial debut, *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*. *Dutiful Daughter* is a profile of a Lesbian dealing with her Alzheimers- stricken mother. It is nominated as Best Documentary Feature.

Openly Gay singer/songwriter Elton John is expected to be on hand Oscar night and will most likely perform at least one of the three songs he penned for Disney's *The Lion King* which have been nominated as Best original Song: "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" "Hakuna Matata," and "Circle of Life."

*Strawberry and Chocolate*, a new Cuban film, is nominated as Best Foreign Film. It's about a straight member of the Communist Youth League, David, who develops a friendship with Diego, a cultured and witty Gay man with little patience for political correctness. The film is a plea for respect for diversity and is somewhat revolutionary, being the first movie with a positive view of homosexuality produced in Cuba, whose government and mainstream culture is notoriously homophobic.

*The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, about a transsexual and two drag queens camping their way across the vast Australian outback to a nightclub gig, won a nomination for Best Costume Design. Anyone who has seen the movie will know exactly why.

Peter Jackson and Frances Walsh won a Best Original Screenplay nod for the mesmerizing docudrama *Heavenly Creatures*. It's an account of the real life

story of two teenage girls in 1950's New Zealand, whose obsessive relationship and fantasy life leads them to murdering one girl's mother. The film strongly implies the girls had a Lesbian relationship.

Last but not least is the British import *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, a romantic comedy/drama nominated for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay. *Four Weddings* was popular with LesBiGay audiences because the film's one Gay couple, Gareth and Matthew, served as a role model for all the floundering heterosexuals wrestling with commitment. Gareth was played with great flamboyance by openly Gay

actor Simon Callow.

There may be more Gay angles to this year's Oscars. Tune in to the Academy Awards telecast on March 27 to get the scoop.

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Los Angeles, CA — True to its promise to telecast *Serving in Silence: The Margaret Cammermeyer Story* in its full, uncensored version, NBC ran the docudrama February 6 to little negative feedback. An estimated 18.7 million Americans watched the saga of the highest ranking military officer to be discharged for homosexuality and witnessed firsthand the big smooch exchanged between actresses Glenn Close and Judy Davis.

Supportive advertisers included Toyota, AT&T, La-Z-Boy and Saturn. The only advertiser to pull its ads in protest of the content was Nestle USA. A spokeswoman for the company said Nestle does not advertise on programs "deemed by a majority of the public to be controversial or not widely accepted." Nestle had also refused to sponsor last year's episode of *Northern Exposure*, in which the town's Gay couple were wed.

Send your thanks to Warren Littlefield, Vice-President of NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523, (818) 840-4444. Send complaints to Joe Weller, Chair and CEO, Nestle USA, 800 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203, (818) 549-6235 (ask for Laurie McDonald).

### MTV Earns Plaudits for "Queer Punk" Report

New York, NY — On February 2, MTV News broadcast a special segment on Queer Punk, "a new breed of proudly Gay punk bands making a big noise these days." The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has touted the show for out-pacing all other news outlets in its coverage of the Gay music beat.

The Queer Punk segment highlighted the music of such groups as Pansy Division, Chainsaw Kittens and the all-Lesbian band Fifth Column. Billie Joe, the lead singer for Greenday, said of Pansy Division: "They are just out there spewing homosexuality, and I think it's great! I think they are the future of what's going to happen to rock n' roll music."

MTV also ran concert footage of Pansy Division singing "Fem in a Black Leather Jacket" with the words: "With his long, long hair and pouty lips/cute little butt and sexy hips/The way he moves has me inspired/he's the boy that I require."

GLAAD urges MTV fans to send compliments to: Viewer Department, MTV Networks, Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, (212) 258-8700.

### "Priscilla" Due Out on Video in April

New York, NY — The campy and heart-warming movie *The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*, about two drag queens and a transsexual and their misadventures traveling across the Australian continent in their rickety bus, will be released on video in early April. Polygram is by-passing the pay-per-view cable audience to bring *Priscilla* directly to video stores. "Priscilla" is the name of the trio's bus which they defiantly paint bright lavender to cover anti-Gay graffiti scrawled by homophobes.

Terence Stamp won a Golden Globe

nomination for his performance as the wise and wise-cracking transsexual Bernadette, and the movie was nominated as Best Comedy or Musical. *Priscilla* has also been nominated for an Oscar for Costume Design. The costumes are as outrageous and flamboyant as the characters, who break into drag performances in the desolate outback whenever the spirit or circumstances move them.

### Educational Video on Gay/Lesbian Parents Available

San Francisco, CA — Members of the Lesbian and Gay Parents Association of San Francisco have produced a new educational video that focuses on the experiences and struggles of the children of Gay and Lesbian parents.

*Both of My Mom's Names Are Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out* examines peer harassment and other issues facing the children of Gay and Lesbian parents. For more information, call Kim Lawton at (415) 387-9886.

### "The Disco Years" Coming Out Story on Video

New York, NY — *The Disco Years*, a movie set in the late 1970's that tells the difficult coming out story of a high school teenager, is now available on video.

In the film, Tom (Matt Nolan) looks back on his coming out during the disco era. He is seduced, then abandoned by his tennis partner (Russell Scott Lewis), who goes on to lead a homophobic campaign against a Gay teacher. The *New York Times* said that *The Disco Years* "chillingly captures the cruelty of teenage homophobia."

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## Interview

# Uniting Gay & Lesbian Fiction

## A Talk with Nisa Donnelly

By Owen Keehnen

In 1990, Lesbian writer Nisa Donnelly burst upon the scene with her sensational debut novel **The Bar Stories**, winner of the Lambda Literary Award that year. Four years later, St. Martin's Press released her second novel, **The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay**, and it was well worth the wait.

This deeply moving and rewarding novel centers around the chaotic life of Phoenix Bay, a thirtysomething Lesbian who, her life in shambles, moves in with her friend Rennie Johnson, a Gay writer with AIDS. Also included in this household is Rennie's sister Cecelie, an archaeologist who has fled from a war in Peru and lost her daughter to illness. Soon Cecelie and Phoenix become lovers, and along with Rennie, they create a true home. Through trauma, fear, and hardship, the three not only endure, but grow.

*(Carl Sztatmary's complete review of the novel appears after this interview.)*

**The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay** is a simultaneously heartbreaking and heartwarming tale, perceptive, honest, and inspirational. There is an enormous amount of wisdom within these pages. It is a celebration of friendship and family amongst a group of wonderfully drawn Lesbian and Gay characters. This novel has bridged the gap between Gay and Lesbian literature expertly, smoothly, and naturally. Ms. Donnelly has created a genuinely powerful work, one of the most beautiful novels to come out in some time.

Recently, I had the opportunity to congratulate Nisa on her success and we talked a bit about the book and her writing.



Photo by Phyllis Christopher

Nisa Donnelly, author of St. Martin's Press "The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay".

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**Owen:** In my opinion, "The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay" is one of the best Lesbian and best Gay novels of the year. Was your intention partially to erode those barriers?

**Nisa:** Oh absolutely. In 1989 I worked on the first OutWrite conference and I'll admit that before that I thought Gay literature was pretty much confined to pornography and trash. But I found a lot of really terrific writers working on the conference and they thought Lesbian literature was for the most part, reduced to political diatribe. We got to knowing each other and reading each other's literature and found out we were dealing with the same kinds of issues. When I started looking at Gay men's literature, I

was amazed that no one had talked about the relationships between Lesbians and Gay men, yet I've known from the get-go this was tremendously important and I wanted to make a fictionalized statement of that.

**Rennie's illness is so fully explored, what was your method of research? Was it reading, interviews, personal experience?**

All of the above. In the acknowledgements I list some of the men who helped me. They were all extremely helpful when I'd ask tough questions about what it's like to be a writer with AIDS.

**Your characters are really exquisite. You take the reader deep inside their**

**psyches. What's your secret?**

I was a newspaper journalist for a long time and that teaches us how to look at people differently. I was a feature writer. You learn to look at people in a new way and hear how they talk. Other than that I let the characters pretty much lead me and develop their own way.

**Are you certain of your instincts in situations like that?**

I wish I were. My editor wanted the novel trimmed which I did, but we trotted off on a three week dead end in the process. When I got to the dead end I knew I was misguided, but all along the pat I thought, "Boy are we moving!"

**The power of created families dominates both your novels. What does its power represent?**

In America, most of us grow up in these really screwy dysfunctional families. As adults we have the option of creating families that are good to us, help us, and do all the things families are supposed to do. I don't have any siblings but when I was in college I found a surrogate sibling. Over the years I've added others to this family circle. What we're doing is saying this screwed up way of the nuclear family that Americans love so much does work for us — especially for many Gays and Lesbians who are turned out by their biological families or are grossly misunderstood by them.

**Another common theme in both "The Bar Stories" and "The Love Sons of Phoenix Bay" is home. How do you define that?**

A safe place where you don't have to be constantly on your guard against saying or doing the wrong thing. It's a place you can surround yourself with the things and people you love. It's a place where you can reaffirm who you are and grow with the things around you. I like to keep a lots of plants around me, and I like to live with friends. I'm not really great at lover relationships. I tend to be a much better date than I am a marriage partner.

**There's much to be said for that.**

It's true. Yo babe, we'll go out but don't go bringing the moving van. This is where I live and where you don't. I've worked really hard to make a place where it's peaceful and safe and we don't have to worry. We don't live with bars on the windows and I won't live with emotional bars either. I lived like that for too many years.

**The new book is so emotionally frank. Was there one part that was more difficult for you to write than the others?**

The part where Phoenix goes home for her mother's funeral was probably the most personally difficult. I know so many people who live in that southern Illinois

world, farther south than Kentucky. I have the feeling I escaped, yet I know a whole bunch of people who didn't. Writing brought a lot of that back into focus.

**What do you see as your greatest writing strength?**

The realistic characters. It's what I've always worked the hardest for. I have to be honest to them. That's what I want and what I believe. I don't want to write about all the ugly things. I figure we can get enough of that by going outside every day.

*"I got really tired of Lesbians turning their sex lives into a genre called erotica."*

—Nisa Donnelly

**Both your novels also contain fairly graphic sex scenes. Is the representation of Lesbian sex a political or an artistic decision for you?**

Both. I got really tired of Lesbians turning their sex lives into a genre called erotica. I didn't see anybody else doing

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that. John Updike puts sex scenes in his novels and no one thinks anything about it. Gay men certainly do it, yet Lesbians want it cordoned off in a special little section of a certain shelf called Lesbian erotica, like cookbooks or something. I would like to see more Lesbians work sex into their novels, however they choose to do it. If they choose not to, that's certainly their business, but I'm afraid many have chosen not to do it over the years because it was considered politically incorrect.

**What are you working on now?**

**Jersey.** It's a novel and the name of an apartment building and it's about the lives of five or six characters that live there.

**Do you have a career theme?**

Lesbian triumphs over adversity.

**One of your characters comments that "Loving what I do has been my beacon." Is writing your first love?**

Absolutely. My first sentence according to my mother was "I sit and write." Mother loves to tell people that. It's the only thing I ever wanted to do.

## Books

### "Love Songs of Phoenix Bay"

#### Donnelly's Novel Reaches Out to Both Sexes

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

It is difficult to imagine Lesbian literature and Gay literature anymore separate and distinct, with little crossover appeal over the past few decades. Gay writers have often included substantial heterosexual women characters but only rarely did their novels include Lesbians. Gay male characters likewise only rarely turned up in Lesbian novels. Sarah Schulman, David Leavitt, Jane Rule and Armistead Maupin in his *Tales of the City* books are among the handful of exceptions. This list can now include Nisa Donnelly with her remarkable new novel, *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay*.

Nisa Donnelly's debut novel, *Bar Stories: A Novel After All* has been one of the best-selling Lesbian novels over the past decade with its wise and poignant portrayal of the Lesbian nation in the microcosm of Babe's Bar on a nondescript street in San Francisco. Now after a five year wait, Donnelly returns

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with a warm and insightful novel of love and loss set against the background of a San Francisco reeling from the AIDS epidemic.

At the center of *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay* is Phoenix Bay, a Lesbian whose lover of several years, Jinx, has abruptly left her. Phoenix is left emotionally adrift until her old friend, Rennie Johnson, asks her to move in with him. Rennie too is struggling, fighting his own private war, a war against AIDS and one in which he has already lost his lover, Carson. When Rennie's sister, Cecile, also comes home after many years in Peru, she too is suffering from the loss of her adopted daughter, Mala. This unlikely trio, each so desperately needing to find a sense of belonging, gradually are able to find the strength to become a family.

Any brief scenario of Donnelly's plot of *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay* cannot adequately communicate the richness of her characterizations, the complexity of the novel's relationships, or Donnelly's wry observations on Gay male/ Lesbian bonding in the 90's. Nevertheless Donnelly has created a novel filled with immediately recognizable people with stories that are all too familiar.

Throughout *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay*, Donnelly has focused her storytelling on the weaving together of small, simple moments — some filled with joy, other bittersweet — but all set against the tapestry of the characters' personal histories.

During one evening as Phoenix and Cecile are falling in love, Phoenix losses herself while counting stars, "Back home on summer nights... she would fall asleep trying to count the stars. Every night she had to start over, it never

occurred to her that the task itself was impossible. Instead she felt like a failure, night after night, falling asleep before she was done."

When Phoenix returns home following the death of her mother, she is surprised when faced with an encounter with her childhood confidante, David. Years before Phoenix had lost touch with David, and wrongly assumed that he too was a victim of the AIDS plague. But their reunion is, at best tinged with sadness. Unlike Phoenix, David has returned home, now running the appliance store that had been his father's blaming his own cowardice.

*The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay* is truly a meditation on human love, both the burning and passionate kind that lovers share as well as the deep and resonant kind of love that old friends can develop. Nisa Donnelly has found a voice that is not only powerful and distinct but which speaks to both Gay men and Lesbians. This is a book that I would highly recommend to everyone, not only to Lesbian readers but also Gay men. *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay* was certainly one of the finest Lesbian or Gay themed novels of 1994!

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# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

My personal condolences to the friends and family of both Chris Fons and Arnie Malmon, who both passed on last week, after valiant struggles with AIDS. Chris was "The" Milwaukee AIDS activist, and a founder of ACT UP Milwaukee. Arnie has written his column, *Positively HIV*, for *In Step* for the last few years, chronicling his battle with AIDS with humor and words. Both are written up more extensively elsewhere, this issue.

No lectures this issue. I guess I stirred things up a bit with my lead off in my last column... then again, if I got people talking about it, that's the purpose of advocacy journalism.

*Dancin' for AIDS* benefit for *ARCW* raised more money than they had predicted. They had hoped to raise \$35,000, and ended up with \$45,000! It may not have looked like there were many people were there dancing throughout the night, but you've got to remember it was a pledge event and not a dance marathon. People could just drop off (or mail in) their pledge forms and money and not actually step into the MECCA where the dance was held. This

has grown so well that the **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)** has decided to do a similar event, called *Dance It!* on April 15. It will be held at the Madison Civic Center and will include live music, prizes, dj dance mix and dance DeMos. For more information about *Dance It!* or to request a pledge form, call MASN at (608) 238-6276 or outside of Madison area, (800) 486-6276.

Lots of events were centered around Valentine's Day weekend. Because VD occurred on a Tuesday, many places decided to celebrate it on the previous weekend, instead. **Miguel's**, the restaurant portion of the **1100 Club** offered Romantic dinner packages for two nightly. If you haven't sampled their food, you don't know what you are missing. I have yet to be disappointed. **Just Us** hosted a Sweat Hearts dance the night of the 10th, and **Designing Men** were there offering some of their wares and gift items for sale. The *Just Us Divas* Valentine's show was held that Sunday night with Starr E. Night ad her special guests.

**C'est La Vie** hosted a special drag-athon with nearly a dozen male dancers and female impersonators. My photographer Jamie was impressed with the variety of talent; and John and his crew have really set up a good performance space.

Several organizations hosted events

that weekend... In Madison the **10% Society at UW Madison** had one of their very popular dances at the Memorial Union's Great Hall. They draw hundreds to their all-ages dances (there is a cash bar for those 21 & over). There's nothing quite like it in Milwaukee.

**SAGE Milwaukee's Hearts & Flowers** pot luck and tea dance was their second annual Valentine's soiree and was held at Just Us the afternoon of Feb. 11. Meanwhile, a **Commitment '95** Fundraiser, *Chilifest*, was held from 5pm on at All Saints Cathedral. Commitment '95 is the joint yearly conference of all the Milwaukee area Gay & Lesbian AA, NA and Al-Anon groups who host other such groups from throughout the midwest.

That same day in Sheboygan, the **Blue Lite** hosted another in their series of AIDS benefits with a Valentine's party in the early evening followed by a silent auction. This was the third fundraiser of '95 and the auction alone raised over \$2,000. Together, these benefits raised over \$5,000 which they will pass on to **Synergy**, a blanket AIDS organization which serves the Sheboygan County area. Quite a feat for a small bar in a small town. See *Viewpoints* this issue for the full details of this fundraiser.

In Green Bay, a *Day of Self Exploration II* was held by **Positive Voice**. This organization has really been

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productive the last half year and this winter workshop is just another of their fine efforts. Their general meeting on the 20th featured a special guest speaker on the topic of *Coming Out at Work*.

The loud weekend beer bust crowd at **Club 219** got even wilder on that Sunday with a *Beer Bust Valentine's Revue* hosted by the zany Miss Beer Bust, Sofonda Cox. She also hosted a Dating Game that was quite entertaining. The place was a wreck by the time the regular 219 Girls took to the stage at midnight.

*Love is the BESTD Medicine*, a benefit show for the **Brady East STD Clinic**, hosted by Ashley Michaels and Rhonda Moore at **La Cage** was a success with over \$756 raised. The clinic is finishing up their remodeling, having moved on the second floor. When I talked with Ross last week, they were waiting for the carpet installers to come in, then for the new blinds and some new matching furniture for the support groups meeting spaces. Congratulations to BESTD and their very capable all volunteer staff!

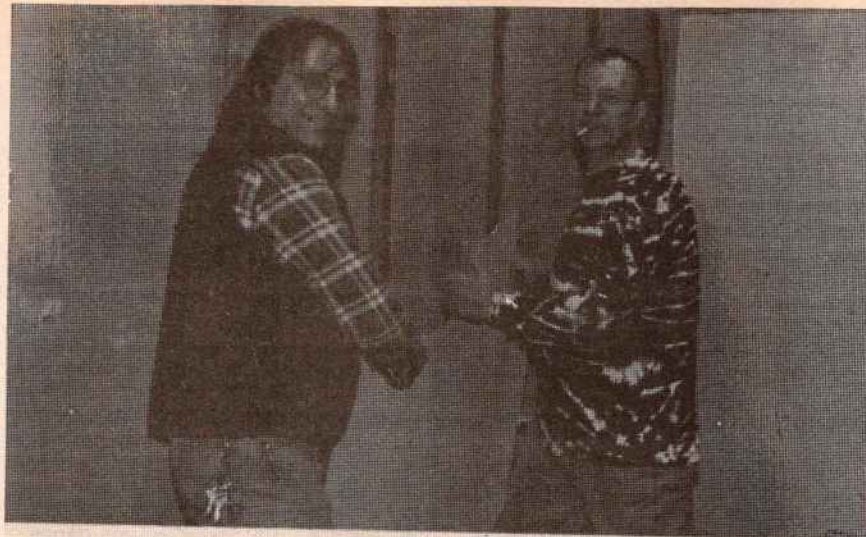
Another community organization that's been offering a number of programs is **People of All Colors Together (PACT) Milwaukee**. Their forum on the 12th presented several videos, with Brenda Cooley moderating discussion. It also included performance poetry and song by Sandra Jones at the Unitarian Church at Ogden and Astor. It's groups like this that hopefully will make a difference on racism within our LesBiGay community. (Unfortunately, we're just as racist as the rest of Milwaukee.)

The **Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls**, a Madison country/line dance group held their SweetHearts Ball, too. Don't say there isn't anything to do in our community but the bars. *An Evening in the Garden*, a wine tasting and dance benefit for **The United** was held at Madison's Olbrich Botanical Gardens on the 18th. That same evening **Center Project Inc's** 4th annual fundraising *Have A Heart Dinner* was held at St. Norbert's College in DePere.

The **Pivot Club** hosted their 9th anniversary week from the 14th-18. Jamie made the trip up (even with a fever of 101 degrees) on that Friday for a show that he said contained some new talent and good performances. Congratulations to Gordon, John and all the rest of management and staff on another great year at one of Wisconsin's most exciting clubs.

Both **La Cage** and **Club 219** both continue to host male dancers every Wednesday. 219 also usually has touring troupes in on most Friday nights. Occasionally a touring group will cancel at the last minute, so you might want to check with the bar first.

The night of the 17th, four bars got caught in a police "sting" operation. Boot Camp, C'est La Vie, Triangle and Zippers all served an under 21 year old police



*In Step's Joe Koch and Ron Geiman get started on the new office for In Step which will be across the hall from the current office. We've been joking that "In Step has moved to the Right..." No, we haven't been influenced by Newt... it just means customers will turn right instead of left when they come to our office. The move should occur by early April.*

plant, who had a beard. All the owners I talked to said the beard helped him look well over 21, but then again, that's just the type the police are going to use in these operations. Be sure to always carry a legal ID with you when you go out... I'm sure ALL the bars will be checking ID's on a more consistent basis. Don't blame the bars... they're just trying to keep their licenses!

The **Main Club** way up there in Superior (far NW corner of the state) celebrated its anniversary week Feb. 20-26. Several friends here in Milwaukee who own some vacation/skiing homes in the north have traveled to Superior and have always had a great time at the bar. Congrats to Bob Jenson and his staff and here's to many more!

Looking for some Gay theatre to attend this weekend? **Different Drummer Theatre Alliance** hosts its second annual One Act Festival from March 2-5 at the Broadway Theatre complex. For details, see the Arts section.

Those of you looking for costumes, outfits and accessories, in a variety of sizes, ought to stop in at Doris' *It's Dress Up Days* sale. Noon to 6pm, Sat. and Sun., March 11 & 12 at M&M Clubs upstairs banquet room. Doris has costumed many theme shows over the years so the variety should be interesting. Also coming up: Positive Voice Sleight Ride on March 4; and Club 94's Miss 94 pageant also on the 4th.

Perry of the **Walker's Point Marble Arcade** called last week and asked to have the listings for the bar/ bowling alley pulled from **In Step's Guide**. When asked why, he explained they are going after a non-Gay crowd. The Marble had been straight for years and was one of

the few bars with bowling facilities in house. When Michael and Perry took it over they tried to get Gay bowling leagues and customers, but they never had enough community support.

**Vuk's 2** is reopened at their original location, 2033 S. 13th St (13th and Beecher) in Milwaukee. They are having their Grand Opening 2 this weekend, so stop in and say Hi to Tom and his crew. **Another Opening... Renez CoZ Corner II** opened last weekend at 3500 W Park Hill Street (35th & 194, northwest corner). Rene will have a DJ, and is aiming for her Men/Women Gay/Straight mix she had at her old location. Phone 933-RENE.

We'll be seeing a lot more of **RuPaul** in coming months... The female impersonator/ diva will be the first man to sell her face for women's cosmetics for M.A.C., a Toronto-based cosmetics firm whose products are favored by top models and pro stylists. The launch was held last week at Henri Bendel on Fifth Avenue.

It's her time... **RuPaul** also plays a woman guidance counselor in *The Brady Bunch* movie. This Wednesday, she will be in a *Sister, Sister* episode on ABC, and she will play a male nurse in a USA Network movie, not to mention having an autobiography due, **Lettin' It All Hang Out**.

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# Calendar

## 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 (Milw):** Lilly White's Talent Show, 11pm.

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

**Different Drummer Theatre (Milw):** *Our Way* second annual one art festival, 8pm. Broadway Theatre Center, Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway. See Arts, Issues 3 & 4 for details. \$10 Tickets. Call (414) 276-2596.

## 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.

**Different Drummer Theatre (Milw):** *Our Way* second annual one art festival, 8pm. Broadway Theatre Center, Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway. See Arts, Issues 3 & 4 for details. \$10 Tickets. Call (414) 276-2596.

## 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.

**Vuk's 2 (Milw):** Grand Opening 2. Free tap beer and munchies 8-?



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**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.

**Different Drummer Theatre (Milw):**

*Our Way* second annual one art festival, 8pm. Broadway Theatre Center, Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway. See Arts, Issues 3 & 4 for details. \$10 Tickets. Call (414) 276-2596.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

**Counseling Center (Milw):** Movie night featuring *Prick Up Your Ears*, TCCM, 2038 North Bartlett. \$3 donation, popcorn & soda. Call Bill at (414) 271-2565 FMI.

**Different Drummer Theatre (Milw):**

*Our Way* second annual one art festival, 2:30pm. Broadway Theatre Center, Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway. See Arts, Issues 3 & 4 for details. \$10 Tickets. Call (414) 276-2596.

## MONDAY, MARCH 6

**Positive Voice (Green Bay):** Board of Directors meeting, 6:30pm, all members welcome. FMI call (414) 499-5533.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**GALVANize (Madison):** Meeting to help plan '95 march. FMI call Ben at (608) 256-4289.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

**Wreck Room:** BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 5-8pm.

**Rod's (Madison):** 69th Day of the Year Party. 69¢ drink specials all day and night. Wear Rod's T-shirt & get a free shot of Schnapps, too.

**St. Camillus AIDS Ministry (St. Francis):** Group Retreat through March 12. FMI call (414) 481-3696.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

**Club 94 (Kenosha):** Tag Team Productions Wisconsin-USA Benefit Show with WI-USA titleholders.

**Wreck Room (Milwaukee):** Oberon's Club Night, 9pm-1am, \$5 Beer Bust.

**Just Us (Milwaukee):** Sales display by Designing Men.

**Costume Sale:** "It's Dress Up Days," today and tomorrow, noon-6pm, M&M's upstairs.

**Madison Gay Video Club:** Double feature: *Boy's Shorts* and *Flashpoint*, 8pm. FMI call (608) 244-8675 eves.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**Station 2 (Milw):** 4pm Golf Club Cleaning & Pizza Party, discuss '95 golf season.

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

**Club 219 (Milw):** Ginger Spice Memorial Show "I Remember You III" a MAP benefit. Featuring special guests Mimi Marx, Cezanne, & Ruby Red from Chicago; plus selected 219 Girls. Single tickets are \$10 advanced, \$12 at the door. Tables are sold out.

**AfterWords Book Club (Milw):** Discussion of Michael Nava and Robert Dawidoff's book *Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter*, 7:30pm.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16

**BESTD Women's Clinic:** Walk-in, 6-9pm.



Ces't La Vie's usual Friday night "Girls" show swelled to nearly a dozen performers for their Valentine's show with

regulars and special guests. Photos by James Taylor

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17 ST. PAT'S DAY

**Rod's (Madison):** Special \$4 Beer Bash, 8-midnight. Corned beef and cabbage \$1 at 10pm.

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

**Ballgame (Milw):** 22nd Anniversary & St. Pat's Celebration. The tradition continues.

**Blue Lite (Sheboygan):** St. Pat's Party.

**Frontiers (Madison):** 14th Anniversary Fling and Potluck. FMI call Gene at (608) 831-4711; 6pm.

**HIT's Rita Bowl (Milw):** Red Carpet Regency Lanes, 9pm. Roundtrip transportation from the Wreck Room to the lanes for \$3. FMI call Scott at (414) 277-0320. A HIT Benefit.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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

**Club 94 (Kenosha):** 94 Follies Girls Anniversary Show.

**Rod's (Madison):** Full Moon/Lights Out Party.

**Mama Roux (Milw):** 1st Anniversary Celebration featuring live music by The Ghillies, 10pm-?, \$2 cover.

**Positive Voice (Green Bay):** Sheepshead Tourney at Blue Lite, 3pm.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

**Just Us (Milw):** Fresh from the Parliament House in Orlando — Sandy Beach celebrates with a Birthday Bash & Show, with drink specials and food.

**SAGE/Milw:** Annual Meeting (members only). \$10 includes luncheon. Colonial Room at Hotel Wisconsin.

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The Pivot Club celebrated their anniversary with a show hosted by Sage La Rue (bottom right). Pivot management and staffers found some time to pose for a group photo (top).

# Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

## A Queer Contract With America

Want to hear something funny? Before I came out, I used to think that I was the only Gay person in America. Well, there was **Uncle Arthur** on *Bewitched*, but he doesn't really count. Now, it's nearly the opposite, with my highly advanced *Gaydar*, I see Gays and Lesbians everywhere. Unfortunately, **Newt Gingrich** and the new Republican Congress doesn't seem to recognize the value of Gay Americans. In fact, the now famous *Contract with America* keeps us as invisible as ever. Well, I've come up with my own agenda for our country. Take a look at this and soon you'll be seeing America through queer colored glasses.

1. I believe the US Government should make *National Coming Out Day* an official national holiday, and **Melissa Etheridge** should be appointed as the honorary chairperson.

2. I believe Congress should pass a law declaring that **Amanda** from *Melrose Place* should play First Lady **Hillary Clinton** in a new Fox-TV unauthorized biography of the first family. **Garfield** should play **Socks**, with **Jerry Mathers** (as he is now) as **Chelsea** and **Data** as Vice President **Al Gore**.

3. I believe the government should order the FDA and the American Medical Association to develop a special suppository to treat stuck-up Gays afflicted with attitude problems. This special suppository will be mandatory, very large and uncomfortable, about the size of **Madonna's** ego should be just right.

4. I believe Congress should pass a law which increases funding for PBS and the National Endowment for the Arts only after PBS agrees that *Sesame Street's* **Bert** and **Ernie** are Gay lovers. Also, we need to designate Sunday evenings as Gay porno night at the movies on PBS with classic X-rated videos lovingly introduced kinda like *Masterpiece Theater* (but with naked **David Burrill** as host). Require **Jesse Helms** to watch the show with a remote control shaped like **Jeff Stryker's** privates (we'll make Newt

remove the batteries).

5. I believe *The Academy Awards* should make a new category, "Best Performances by a Closeted Actor or Actress." Nominees for the first award would be **Tom Cruise**, **Keanu Reeves**, **Richard Gere**, **Jodie Foster** and **Rosie O'Donnell**.

6. I believe the government should issue an order declaring that leaders of the Girl Scouts must allow 9-year old drag queens to join the Brownies.

7. I believe we should forget about all the fuss and problems with the new reformulated gasoline. The government should be trying to make condoms more comfortable and easier to use. I recommend a joint multi-million dollar effort with the same guy who makes that *Spray on Hair in a Can* to develop mint-scented aerosol condoms.

8. I believe everyone in those annoying Mentos commercials should be forced to eat them until they explode.

9. I believe the US Mint should begin printing a \$3 bill with a picture of **Paul Lynde** on the front and one of those erotic **Maplethorpe** photos on the back.

10. I believe we should replace baseball with women's softball as the official national pastime.

11. I believe that no one should be approved to any cabinet level post unless they have seen *The Wizard of Oz* at least 104 times and have memorized all of **Faye Dunaway's** best lines in *Mommy Dearest*.

12. I believe we should require all public schools to teach a standardized set of conversational topics to be used after having sex with a person you plan on never seeing again.

13. I believe the Justice Department must vigorously prosecute fraudulent advertising charges against any man who lies about his age or physical attributes in personal ads. Of course then you'll have to build more prisons to hold all the new inmates, but they could rent them out as locations for more **Jeff Stryker** pornos.

14. I believe the president should appoint **Martha Stewart** as Secretary of the Interior and have her redecorate America's inner cities, because it's a good thing.

15. I believe we should establish a national, bipartisan commission to determine if **Keanu Reeves** is really Gay and I believe we should appoint **WW Wells** as Chairman of this committee.

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# Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

## Where the Hell Are All the Gay People?

"I've just moved here," she said. "So I asked my friend, 'Where the hell are all the Gay people?' And this is where she sent me."

I was speaking to a small group of Gay men and Lesbians who were struggling to maintain a storefront gathering place/ information center/ social opportunity group in a town that could be *anywhere* in the US or Canada. I'd asked everyone to introduce her/himself and share how they had found out about the place, as a nice ice-breaking pull-down of some of the barriers between those sitting in the chairs, and me, standing in front. Some people talked about giving back, and becoming volunteers. Some said they'd

found out about a specific program that took place within the confines of this umbrella organization's walls, and it didn't take Einsteinian relativity to make the connection. And some explained that their group which had been borrowing living rooms had transferred their sites here because they didn't have to sit in each other's laps unless they wanted to.

Hardly unexpected answers. But this one woman's response caught me up short with its clarity even beyond its intention.

Where the hell are all the Gay people?

Now, I live in a part of the country where, if the 10% Kinsey statistic holds water, there are nearly half a million homodirectionals within an area code or two. Yet when it comes time for a fundraiser/ demonstration/ meeting/ lecture/ concert/ performance/ cruise/ dance/ election/ bazaar/ tag sale/ community cookie bake, we're lucky to turn out enough takers to cover the cost of buying the paper tablecloths.

I'm not so naive as to expect that it is any different for heterorientationals. They have different interests from each other, come from different walks of life, different economic levels, different religious outlooks, different values, ideals and shoe sizes. Kind of just like all of us. But there is something they don't have that we do: the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America actively campaigning for their

demise.

So our not showing up for each other is one of those I-don't-get-it things.

It seems to me that if the Martians invaded, we *all*, regardless of our preferred brand of cola, would check to see if Orson Wells' ghost was playing games again. If not, a common enemy

would unite us under whichever leader recognized a power vacuum when he met one.

On our front, the theory is that the *more* of us who come out, the safer it will be for all of us to come out. And eventually everyone will be so safe that **Newsweek** won't even bother taking polls any more. Cool theory.

However, and here's where my thinking kicks in: we who have ventured through the visibility veil to the other side, and lived to tell about it, did so at some peril at first, but really, more and more, in a relatively safe environment. Now, if we're looking for safety in numbers, we're dependent on people who couldn't come out when it was relatively safe. And it would seem, it is more decidedly *unsafe*. So they are a whole lot more likely to stay buried, sucking air through a straw, just when we need them the most.

That's where you, and groups like the one I just visited come in.

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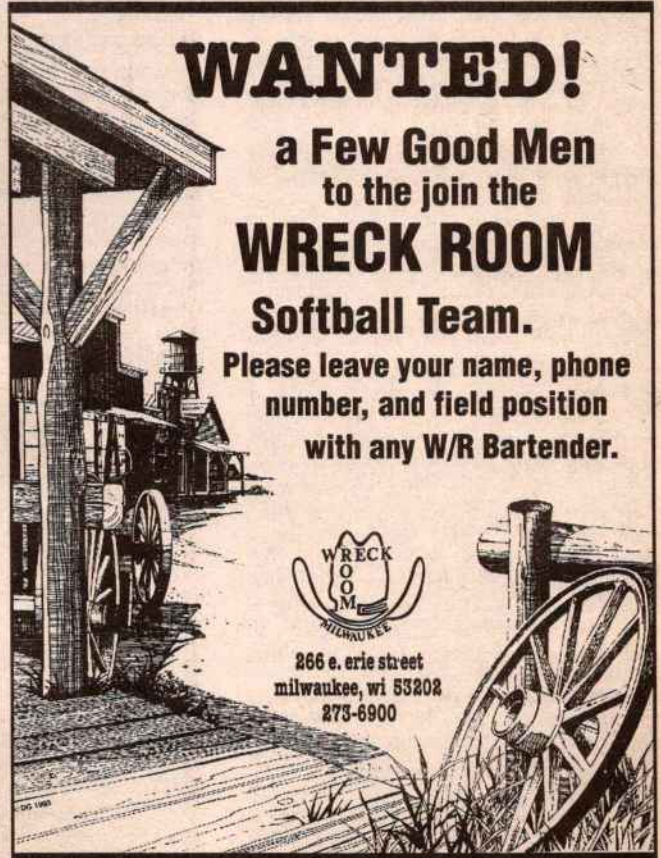
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Show 'em what a shameless homosexual looks like by being one. We're beginning to win our elections. By exactly the percentage that the **New York Times** says approves of our

lifestyle: 52%. Winning is good. But it's not by accident. What's the difference from all our years of losing? A million people on a mall? Maybe. More likely 14 openly Gay people in an office. 6 of us out in a family of 50. 2 of us out to our grandchildren. (Teachers, you're excused. For the moment.)

Out, loud and proud. I know you've heard this. I know I have my mommy voice on. But I'm really not talking to you, I'm talking to the people hiding behind you who can't be found or involved or pulled to the table except by the ones who already know who they are. This is the time we need them the most.

This is a time when we are going to have to rely on our must reluctant. It's a

time for the last lurkers to join the parade. Then maybe the storefront centers could pay their rent. And our obstinately clueless enemies could buy a vowel.

Then, when the time comes to put a stop to the triangles some congressional folks will want us to re-stitch onto our own clothing, we won't have to wonder.

*Where the hell are all the Gay people?*

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neither crucifixes nor crystals, as you might imagine, but troll dolls and little plastic Disney figures. I can't tell you how many times I have prayed to Goofy to bring me good luck...

We made our way to the table where bingo sheets and cards were being sold. You could buy these in different combinations. Different colored cards and sheets were for different types of bingo games. We would have been lost if Kathy's grandma hadn't known the Lion selling the cards. Who knew, for instance, that you had to bring your own chips? Her Lion friend came to our rescue, surreptitiously pulling a Baggie of spare chips from a drawer for us to borrow. Then other good samaritans jumped in as well when we started playing, lending us the markers that were, unbeknownst to us, required for certain games. We scrambled to keep up with the numbers being called while we nervously replaced the chips we'd been using with blobs of color. When did bingo become so complicated? Then, after a game in which chips had been used, a terrific clacking noise rose up in the room: all of the regulars were sweeping magnetic devices that looked like bristleless hair brushes over their metal-rimmed chips, which, once collected, were safely deposited in their Imperial Margarine containers or Tupperware for safekeeping until the next markerless game.

We three swinging gals were breathless and sweating in the unventilated room, trying to maintain a couple of cards each at a time. How were our fellow bingo players managing to keep a half dozen or more cards going all at once, we wondered? And how much must they spend each night, at \$1 per card? Aside from the fact that we hadn't won once in the hour or two we were there, Kathy and I were tuckering out, our eyes burning from the cigarette smoke. And though I think grandma would have stayed to the bitter end, we left then, poorer in cash but wiser in the ways of bingo. This year, I'm bringing my cardboard cut-out of Mo from *Dykes to Watch Out For* and writing away to the company in Canada who makes the bingo markers. And I'm definitely saving my appetite for some of those Lions Club sloppy joes and hot dogs and a can of Sprite. I hope grandma's ready when we honk.

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## Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

### Culture Shock

March is the month that marks the official start of Spring. In March, those of us in the worst of the winter hat-hair zone can just begin to start hoping that summer will one day come again. And with only that small amount of encouragement, I, for one, find myself reminiscing about summers past — mostly, I think, to take my mind off the fact that I am getting chilblains while I watch TV in my living room on account of the fact that the windows in our old house are mostly "for show" and I never got around this year to putting that plastic stuff over them.

Be that as it may, I was thinking about an excursion that my gal Kathy and I took last summer. Just like the Monks, those Gay road-faring magazine-writing wags, we hit the road. Although, to be honest, there are a few differences between the Monk boys and us. Like for one, our vehicle of choice isn't a lumbering mobile home. And, two, for us a road trip is not a way of life but simply a break from otherwise regular jobs. Also, I suspect that the Monks, if they stop at major outlet malls at all, don't approach them with nearly the manic glee that we do when we hit the Lighthouse Place mall in Michigan City, Indiana, every year on our way to Kathy's family's summer cottage in Michigan. Furthermore, we, unlike they, are women. Other than that, we're just like the Monks.

Actually, what put me in mind of the Monks was the excursion that we took from our outpost at the cottage — which is just across the road from her grandparents' place and next door to a cousin's. You've heard of the Kennedy compound? Well the "Kirby compound" is

the working-class version: no elaborate security system, no curious onlookers, no Kirby-wannabes hanging around, and no excessive amounts of money cluttering things up. Anyway, it's not easy finding a hot night out on the town in Sister Lakes, Michigan — we haven't, for instance, found a Lesbian bar or women-only coffeehouse there yet — and so one has to be a bit creative. Therefore, wild and crazy gals that we are, one night we pulled our car up in front of the house across the street, honked twice, and picked up Kathy's grandma, pocketbook in hand. Then we sped off into the summer night for some adventure: Bingo Night over at Lion's Park.

We zipped around Cable Lake, sped past Magician Lake, glimpsed Big Crooked Lake. And then there — nestled between Cable, Big Crooked, and Little Crooked Lakes — there it was: a yellow-painted cinder-block gambling mecca with a metal-corrugated roof, the Vegas of southwestern Michigan, home of the Sister Lakes' Lion's Club Bingo Night. We entered, not knowing quite what to expect. Well, friends, let me tell you: we were thrilled to see that it was pretty much women-only space. Other than the Lions themselves — who were, for the most part, pretty much maneless and toothless (nary a one being less than sixty-five) — there were maybe a handful of husbands and fiances scattered about the long barracks-like hall, looking mildly uncomfortable.

Aside from finding ourselves mostly among women, though, it was clear that we had set foot in a whole new world, or at any rate a foreign country. We could see through the smoky haze of a hundred lit cigarettes that most had already staked out their territory: a section of folding table with sheets and sheets of bingo cards spread out in front of them like treasure maps. Beside the bingo sheets, each had an assortment of colored tubes neatly standing at the ready — tools of the trade, we later discovered: special bingo markers used for certain bingo games instead of chips. Then there were the personal icons that the women had set out for good luck —

# Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

## Excuses for Bad Decisions Part 2

### Sorry Seems to be a Worthless Word

Depending on how one handles it, secrets can either cement a friendship, or they can kill it. I've found that there are times when it's best to remain silent.

What happens when you can't remain silent anymore? When it is a question between exposing the secret and losing the friend?

When not exposing the secret means paying a personal price?

My friend Rob had a long standing, close friendship with a woman named Rebecca (not her real name). They were mutual confidantes, and over the course of their acquaintance they shared many things, including the 'whole' truth about everything.

If one heard something about the other, they would always share it ASAP to stave off potential problems. Needless to say, they were tight.

The problem began to creep in as Rob began to work with Rebecca's boyfriend, Josh (not his real name either). Their friendship was strained, because there were things Rebecca wasn't supposed to know about what went on in the business. Rob wasn't supposed to share any business related information with her. He did anyway.

The problem intensified as Rebecca's boyfriend periodically mentioned things about Rob in front of Rebecca. Rebecca was torn.

Still, she always held her allegiance to Rob, and he got the information. Which caused a bit of dissention between Rob and Rebecca's boyfriend from time to time.

Then it all came to a head.

Rebecca got news about a business trip that Rob was supposed to go on. Her boyfriend had made a major change and wasn't going to tell Rob until the very day the excursion was set for.

Though she was still divided on what to do, her sense of duty to her friend won out, and she told him. She also elicited a promise that he wouldn't reveal he knew...

He said he wouldn't say anything.

A day passed. He became anxious, knowing that there was a curve coming that he couldn't do anything about until the time it occurred. He called Josh and asked him if anything was different about their plans. Josh said no, leaving Rob more anxiety ridden than he was before the call.

Another day passed. Rob couldn't take it anymore, he wanted the truth. Again he called Josh, and after eliciting promises that he wouldn't tell Rebecca what transpired, he disclosed the information he had. It was true. Josh and Rob hashed out the problem, and by the end of an hour it was handled.

Everything seemed dealt with. Then, an hour later, the phone rang again.

It was Rebecca.

She no longer wanted to have anything to do with Rob, because of the betrayal. She felt she had to choose between her boyfriend and her best friend. As is often the case, the boyfriend

won.

Rebecca couldn't see Rob anymore because the strain was too great, and she felt her trust had been compromised.

Rob lost one of his dearest friends over a broken confidence.

Perhaps it was avoidable. Maybe Rob made a bad decision. Still, most of us would or *have* done the same thing.

But, it doesn't make it right. When it comes to such an action, there are only losers on all sides, and everyone is hurt.

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So, what can you do when it comes to secrets in the future? No one seems to know.

Bite your tongue if it concerns you, no matter how much it hurts? That only lasts for so long. Refuse to listen to secrets? That doesn't work well either. Most people always have a burning desire to share a secret.

Perhaps you could demand that you don't want there to be any secrets? No, that doesn't work either. People always have something that they want to be kept private and will only share under the grisliest of blood oaths.

There's little to do. Each situation is different. There is little one can say or do when it comes to secrets. Each one

possesses its own volatility, which is only seen under the worst circumstances. Sometimes it's only a mild result, such as a fight, and sometimes it's a nuclear winter of bitterness and discord.

All you can really do is your best, and when that fails, remember, to paraphrase Elton John, sometimes sorry seems to be a worthless word.

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## QUEER DUCK

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# Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

*I love the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb," but I hope it's not really true. I want March to come out loud and proud and not meek and mild. Isn't that what we are all trying to do? Read ahead to see how the planets show their colors in March for each sign.*

## ARIES

What are you doing for yourself this month? Meditate and allow your intuition to run a little wild. Reevaluate your ideas: What you believe to be true will come under greater scrutiny and may be tossed (much to your dismay or possible relief). This is good — it is counterproductive to force yourself to adopt mainstream standards, especially when they hinder your lifestyle and true happiness.

## TAURUS

You may face off with friends over areas of concern or disagreement. Take a stand and face the fact that you are no longer satisfied with just going along with the crowd (any crowd) and the "group think" (any group think). Come out in the world on your own terms, whatever "they" may say. Taureans are stubbornly pioneering when they set their mind to it and your mind is set! Go for it.

## GEMINI

Put your career on the front burner. The planets dictate that professional aspirations must be addressed now rather than later. You have allowed yourself to drift along the political tide, getting tossed, turned and jostled along the way. Now you must turn on the juice and take a firm hand to make or break your reputation. I believe you will succeed admirably.

## CANCER

Cancers often feel more comfortable in the closeted security of their home, but this is not the time to hide! It's time to embark on a world experience; any activity that takes you beyond your most familiar surroundings will be highlighted. Great rewards are possible for those Crabs who travel beyond their front door. Get out of your shell and show the world what you can do.

## LEO

Matters of deep personal involvement will take on a greater importance this month. This means that you may be highly charged and sexually active, or there may be intense introspection and self appraisal. Keep in mind that sex can be an avenue of enlightenment or escape. It is the wise and regal Lion who proudly seeks the answer to the question, "Who am I?"

## VIRGO

You yearn for a strong and stable partnership. If you have one, enjoy the planetary spark. If you don't you face a choice — change what doesn't work or seek someone new. Virgos are very adept at assessing the good and bad aspects of a particular situation. Some problems are solvable, some are not or require great compromise. Do what you must to achieve the happiness you so richly deserve.

## LIBRA

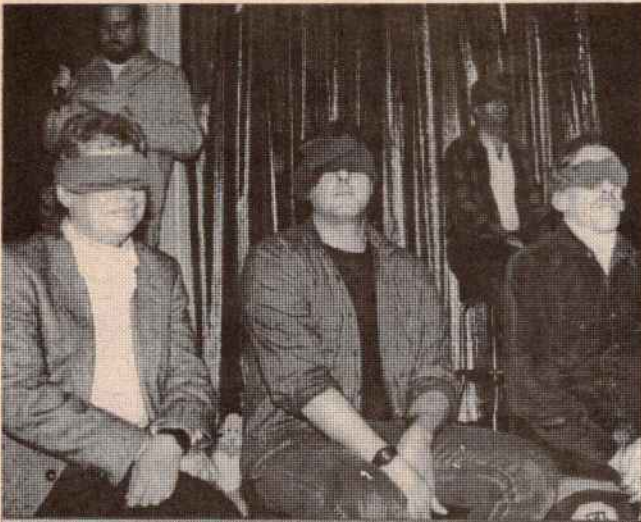
Roll up your sleeves and get to work. This is the perfect time to accomplish a great deal on the job. Day-to-day tasks may be piling up, but you have sufficient energy and get-up-and-go to handle them efficiently and quickly. One word of warning — the incentive to perform can be delayed by problems related to stress or colds. Work, but know when to relax and recharge your energies.



Photos by Brian



Ashley Morgan, Rhonda Moore and friends hosted a show at La Cage as a benefit for the Brady East STD Clinic and raised \$756.



The 219 Weekend Beer Bust Crowd had a special Valentine's "Dating Game" contest and a camp show hosted by Miss Beer Bust Sofonda Cox.

Photos by Jamie Taylor

### SCORPIO

Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Not bloody likely! You are ready to get out there and have fun, but the key word here is "selective" enjoyment. Do not gamble or risk any cash on speculation — you will probably lose. Divert your jolly energies into more creative and artistic endeavors. Join a theater group or go to a concert. At very least get out and dance all night. Strut your stuff!

### SAGITTARIUS

Thoughts and energies are all centered on your home base. Even itchy Sag won't mind hanging around the house this month. It may be an excellent time to spruce up the old place and invite a few friends over for a fabulous and intimate dinner party. Another area of interest is in your "roots." Ask relatives about your family tree — you may be surprised at what you discover...

### CAPRICORN

Capricorns may be very tempted to say exactly what's on their mind, but I advise you to watch what you say and how you say it right now. Yes, your thoughts are on target; yes, you have legitimate complaints; but your two-cents will only exacerbate the situation. Either hold off for the time being or present your facts in a non-threatening manner and without that attitude.

### AQUARIUS

The flow of money now becomes a rushing river. Funds come in and go out again fairly rapidly. If you are quick, you can capture a small pile of dough in the process but be careful about how you invest it. You are tempted to take the easy way out by letting others do the investing for you. It is wise to get involved. Only you know what is and what is not appropriate for your future security.

### PISCES

Welcome to center stage, darling! Use the spotlight to your advantage. Meet and greet as many new people as possible because you can impress them with your aptitude and motivation. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. Launch new projects and explore new directions. Begin to think about future goals and attainments. The sky is the limit — don't be shy.

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### For Feb. 26

Teams	W/L
1. We & The Queen	53/24
2. Slippery Zippers	48/29
3. WR-Heirs of Uranus	47/30
4. Ballgame	45/32
5. Strike Oppose	43/34
6. Something Sassy	43/34
7. Just Us-Cartoon Alley	41/36
8. Barons	41/36
9. Who Knows	39/38
10. Just Us-Fairies	37/40
11. Who Knows, Who Cares	33/44
12. Gutter Sluts from Mars	28/49
13. Bottoms Up	23/54

## Monday Night Irregulars

### Standings as of Feb. 20

Team	W/L
1. Models, Inc.	116/45
2. O.J's Hung Jury	105/56
3. Wez B Cook'n Dande Candi	99/62
4. This Is It-TNG	98/63
5. Absolutely Fabulous Booze Bags	91/70
6. 3B's- Bowlers, Boys & a Bitch	85/76
7. Searching for Velma	74/87
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10. Triangle-Trailer Park Trash	62/99
11. This Is It-GDS	56/105
12. Triangle-Bottoms to Tops	51/110

## Wednesday Night Dart Standings

Teams	Weeks	YTD
1. BG Crab	127	171
2. BG Dart'n Fools	127	127
3. WR Shooters	125	125
4. 3B's 5	124	124
5. 3B's Big Bad & Bitchy	112	112
6. 219 Butt Boyz	105	105
7. WR Steve	100	100
8. 3B's Longhorns	83	83
9. Zippers	81	81
10. 219 Bullseyes	74	74
11. JU Family	71	71
12. JU Flingers	51	51

## Gay Tennis Circuit Releases 1995 Schedule

One of the fastest growing sports in the Gay and Lesbian community in the last 10 years has been tennis. In the 1982 Gay Games in San Francisco, about 90 players entered the sport of tennis in one of the first "national" Gay tournaments of its kind.

In the 1994 Gay Games, tennis was the first sport to fill up — with over 700

entrants, and there were potentially hundreds more who missed the deadline. In the early 90's, the popularity of the sport inspired some of the many local Gay tennis organizations around the country to form an umbrella association over Gay tennis, to improve communication and manage the expansion of the Gay tennis circuit. This year, the **Gay & Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA)** will sanction 22 international tournaments around the US, Canada and Australia.

The events include divisions for all abilities, from beginner to experienced open tournament player for both men and women. A computer ranking system similar to the professional circuit is maintained that accumulates points for player results from each of the GLTA events.

For more information about how you can get involved with one of the GLTA member organizations in your area, or if you are interested in participating in one of the 1995 tournaments, call Scott Williford, GLTA Public Relations Chair at (619) 692-4274. In Milwaukee, the **Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club** can be reached at (414) 482-0472.



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## Profiles

### Milwaukee Gay BBS Reaches 100,000 Callers

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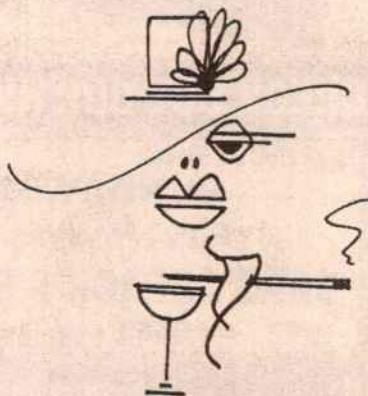
Owners Will and Paul presented Mark Turner (aka The Lambda Kid), the 100,000 caller with a \$250 gift certificate to Best Buy. Mark returned the gift certificate on the condition it be used to buy additional programs and cd roms for all Back Door members.

Paul says that Turner's gesture is representative of the spirit that has made Back Door the largest Gay BBS in Wisconsin, and one of the largest in the Midwest. "People here really seem to care about each other," he said.

Paul and Will are equally proud of their board being ranked in the top 75 adult boards in the country. The ranking comes from Erotic Connections, a nationally published book devoted to adult BBSing.

### Life's a Drag

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"Seamstress: What I get when I eat too much for lunch...."

The magazine cited Back Door's "lively chat scene in the evening," its 250 message bases, thousands of adult gifts, and animation files, 24 cd rom players, and the fact that the Back Door users are evenly split between Gay and straight.

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**Chris Fons...**  
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the mistake of commenting: 'If you live this Gay lifestyle, what do you expect? Of course, you're going to get AIDS.'

Dan drew laughs from the crowd at the Pabst Theater as he finished the story: "Well, my reaction was, the theater's over, we've been arrested, let's just sit here, do our time and get out. Not Christopher. He spent two hours lecturing those officers — in a very friendly manner — and by the end of the two hours they were best friends. Later, they asked about him whenever I saw them."

After being stricken with crypto, and despite suffering severe diarrhea and further AIDS complications, Fons worked to make the city of Milwaukee accountable for the many deaths. During a protest at City Hall, he said: "I blame the City of Milwaukee. I can't imagine a more callous, small-minded combination of people and actions. It is time for the city to admit there are problems, create a better warning system, and allow us to vent our frustrations. It's also time for reparations."

Fons then led ACT UP in a "Target City Hall" campaign, demanding that the city include funds for AIDS service groups in the budget and develop a strategic plan for dealing with AIDS in

the Milwaukee area. Largely due to ACT UP's pressure the funds were granted, and strategic planning is now underway.

"I know the kind of energy it takes to be an organizer, to put yourself on the line," Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee commented. "I know the toll it takes when you're healthy. I can't imagine what it must have been like for Chris having AIDS, yet accomplishing all he did. I admire him alot. This community was really lucky to have him."

**Other Interests**

When not "Acting up," Chris Fons loved reading. He worked at Schwartz Bookstore for many years, a perfect job given what family members called his "insatiable appetite for knowledge." He loved biking, especially around Milwaukee's bike trails, and owned three bikes, including a tandem, which his partner Yuri could never quite master.

Fons had worked as a page in the State Senate, an experience that nurtured his interest in politics. He loved the theater, and ushered for several years at the Pabst, which donated the space for his memorial service. He last attended the Pabst in October, when choreographer Bill T. Jones presented his new work *Still/Here*, about people living with serious illness. Fons had worked with Jones, who incorporated

some of his ideas and movements into the dance.

Fons also liked computers and music — from classical to folk, pop and the blues. Three of his favorite songs, carefully chosen and each deeply political, were played at his service. One was a powerful spiritual by the African American a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock. Another was the jaunty rock tune *Zero Patience* from the movie about people with AIDS.

The third song was Holly Near's *It Could Have Been Me*, a tribute to activists killed in the line of duty which urges survivors to take up the fight. Special lyrics were written for Fons and sung by his sister Mary and the trio MOOK. As the audience sang the chorus, there was hardly a dry eye left in the theater.

Fons is survived by his mother Pat, who encouraged him early on to work for social justice issues, three sisters, four brothers, many nieces and nephews, and his partner, Yuri Keegstra.

Memorials to Chris Fons can be sent to ACT UP Milwaukee, P.O. Box 1707, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1707.

**CURBSIDE**



# Classies

## Roommates

**Important Note to Our Readers:** Please keep in mind that **In Step** is distributed statewide and to various area codes when submitting or responding to ads.

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.

**GM Wanted** to share my spacious East Side condo. Large private bedroom and bath. Laundry, modern kitchen, large furnished living and dining rooms are included. \$350/ month plus half electricity. Prefer non-smoker who likes outdoor activities; not hunting sexual partner. Call Bob at (414) 964-9833 between 8am and 10pm.

**Roommate** to share 2 bedroom apartment near Southridge. Garage, pool, washer, dryer, heat, etc. \$350/ month plus 1/2 expenses. Responsible GM or GF, non-smoker, no drugs. (414) 546-4505.

**GWM looking for GM roommate.** 2-bedroom lower flat Bay View. \$250/ month plus security deposit. Must like cats (2). No drugs. (414) 747-0626.

**Spacious Victorian Flat** close to expressway, Pick 'n Save and downtown. Located on lower East Side. Me: 34 & professional. \$350 plus 1/2 utilities. (414) 225-0567.

## Housing

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**East Side Apartments:** Studio, one and two bedroom. Clean, bright, freshly painted, great location on Milwaukee River. Close to downtown. Cat ok. \$300-\$525 including heat. (414) 961-7245 or (414) 963-0344.

**1018 South Layton Boulevard** (27th & National) upper duplex, 3 bedrooms, living and dining room, large kitchen. Carpeted, central air, new appliances. No pets and no smoking. \$525. (414) 384-0161.

**East Side Studios:** Classic, well maintained building. Spacious apartments with huge walk-in closets, new carpet, ceiling fans, mini blinds, full ceramic bath, locked lobby, storage lockers, laundry facilities. \$325 month includes cooking gas, heat and appliances. Call (414) 278-1311.

**Riverwest 2-Bedroom lower flat.** Kitchen, living room, dining room, tile bath, and pantry. Available immediately. Looking for QUIET tenants. No dogs — cats ok. \$360 month plus utilities. Deposit required. Call Gary at (414) 264-2740.

**For Rent:** Bright 2 bedroom upper. Natural woodwork, china cabinets, porches, appliances, laundry hook-up. \$450. 57th and Burleigh. April 1. (414) 447-1541.

**Downtown Kenosha Area:** 2 bedroom carpeted duplex, stove, refrigerator, driveway, yard, walking distance to bus and train. Deposit and references required. \$475 plus utility. Available March. Gay owned. Call (414) 652-2653.

**Riverwest — Fratney near Burleigh.** One bedroom, small but nice. Good neighborhood, coffee shop, restaurant and bookstore nearby. Prefer quiet, non-smoking single. \$350/ month utilities included. Available March 1. (414) 562-7827.

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**Lower on 28th near National:** 3 bedrooms (2 hardwood), carpeted living and dining rooms, new kitchen linoleum, appliances, garage, storage, yard with picnic table. \$500 (plus deposit) if willing to share shoveling/ mowing. Safe, comfortable, Lesbian household. Available May 1. (414) 389-0339.

**Brick Victorian Townhouse:** 1501 North Marshall (Milw). 3 stories of historic Old World charm, 3 baths, 3 fireplaces, complete appliances including dishwasher and laundry. Credit reports required. \$1250 Security, \$1250 rent. Long term possible. Terapak Realty & Management, Inc. (414) 964-4350.

**East Side Upper.** Near Bartlett/North. Carpeted 2+ bedrooms with garage, appliances, heat and gas furnished. You shovel snow and cut grass. No smokers or pets. \$500. (414) 272-0432.

**Large 2 bedroom Milw. flat, newly redone.** Hardwood floors, large deck off kitchen. Includes appliances, electric, water and laundry facilities. \$520/ month + deposit. 811 East Pleasant Street, (414) 272-3249. Available April 1.

**Beautiful Loft Like,** arched windows, high ceilings. 1 bedroom, kitchen, near Brady Street. April 1st. (414) 264-1966.

## Real Estate

**Fabulous East Side Condo** with great features: loft, whirlpool, fireplace, patio, deck and 2 car garage. Newer construction but with lots of charm. 2 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, \$140's. Call Federated Realty (414) 964-9000. Ask for John or Betsy.

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## Employment

**Ad Sales for In Step:** We're looking for good, knowledgeable sales people in all the areas of the state. Good commission structure. Must have basic knowledge of magazine ad sales, and believe in **In Step** and our **LesBiGay** community. Non-bar advertising has a huge potential ad base. Send resume and letter to: Ron Geiman, **In Step Magazine**, 225 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. No phone calls please.

**Immediate Opening** for part-time household cleaner. Daytime, 15-20 hours per week, start. Start \$5.75 hour. Call Ken at Dust Collectors, (414) 964-6886, after 6pm.

## Buy/Sell

**2 Large Uyvari's** recently put on market. Black/white and grey color scheme. One Master, One Slave theme, still on canvas stretch frames. Stunning high quality fantasy art in realistic style by nationally known deceased Gay artist. Best offers over \$4,000 for the pair. Serious inquiries only. Write: RG, 837 North 33rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208 for more information, sizes and photos of works. These pieces could easily be sold in Chicago and San Francisco for much higher prices.

**For Sale:** Leathers, uniforms: pants 36/38 waist, 34 inseam. XL shirts, hats, belts, boots, etc. (414) 289-0779.

## Notices

**\$\$\$Reward:** Male and female face models needed for local Gay & Lesbian advertising. No experience needed. Call Wells Ink (414) 272-2116 between 9am-5pm to schedule an interview.

**WCTC:** If you are a student, faculty or staff person at Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, WI, who has been harassed or discriminated against on this campus, please contact Rich Uspel, Communications Department, Division of General Education, WCTC, 800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072, or telephone (414) 691-5251 or (414) 593-8505. You need not submit to hostile or demeaning learning or work environments.

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**Ft. Lauderdale...** Admiral's Court Motel, Best location near Gay beach/nightlife. Tropical Paradise. Low rates. Pets OK. Mixed clientele. Brochure 1(800)248-6669.

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## Accounting

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## Tax & Investment Advisory

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14010 West Park Avenue  
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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.

**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.)

**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.

**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.

**In Green Bay,** visit GWM. Lay back and enjoy. Very oral. Discrete and private. Anytime. Call (414) 432-4249 and tell me what will please you. You'll get it.

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**Heterosexual Male, 33,** seeks other males, 18-40 for sexual encounters, casual friendships. No strings. Keep and use this number (414) 747-0262 at later date, or write PO Box 37826, Milwaukee, WI 53237-0826.

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**41 Years BiM, 180 lbs., 6 feet, married, seeks GM or BiM** for discreet, long-term intimate "buddy" friendship. Toll free voice mail: (800) 865-3624, Box 460909.

## Graffiti

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# 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 88)  
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

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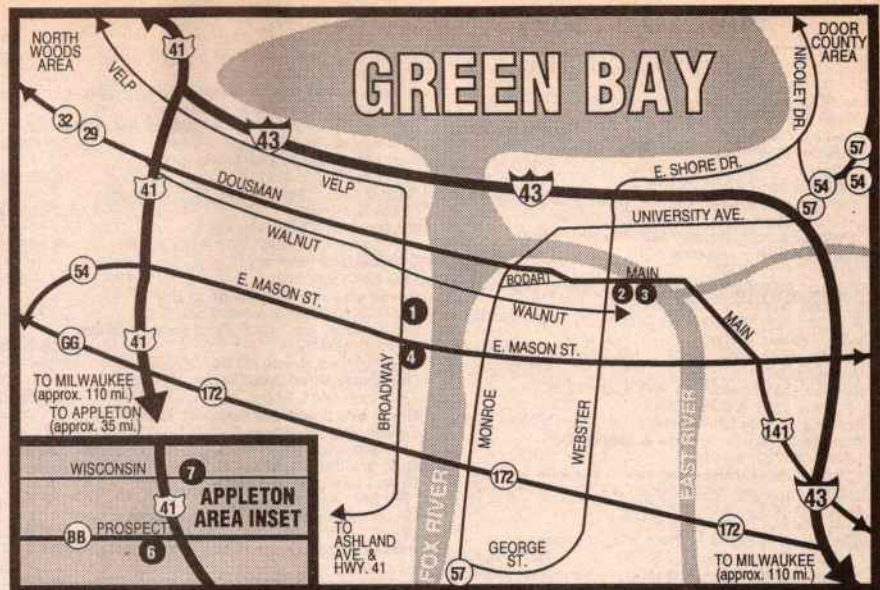
- 3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)  
1126 Main St. 54301 437-3917
- 1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ)  
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646
- 2 Java's (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 4 Sass (WM) 840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

### 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 POBox 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
- BlackSmith Inn (Bed & Breakfast)  
Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202 (414)839-9222



## MADISON (608)

### MEDICAL

- Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)  
HIV/AIDS Service Organization  
600 Williamson St, 53701 (608)252-6540, FAX 252-6559
- Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)  
1552 University Avenue 53705 (608)262-7330

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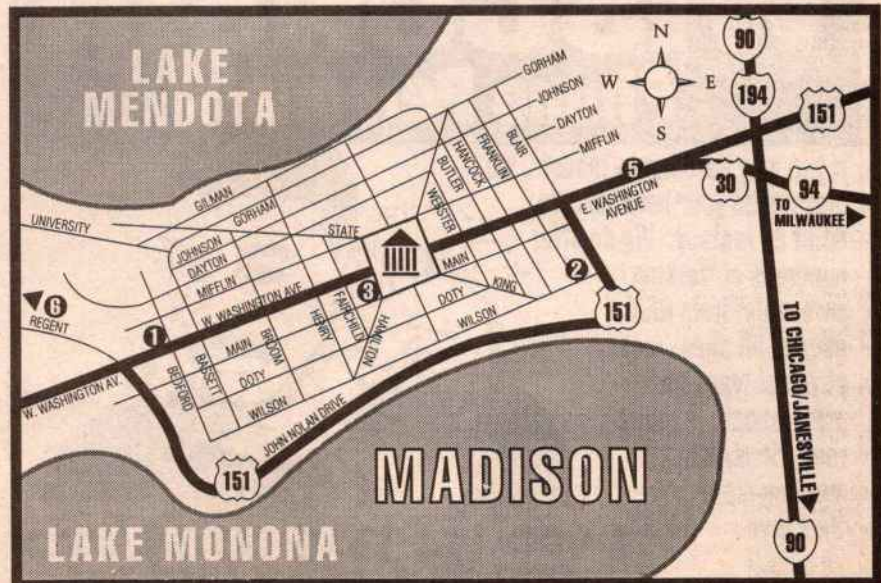
- 1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D)  
636 W. Washington (rear) 53703 255-0609
- 1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V)  
636 W. Washington (upstairs) 53703 256-8765
- 2 Allegre (MW)  
150 S. Blair, 53703 258-9918
- 3 Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)  
117 W. Main St. 53703 255-5029
- 5 Geraldine's (MW, DJ)  
3052 E. Washington, 53704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

### BULLETIN BOARDS

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

### ORGANIZATIONS

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



## MADISON (608)

### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

**Madison Volleyball Group** Jeff, (608)251-8716

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

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

**Men's Alanon** (608)255-8582

**New Harvest Foundation** (G/L Foundation)  
PO Box 1786, 53701

**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

**Womonsong** (Woman's Choral Group) (608)246-2681

### RELIGIOUS

**Integrity/Dignity** Box 730, 53701 (608)836-8886  
**Affirmation** (L/G United Methodists)

University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353

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

## MILWAUKEE (414)

### ORGANIZATIONS

**ACT UP Milwaukee** PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708

**Alcoholics Anonymous** (req. Gay meetings) 771-9119

**Beer Town Badgers** PO Box 166, 53201

**Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA)** 272-3009

**Black Gay Consciousness Raising** 933-2136

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

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

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

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

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

**Cream City Cummers** (Safe Sex J/O Club) 342-5115  
Box 93421, 53203

**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) 263-SING  
PO Box 11428, 53211

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

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

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

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM**  
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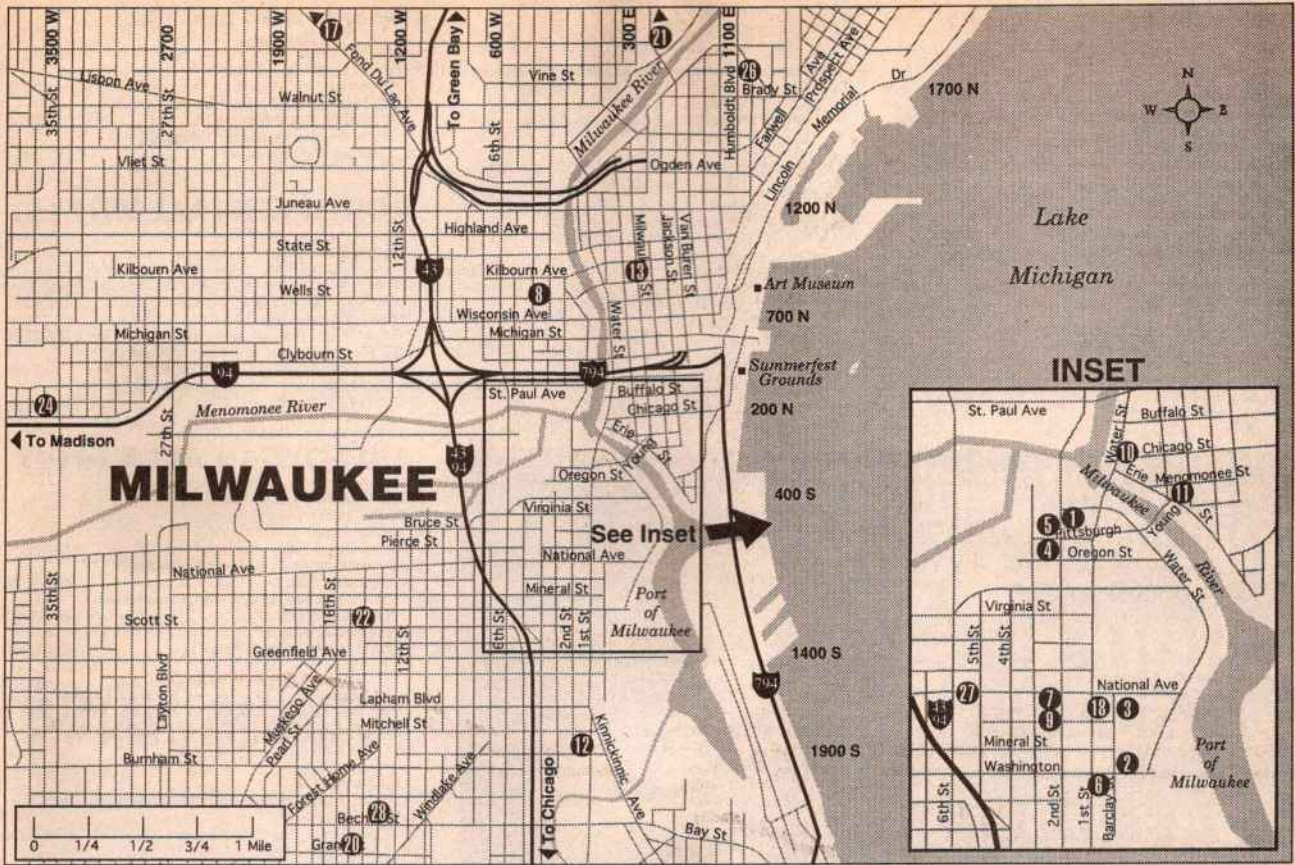
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**BEAR:** Chuck, 41 6'2 240, blu/brn salt and pepper full beard hairy body daddy bear iso local and long distance cubs to cuddle with if ur younger, attr, and hot for an older daddy type to experience, give me a call- or write- ☎29518

## Milwaukee TV, TS OR CD:

**SWM 45**, int in TS, TV or CD, willing to talk to people who have those int, theatre plays music sports and others, dine in, out romantic passionate affection- age race not that imp- int, lv a message- ☎29541

## Milwaukee COLLEGE

**STUDENT:** Derek 6'2 20 brn/brn 175 coll student, lkg for someone whos new to this like me between 26-40, for some fone fun, maybe

get together with give me a call- ☎29577

## Milwaukee CANOEING AND CAMPING:

Dan, 20, 5'10, 140 brn/brn iso someone 20-35, if ur int pls give me a call-like to biking canoeing and camping bye! ☎29582

## Milwaukee FRAT

**GUY:** Scott, 21, 5'8, brn/brn, 145, frat guy iso other guys 25-36 to get with and see if it works out, kinda new to this, give me a call- ☎29586

## Milwaukee OLDER MEN:

Matt 6'1 150 18, if that int u, pls call like to ply with my Mac, and lots of other things, looking for an older man 30-40 new at this ☎29589

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Wisconsin Rapids **GAY COUPLE** attr 30 and 34 iso other attr couples or singles for hot times- ☎30904

## Milwaukee BRIAN

30, 140, brn/blk, int in GM 18-22 give me a call- ☎30190

blnd/blu 160, looking for musc hairy guys who like to be appreciated, give me a call- also have a dark mustache- ☎30466

## Milwaukee VIRGIN

**ISLANDER:** 24 from Virgin Islands, now in Milwaukee, love to party and have alot of fun iso same 18-23 if ur int like to meet, give me a call- ☎30475

## Milwaukee COLLEGE

**STUDENT:** Charlie, GBM 19, college student 5'7 130, like music, rb dance rap, movies and TV nonsmoker/drkiner looking for a BM 18-30 masc appearance and has same int, poss friendship, rel- ☎30552

## Milwaukee FRENCH FUN:

40, brn/brn must 6'1 210, btm, lke to pls, french, give me a call ☎30591

## Milwaukee BUILT

**BLONDE:** 30 blnd blu good build, nice body looking for someone to talk to and hang out with, give me a call thanks- ☎30671

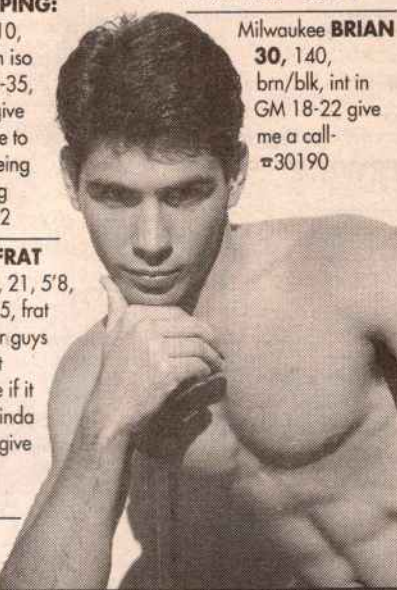
Hartford **DAN, 32**, movies, having fun dancing, give me a call, ☎30817

## Milwaukee ASIANS OR HIS-PANICS:

Bob, GWM btm caring and affect 40s 5'8, hairy chest iso a tp gay asian male or gay hisp male undr 40 for hot fun and poss long term rel, lv your # ☎30879

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## Milwaukee BI OR GWM:

Steve, 33 5'9, wt prop work out daily many interests BIWM iso BI or GWM dk brn/brn give me a call, ☎30245

## Milwaukee SPORTS FAN:

East sider mid 30s, must brn/blu like sports good sense of humor looking for guys to get together with on occasion- ☎30351

608 area code **MUSCULAR HAIRY:** 5'8,

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## Milwaukee LOOKING FOR A BOY TOY:

38 gdlkg in shape stable secure guy iso 25 Y/O man boy ☎31032

## Milwaukee FRENCH AND GREEK:

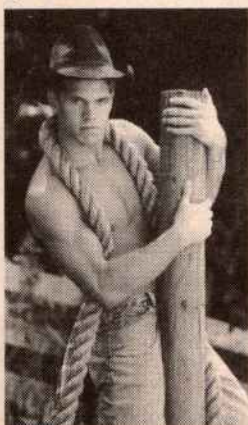
GBM tp 38 5'9 seeks subm gm any race 25-65 for french and greek ☎31202

## Hartford ROMANTIC NIGHTS:

Dan, GWM 32 160 iso same into music movies and romantic nights ☎30817

## Milwaukee

**FRIEND/LOVER:** Mike, 23, GWM 5'7, 140, brn/brn iso other GWM under 27 for friendship poss rel if this sounds like you, give me a call- ☎31832



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**RELATIONSHIP MINDED,** music movies sports, into having a good time and meeting people, enjoying peoples company give me a call- ☎31865

**YOUNGER GUYS:** BIWM 27 5'10 185 brn/brn, lkg to hook up with other younger guys to have some fun, with ☎31903

**PREOP TS'S:** Harley WM 6' 180, 49, like movies, intimate sharing iso preop TS TV, share some qual time with- ☎31985

**TOM GWM,** 18, blnd/blu, 5'9, 155, iso a relationship and hot times for any guys around my age up to 40, int in trying bd, give me a call- ☎31846

**GREEK AND FRENCH:** BI BM iso BI or GBM under 30, for greek and french conversation, btm be a tp sounds like you, lv a message- ☎27880

**HEAVY GUY:** GWM 5'6, blnd/blu, musc, heavy tp iso you know btm heavy 25-50 WM/BM in my area pls call me- ☎19173

## Milwaukee

**GOODLOOKING CD:** 27 bi wm very gdlkg cd, like to meet gdlkg cd lv or ts couples with bi male to fulfill a fantasie, ☎22233

## Milwaukee

**INEXPERIENCED CD:** Bi wm inexp cd seeking exp cd hoping to start a ser rel with interests in politcs movies sports, and dining out willing to be taught everything about cd ☎24839

## Madison RUN WITH ME:

GWM young, 5'6, 128, very good shape int in running and working out like to meet 18-24 GWM for friendship poss rel- ☎24881

## Madison SMOOTH AS SILK:

blond/blu, smooth as silk, musc tp, 5'7, iso WM/BM nice slim tall tp 25-50 for beaches or other enjoyment times- ☎24945

## Milwaukee MACHO MAN:

Ken, macho musc man, attr, adv tall blu grn brn bi wm 26, iso same for great times iso young bi wm 18020 fit and attr into movies working out wilfling and things of that nature- ☎24973

## Milwaukee BLACK MEN:

Ryan GWM 38, 5'5, 111, red/blu, fr/p grk/a like to meet BM esp call anytime- ☎25256

## Fredonia GREG 27,

lkg to meet 18-30, ☎25449

## Plattville CLASSIC ROCK:

Bill, city boy lost among the cows! 30s 5'8 145 prof'l new to WI like classic rock theatre, football and college hoops looking for a stable guy for fun, poss rel, will travel- ☎25493

## Milwaukee BEARDED YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

iso someone who knows what they want. Under 43 only- ☎25825

## Milwaukee X RATED VIDEOS:

bi WM 43, 6', 185, smooth NW side int in meeting other guys for fun times open to new ideas affectionate, music movies, x rated and massage, like young guys to show me the ropes, new to scene- ☎25864

## Fond du Lac OUTDOOR LOVER:

Randy, 27 GWM 5'10, 163 brn/grn iso another GWM in the area for friendship rel, 23-31 desire to learn from other, hiking, biking, camping canoeing, if i sound like someone you'd like to meet, give me a call- ☎25866

## Milwaukee PASSABLE TS:

Matt, bi WM hoping to meet passable TS TV and CD for poss rel, lv a message will ret all calls- ☎26074

Milwaukee

## YOUNG GUYS:

Tom, lkg for other hot young guys, 6'1 185, blnd brn, well end, lkg to hook up with other younger guys give me a call- ☎25713

## Milwaukee TONY 5'8

150, iso WM 18-25 into having fun give me a call- ☎26392

## Milwaukee YOUNG MALE

6'1 185, brn/ into music movies, lkg for same-looking for other young guys ☎26470

## Madison SLENDER BI WM:

Kevin bi WM 30 5'8 145 slender well toned iso bi/gay MW or Asians, TV ok, sim to lger build 18-40 new to personals scene, be discreet ☎26489

## Milwaukee Mike,

41, 6', 250, lt brn, beard must blue eyes, int are music old movies, rummaging antiques, homebody, gd sense of humor, sincere loyal and caring, lkg for Mr. Right, or Mr. Right now iso same qual, int, new experiences-hairy a+ ☎26738

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Carl, 29 male, hisp/asian 5'8 170 like working out dining out watching movies, lkg for friends, u must be 25-40, fit, stable, if this ur interested give me a call- ☎25909

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