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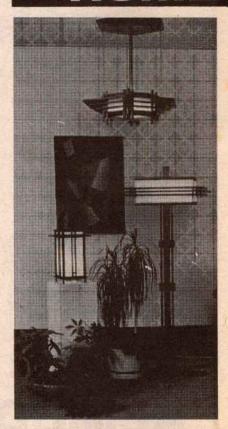
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#### D-Day for "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

#### Federal Judge to Rule on Clinton's Revised Policy

By Jamakaya

New York, NY — As In Step went to press, a federal judge in New York was set to rule on the constitutionality of the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding Gays in the military. Whatever position Judge Eugene Nickerson takes, the decision will be appealed. The US Supreme Court will ultimately make the final decision.

Judge Nickerson had granted an injunction preventing the Department of Defense from beginning discharge proceedings against the six active-duty and reserve service members who are plaintiffs in the case. An Appeals Court panel upheld that injunction and ordered Nickerson to issue his ruling by March 31

Nickerson heard testimony in the case, known as Able v. USA, in mid-March. Attorneys from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union represented the plaintiffs and called six expert witnesses. The Clinton administration called no witnesses but challenged those who testified and reiterated the Pentagon's off-stated rationale for opposing Gays in the military.

Department of Justice attorneys said the presence of known Gays and Lesbians in the ranks would be a detriment to the morale, cohesion and effectiveness of military units. The government also insisted that the courts must defer to the wishes of military leaders and Congress.

"It's not the business of the courts to be micro-managing the military," Deputy Assistant Attorney General John A. Rogovin stated.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued that the military's ban is discriminatory and violates homosexuals' constitutional rights to equal protection and free speech. They further contended that the government's policy serves no legitimate government interest, that it imposes punitive rules on Gay and Lesbian service members unrelated to their ability to serve, and that it is based on false stereotypes and prejudice.

#### **TESTIMONY**

Dr. Robert McCoun, a behavioral scientist and expert on small group cohesion who co-authored a Rand Corporation study supportive of Gays in the military which the Pentagon suppressed, testified that sexual orientation was not germane to military

service and that most homosexuals would remain private about their sexuality even if they were allowed to be open.

While some service members are likely to express hostility to Gays, McCoun said, it was not inevitable that those prejudices would impair the unit's "task cohesion" -- its ability to successfully complete an assignment.

Dr. Robert Rankin, a Navy psychiatrist from 1964 to 1988, testified that through his counseling of thousands of Gay and straight service members he concluded that Gays are just as well-adjusted and skilled as straights and that heterosexual service members were not all uniformly threatened by or hostile toward Gays among their ranks. Reactions, he said, ranged from "negative to neutral to supportive."

Major General Vance Coleman, who won a Purple Heart and served in one of the Army's first integrated units in the Korean War, testified that the Pentagon's rationale for excluding Gays was similar to the justification years ago for excluding or segregating African Americans. He argued that strong leadership by commanding officers can reduce conflicts that may break out in the ranks.

Dr. Lawrence J. Korb, former Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Reagan, testified that the Pentagon policy is based on "emotion, fear and stereotyping, rather than scientific evidence." He also said the policy is "counterproductive," leading to the loss of many skilled, dedicated

service members and costing the Defense Department millions for discharge procedures and for replacement training.

Dr. Pepper Schwartz of the University of Washington debunked the myth that homosexuals are sexual predators who would force themselves on straight service members, and Retired Brigadier General Evelyn Foote, a past commander of the Women's Army Corps, testified that the problem of sexual harassment in the military was overwhelmingly one of heterosexual men preying on female service members.

"The new ban is a shocking example of the government's willingness to cave in to anti-Gay antipathy," said Lambda's Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn. "This policy relies solely on prejudice. Lesbians and Gay men have made, and will always make, an invaluable contribution to our nation's defense. Our plaintiffs should be allowed to serve their country openly and honestly."

For the record, the plaintiffs in Able v. USA are: Navy Seaman Werner Zehr; Army Reserve Lieutenant Richard von Wohld; Army Reserve Sergeant Stephen Spencer; Army Reserve First Lieutenant Kenneth Osborn; Navy Petty Officer Robert Heigl; and Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Jane Able.

Able, for whom the case is named, is a pseudonym for an active duty officer, a veteran of more than 20 years of service, who currently commands a battalion somewhere on the west coast.

# Montana Senate Rescinds "Frightening" Anti- Gay Measure

#### But Punitive Sodomy Law Remains on the Books

Helena, MT — Following a national outcry against the passage of a measure "unprecedented in its extreme persecution of Gay men and Lesbians," the Montana State Senate quickly reversed itself. On March 23, it rescinded a provision in a bill that would have required people convicted of sodomy to register with police as violent criminals, putting them in the same class as rapists and murderers.

Robin Kane of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called "This effort to have Gay men and Lesbians register with police officials...an unprecedented backlash against our movement for equality." Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign Fund decried the measure as an "irresponsible use of government power to dehumanize a group of Americans and promote discrimination and violence."

"It's a terrible example of how far legislatures will go to satisfy the demands of the Radical Right," the NGLTF's Melinda Paras commented.

Montana is one of only six states whose sodomy statutes target homosexuals alone. Montana's law calls the offense "deviate sexual conduct." It equates homosexuality with bestiality and is sweeping in its definition, including any form of sexual contact between members of the same sex — even kissing. Upon conviction, the law mandates one of the most excessive punishments in the country: ten years in prison and fines up to \$50,000.

Some lawmakers downplayed the

implications of the legislation, noting that no Montanans have ever been prosecuted for sodomy. Robin Kane attacked this reasoning.

"This bill is a frightening example of the insidious dangers of sodomy laws. Sodomy laws, even when not fully enforced, classify all Gay men and Lesbians as criminals and are used as weapons in public debate. Our criminal status under these laws is cited as justification for policies that deny us our rights and dignity."

During debate on the bill, anti-Gay rhetoric echoed through the Senate chamber. Sen. Al Bishop (R-Billings) declared that homosexuality was actually worse than some violent crimes. "This type of action is even worse than a violent sexual act!" he thundered.

#### REVERSAL OF MISFORTUNE

Bishop later apologized for his remarks but not before the Executive Director of Montana's LesBiGay group Pride! responded with outrage. Sandra Hale said: "What an insult to women who have been raped, children who have been molested, and any victim of a truly violent crime — let alone Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals who are in loving, committed relationships and make up the backbone of our Montana community."

Only a day after the State Senate passed the bill 41-8, an avalanche of phone calls and faxes and overwhelmingly negative publicity forced the Senate to reconsider. The sodomy provision of the violent offenders registration bill was rescinded on a unanimous voice vote.

The HRCF's Elizabeth Birch expressed guarded optimism: "What happened in Montana follows a pattern we've seen across the nation. When the general public understands the radical agenda of anti-Gay extremists, they overwhelmingly reject it."

"Voters rejected anti-Gay initiatives

on state ballots in 1994, and post-election polls showed that majorities of Republicans, Independents and Democrats support equal rights for Lesbian and Gay people."

Nevertheless, after the deletion of the anti-Gay provision from the violent offenders registration law, an attempt by Democratic legislators to repeal Montana's punitive sodomy statute was soundly defeated.

Because the deadline to offer new bills had passed, Sen. Dorothy Eck (D-Bozman) offered a motion to suspend the rules to pave the way for the repeal amendment. Her motion was defeated in a party line vote, with 19 Democrats supporting it and 31 Republicans opposing it.



An exciting, educational exhibit entitled "AIDS: The War Within" has opened in Chicago .

#### AIDS: The War Within

#### Opens at Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry

Chicago — The nation's first major HIV/AIDS exhibit, AIDS: The War Within, officially opened to the general public at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, on March 28.

The new 4,000-square-foot exhibit offers visitors an opportunity to see the science behind the headlines of the AIDS epidemic. Open to all visitors and especially designed to engage preteens with their parents or school groups, the exhibit features the latest scientific advances in HIV/AIDS research, disease progression and prevention.

Supported by Abbott Laboratories and developed with the assistance of leading medical, research and professional organizations, the exhibit is intended to: 1) enhance visitors' knowledge about immunology and virology by presenting AIDS as an example of an immune system breakdown; 2) educate the public about advances in research and prevention of diseases caused by viruses; and 3) motivate students who visit to pursue careers in science.

In keeping with the Museum's goal of providing unique environments for learning, the exhibit places the visitor within a mysterious "invasion" site reminiscent of a science fiction scene. The "invaders" are more than 500 three-dimensional spheres representing magnified HIV viruses that have affixed themselves to the inside structure of the building. Visitors learn more about the

"invasion," including the nature of germs and the body's defenses against them, from colorful, floor-to-ceiling panels that merge "comic book" style artwork with medical illustrations. Interactive computer units allow visitors to simulate the battle against the virus and to work as germ "detectives" to follow the spread of an illness. There will also be "on-line" access to the National AIDS Clearinghouse database for up-to-theminute information.

General admission for the Museum is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors (65 and over) and \$2.50 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 admitted free. For more information, call the Museum at (312) 684-1414 or outside the Chicago area at 1-800-GO TO MSI (1-800-468-6674).



# INTERNATIONAL News Briefs

#### Vatican Tries to Bar Lesbians from World Summit

New York — The Roman Catholic Church has been conspiring with the Chinese government to deny credentials to Lesbian and pro-abortion groups so they will effectively be excluded from the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women, according to a report in the New York Times. The conference is scheduled for August 30-September 15 in Beijing.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will join with delegates from virtually every nation in the world to discuss issues of women's social, economic and political status adopt a "platform of action" covering issues of education, health, employment,

violence, family life, etc.

Lesbian representatives from the International Lesbian and Gay Association, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission and the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer are planning to attend the conference. But their hopes for Lesbian inclusion were dimmed with word that the official conference agenda says nothing about Lesbians, despite the fact that the North American and European regions had submitted documents which included material about the special challenges faced by Lesbians.

"We feel there should be some mention of Lesbians and issues that affect Lesbians in all of the categories discussed at the conference," Rachel Rosenbloom told the Washington

Blade.

The Vatican objects to the presence of Lesbians and pro-choice groups like Catholics for a Free Choice. The Chinese government has strict laws against homosexuality. (China is also trying to block participation by Tibetan women.)

Madeleine K. Albright, the US's chief delegate to the U.N. has demanded that the U.N. Secretariat provide reasons for the denial of credentials to the excluded groups.

OutRage! Outs British Bishop, Politicians

London — A renewed threat of "outings" of closeted homosexuals in the British clergy and government by the Gay activist group OutRage! has garnered massive publicity in the past month, leading one minister to denounce the group as "homosexual terrorists."

The OutRage! campaign has been led by 43-year-old Peter Tatchell, who sent letters to the Bishop of London and at least 20 members of Parliament urging

them to come out "voluntarily" or be exposed. He asked David Hope, the Bishop of London, to speak out "for the millions of Lesbian and Gay people who are victimized by our homophobic society, often with the collusion of the church "

While conceding that his sexuality, although celibate, was "ambiguous," Bishop Hope decried the OutRage! tactic as intimidation. "To what extent should any person be subjected to such intrusion in their personal and private lives...in order to accomplish someone else's agenda?" he asked.

Fellow clerics came to Bishop Hope's defense, and even the Archbishop of Canterbury issued a statement saying, "We reject homophobia in every form. Homosexuals must be treated as people made in the

image and likeness of God."

Although vilified by the press, Tatchell was exultant over the effect of the outing campaign: "We never thought we would succeed so quickly. We are effectively determining the policy of the Church of England toward homosexuality."

AIDS Spreading
Fastest Among
Christians in Kenya
Nairobi — The rate of AIDS

Nairobi — The rate of AIDS infections in Kenya is much higher among Christians than among Islamic, Jewish and Buddhist communities because Christian churches have undercut teaching about sexuality, Dr. Joseph Maina Mungai told the 16th African Science Congress which met in Nairobi in February. Dr. Mungai's testimony was reported in the ecumenical weekly The Christian Century.

Dr. Mungai charged that Christian churches have destroyed traditional cultural practices in Kenya, including education about courting and sexuality which was once an everyday part of village and tribal life. Most Christian denominations have fought against the institution of sex education programs in the schools, and despite growing rates of HIV and AIDS, the Catholic Church continues to forbid the use of condoms.

Nairobi's **Daily Nation** reinforced Dr. Mungai's criticism, noting that the churches' "stock reply is simply that the youths must avoid premarital sex, something that even the most well-intentioned Christians know does not work as about 10,000 to 13,000 girls leave school annually due to unplanned pregnancies,"

#### British Columbia Okays Gay Adoption

Vancouver — The Director of Adoption Services for the Canadian province of British Columbia has revised the wording of adoption guidelines to

allow single people — including Gays and Lesbians — to apply to adopt infants. The move is meeting with a firestorm of opposition from conservative politicians.

"It's outrageous that a policy shift of this importance wasn't debated in the legislature," declared Richard Neufeld of the Reform Party, which is actually a right wing group. "Men and women produce children, and they're the ones who should raise adopted infants."

Trudy Usher, Director of Adoption Services, said the change was instituted not to accommodate homosexuals but, more broadly, to give single people and married people equal rights under the law. The former guidelines had limited infant adoption to married couples. She said prospective adoptees go through a rigorous screening process to determine their fitness for child-rearing but that sexual orientation is irrelevant.

"I don't think anybody anywhere is required in any application to say whether they are homosexual or heterosexual. A home study looks at the family and determines whether the family would meet the needs of the child."

Same-Gender Common Law Marriage OK in Hungary

Budapest — Reuters reports that the Constitutional Court of Hungary has ruled that same-gender common law marriage unions are constitutional and should be recognized. But in the same ruling, the court said that Hungarian law clearly restricts civil marriages to individuals of the opposite sex.

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is defined as a couple engaged in a sexual relationship who live together. Such couples are entitled to many of the benefits of legally recognized civil marriages. The case before the court argued that common law status should be accorded to longterm

same-gender couples, and the court agreed.

"It is arbitrary and contrary to human dignity...that the law withholds recognition from couples living in an economic and social union simply because they are of the same sex," the decision stated. The court ordered the Hungarian legislature to revise the common law statute to be inclusive of same-gender

"I believe that the court's ruling is the first step in a long road," Lajos Romsauer of the Gay group Homeros told Reuters. "The court gave a green light to the Parliament and to the government to change the laws.

Oscar Wilde Finally Honored at Westminister Abbey

London — The Gay playwright, poet and wit Oscar Wilde was finally honored in the Poets Corner of Westminster Abbey in February during a ceremony in which a stained glass windowwas dedicated to his memory. Sir John Gielgud, himself openly Gay, read excerpts from Wilde's writing at the ceremony

One of the first openly Gay artists, Wilde celebrated his homosexuality and was ultimately destroyed for refusing to

renounce "the love that dare not speak its name."

The honor for Wilde came exactly 100 years after his greatest play, The Importance of Being Earnest, debuted. But in that same year, 1895, Wilde was imprisoned for sodomy after his relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas was exposed. After two years in prison, Wilde emerged a broken man. He died in Paris in 1900, only 46 years old.

Wilde's plays include the comedies Lady Windermere's Fan, A Woman of No Importance, An Ideal Husband and the tragedy Salome. He wrote the novel The Picture of Dorian Gray, a morality tale about a handsome man whose portrait distorts and decays as he becomes increasingly corrupt and evil. The Ballad of Reading Gaol is his classic poem about his imprisonment.

#### Also Around the World...

Sydney — Rain kept attendance at this year's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney to just over 150,000, a far cry from the more than half million people that usually flood the city for the annual event. This year, Boy George was the special guest and main entertainment attraction. Australian authorities estimate that at least 5,000 Americans visited Sydney in early March, just for Mardi Gras. Among the floats in the parade were those from San Francisco and Hawaii.

Nicosia — The Cyprus Weekly recently reported that the Mediterranean island nation's Council of Ministers has agreed to support legislation repealing the country's sodomy laws. A bill decriminalizing homosexual acts between men over age 18 will soon be sent to the House of Representatives.

Moscow - In February the Duma, Russia's lower House of Parliament, voted 276-0 in support of a measure requiring that any foreigner visiting the country for more than three months prove that he or she is HIV-negative. President Boris Yeltsin vetoed a similar bill last year which would have required all foreigners visiting for any length of time to be tested for HIV. Yeltsin lent his support to the new measure, however, and is expected to sign the bill once it is passed by the upper

Gaborone - A British citizen working in a game park and a resident of Botswana are facing two years in prison after

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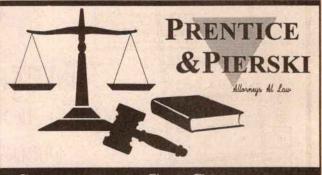
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they were arrested for allegedly engaging in homosexual acts. The native Botswanan was granted bail, but the Briton, Graham Norrie, remains incarcerated to prevent him from fleeing the country. Many African countries have punitive sodomy laws, and some leaders blame the apparent increase in homosexuality on the influence of "decadent" Western values.

Granada - A museum commemorating the life and work of Federico Garcia Lorca, a Gay man who was one of Spain's greatest writers, opened in his hometown of Granada in February. Garcia Lorca wrote the poetry collection Gypsy Ballads and the trilogy of plays, Blood Wedding, Yerma and The House of Bernarda Alba. A liberal social activist, Garcia Lorca was murdered by Fascist troops during the Spanish Civil War in 1936.

-Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

#### STATE News Briefs

Hospital, Nurse Found "Negligent" for Lesbian Relationship

Janesville - A jury on March 15 awarded \$710,000 to a Janesville woman who claimed that she was lured into a Lesbian relationship with a psychiatric nurse at Mercy Hospital.

The 36-year-old woman, who was not identified in news reports, charged that nurse Shirley Connelly caused her to lose her husband and children in 1992 as a result of the relationship. The jury deliberated for about four hours before finding the hospital negligent and Connelly "outrageously negligent." Connelly was found to be 75% responsible and the hospital 25% responsible.

The woman was awarded damages from the hospital in the amount of \$35,000 for pain and suffering, \$350,000 for past and future economic loss, and \$75,000 for past and future

medical expenses. The jury also ordered Connelly to pay her \$250,000 in punitive damages.

Mercy Hospital plans to appeal the \$350,000 for the woman's economic losses, according to hospital attorney Robert Krohn. At press time, Connelly had not indicated whether she would appeal the judgment against her.

Milwaukee Settles With Sinthasomphone Family

Milwaukee — Just one day before a civil rights lawsuit was to be heard in federal court, the City of Milwaukee decided to offer a financial settlement of \$850,000 to the family of Konerak Sinthasomphone, the youngest victim of Jeffrey Dahmer's murder spree who was killed on May 27, 1991 shortly after Milwaukee police officers John Balcerzak and Joseph Gabrish left him with Dahmer. They apparently believed Dahmer's story that Konerak was his intoxicated lover.

The lawsuit charged 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" and that measures to eliminate such bias in recruitment and training were not implememnted until after Konerak's death. The suit also charged that the conduct of Balcerzak and Gabrish evinced "racism, sexism and homophobia."

Robert Slattery, attorney for the Sinthasomphones, said the family accepted the settlement because they did not want have to relive their tragedy through the trial process. Deputy City Attorney Rudolph Konrad said the settlement did not constitute an admission of liability by the City or the police officers involved

Some Gay activists, who saw the trial as a means to expose the MPD's institutionalized racism and homophobia, said the City was once again sweeping the controversies under the rug.

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-Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya and John Cain

#### **NATIONAL** News Briefs

Gov. Pete Wilson Nixes Gay

Adoption Policy

Sacramento, CA - California's Republican Governor and Presidential hopeful Pete Wilson acted swiftly to reverse a policy change which would have allowed single people, including Gays and Lesbians, to adopt children. He ordered State Social Services Director Eloise Anderson to restore a ban on adoption by unmarried people, which had been in effect

After consultation with legal and child care experts, the Department of Social Services had decided that "a child's best interest is served by providing for his or her health, safety and a permanent home...regardless of marital status." But when the Governor learned of the change, he ordered that it be

Stefan Lynch of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, expressed outrage: "We represent over 1,000 children with Lesbian and Gay parents in California, and their families are already under attack from the Radical Right, particularly groups claiming a monopoly on family values. If Wilson had any real sense of family values, he wouldn't be denying thousands of California's children the right to the best possible parents to serve his own political ends.

In a 1992 review of over 30 psychological studies comparing children of Lesbian and Gay parents with children of straight parents, no differences in terms of gender identity, social relationships or sexual orientation were found. Other studies show no significant differences in peer relationships,

leadership ability or self-esteem.

Bob Dole Backtracks on Civil

Rights for Gays

Washington, DC - Just weeks after declaring that "There oughtn't to be discrimination" and that Gays are entitled to civil rights, Senate Majority Leader and Presidential hopeful Bob Dole backtracked, stating his support for the ban on Gays in the military and his opposition to alleged "special rights" for homosexuals.

The latest comments came after Dole was deluged with complaints from conservative groups about the opposition to discrimination he articulated in a New York Times Magazine interview. In that interview Dole said: "There oughtn't to be discrimination. Everything ought to be based on potential. Everyone should be treated alike, whether they're black or

brown or disabled or homosexual."

But in a March 21 letter to the Washington Times, Dole said: "...we must avoid creating special rights for special groups. I oppose the special-interest Gay agenda that runs from Gays in the military and reaches as far as to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes.

"Dole may be trying to have it both ways by appealing to the mainstream of fair-minded Americans, then turning around and echoing the rhetoric of the extremists," David Zingale of the Human Rights Campaign Fund commented.

#### Clinton Rejects Another Gay-Positive Nominee

Washington, DC - For the third time in the past

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year, the Clinton administration has abandoned a nominee for an important post after learning that the person has taken Gay-supportive positions which might alienate conservative members of Congress

The latest case involves the nomination of San Diego Superior Court Judge Judith McConnell to a federal judgeship. Judge McConnell voluntarily withdrew her name from consideration after White House officials informed her that a pro-Gay decision she made in a 1987 case - granting custody of a 16-year-old boy to his Gay father - might jeopardize her confirmation process. Right wing activists had begun decrying

McConnell's 1987 ruling as "anti-family."

McConnell's withdrawal followed by several months a White House decision not to nominate openly Gay businessman and Democratic fundraiser James Hormel as ambassador to the Fiji Islands. Before that, former Portland, Oregon police chief Tom Potter withdrew his name from consideration to head a new anti-crime program. Potter had expressed support for his Lesbian daughter and even marched in Portland's Gay Pride Parade. Fears of stirring controversy in Congress were cited as the reasons for those failed appointments.

Hormel's name has recently circulated again as a possible delegate to the 51st United Nations Conference on

Human Rights.

Partners' Benefits in Atlanta Shot Down by Court

Atlanta, GA — On March 14, the Supreme Court of Georgia upheld Atlanta's Human Rights Ordinance which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but ruled that the city exceeded its authority in extending employment benefits to the domestic partners of municipal employees.

In 1986, the Atlanta City Council amended its bill of rights to ban bias based on sexual orientation in employment and city contracts. In 1993, the Council established a domestic partners registry for "jointly responsible" couples of either sex living together. A few months later, the Council granted employee benefits - including sick leave and health and dental benefits - - to the domestic partners of city workers. All the measures were challenged in court.

The court's 10-page ruling stated that "the city has the power to enact the anti-discrimination and registry ordinances, but exceeded its authority in extending employee benefits to

persons who are not dependent under state law."

"This ruling affirms that local governments have the power to represent and protect all of their constituents against discrimination, including Lesbians and Gay men," Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund noted. "Unfortunately, the court failed to recognize that local governments should also be able to compensate their employees equally by providing domestic partnership benefits."

#### Anti-Gay Violence Up Slightly in '94

New York, NY - Anti-Gay incidents increased by 1.6% in 1994, according to a report compiled by New York City's Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. The number of anti-Gay threats, assaults, murders, police abuse and other incidents of harassment was logged at 2,064, up from 2,031 in 1993.

The Anti-Violence Project took over responsibility for compiling the nationwide statistics after the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which issued such annual reports in the past, laid-off staff members last year. In recent years NGLTF had based its statistics on data supplied by reporting agencies in five cities: Boston, Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Minneapolis/St. Paul. The New York group included data provided from four additional cities: Denver, Detroit, Columbus, Ohio and Portland, Oregon.

It found that the highest number of anti-Gay incidents had occurred in New York City: 632, up from 587 in 1993. Five other cities logged increases, ranging from 6.4% to 25.1%. Chicago, Detroit and San Francisco saw decreases in anti-Gay incidents, ranging from 11.5% to 26.1% from the previous year.

The Project documented that 106 incidents were motivated by anti-HIV/AIDS sentiment. Thirty-eight percent of all incidents involved two or more perpetrators. The report noted that a "surge of violence" accompanied celebrations of Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 in New York last June, resulting in a record of 91 anti-Gay incidents that month alone in the Big Apple.

Arrests, Welcome Mat Greet Irish Gays on St. Pat's

New York, NY — Police arrested 88 Gays and Lesbians who attempted to block New York's Fifth Avenue just hours before the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade began on March 17. Supporters of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization protested again this year after a federal judge allowed the parade's sponsors, the Ancient Order of Hibernians,

to exclude the group.

In Boston, a judge also permitted sponsors of Boston's St. Pat's Parade to exclude the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group. Last year, a judge allowed the LesBiGays to participate, but the veterans group which sponsors the event canceled it in protest. This year, the sponsors argued before a judge that the parade would take the form of a protest — it was led by people carrying black banners — so the judge allowed it to go on, sans queers.

The US Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments April 25 in the Boston parade controversy. Its

decision may finally resolve the issue

Meanwhile in Cambridge, just across the Charles River from Beantown, 12,000 people turned out for an alternative St. Pat's Parade which included Gays and Lesbians and Protestants and Catholics. Mayor Kenneth Reeves, who is Gay, was the grand marshal. The only ugly incident was when an observer gave Reeves the middle finger. The Mayor dismissed the incident with the quip: "He can't possibly be from Cambridge."

Notre Dame Rebuked for Banning Gay Student Group

South Bend, IN — Administrators at Notre Dame University took the final step in kicking the Gay and Lesbian student group off campus in January. But they are now on the defensive as every representative body at the Catholic school

has demanded that the group be reinstated.

Notre Dame has treated Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College (GLND/SMC) with hostility from its inception. In 1986, the school refused to officially recognize it, denying it access to meeting space on campus and preventing it from posting notices or advertising in school publications. The university's counseling office has allowed GLND/SMC to meet regularly in an unused room, but in January Notre Dame officials ordered that the group be exiled off campus.

Since then, the Faculty Senate, the Student Senate and the Graduate Student Council, the Hall Presidents Council, the Graduate Theological Union and the Campus Life Council have all passed resolutions demanding that Notre Dame reverse its anti-Gay policy, recognize GLND/SMC and give it

the rights all student groups enjoy.

#### Also on the Newswire...

New York, NY — Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Olympic champion Greg Louganis, debuted in the Number 1 position on the New York Times Bestseller List during its first week of release. More than 250,000 hardcovers are already in circulation with more printings expected. Up to 1,000 people have formed lines around bookstores in the cities where Louganis has appeared promoting his book.

Philadelphia, PA — Daddy's Roommate, a children's picturebook about Gay family life by Michael Wilhoite, topped the list of books "most challenged" by censors in 1994. The annual list of banned books, compiled by the American Library Association, also included the kids' book about Lesbian parents, Heather Has Two Mommies and an anthology called Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark.

Washington, DC — Secretary of Education Richard Riley issued a revised statement regarding his department's non-discrimination policies, including sexual orientation among the categories of race, gender. religion, national origin, age and disability. His is the eighth cabinet department to issue such a

policy since Bill Clinton became President.

Los Angeles, CA — More than 1,100 Lesbians, many decked out in formalwear, crowded the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles March 4 for the "largest Lesbian dinner-dance in history," raising more than \$250,000 for women's programs at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. Among the celebrity dykes were Melissa Etheridge and Martina Navratilova. Lily Tomlin, who has never publicly acknowledged her sevul orientation, said she was there because she could "identify" with the women there. When the crowd whooped and hollered, Tomlin quipped: "I can see you're over-interpreting."

Miami, FL — Almost 2,000 people crowded on 59th Street in northwest Miami recently to rededicate the street across from Pedro Zamora's high school as Pedro Zamora Way. Zamora, an AIDS educator and star of MTV's Real World, died last November of AIDS complications. He would have been

23 on February 28.

Houston, TX — Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is hosting a national conference on homophobia called "Healing the Hurt '95" in Houston March 31-April 5. For more information, call (713) 867-9020 or (202) 638-4200.

Pontiac, MI — A memorial vigil for Scott Amedure, the man killed after his appearance on the Jenny Jones show in which he revealed his attraction for another man, will be held April 4. The vigil and speakout against homophobia will be held outside the Oakland County Courthouse on the day his suspected killer, John Schmitz, has his preliminary hearing.

Philadelphia, PA — Three employees of United Artists Theaters in the Philadelphia area have filed discrimination complaints against the company alleging they were fired because of their sexual orientation and/or because they have HIV/AIDS. Two men have filed complaints with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, one with the city's Human Rights Commission. An attorney says the complaints may be combined in a class action suit.

Washington, DC — The Avon Breast Health Access Fund has awarded a \$20,500 grant to the Mary Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer to specifically target breast health education for Lesbians. The project will attempt to reach low income women, older women and women of color through

workshops and home parties.

Little Rock, AR — An Arkansas Senate Committee recently killed legislation that would have removed homosexual acts from the state's sodomy statute, making private, consensual sex acts between same gender people legal. It was the third time in six years repeal of the sodomy law was defeated.

New York, NY — Swim Magazine, the official publication of US Masters Swimming, Inc., has named openly Gay Olympic swimming champion Bruce Hayes one of the top ten Masters Swimmers in America. The organization cited Hayes for the four world records he set in his age group (30-34) at last year's Gay Games IV in New York. "It puts the Gay Masters community on the map," Hayes commented. "The fact that we set records means we couldn't be ignored anymore."

- Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

# **Group Notes**

#### LAMMEF to Sponsor "In The Life"

Milwaukee — On Tuesday, April 11, at 7pm, the LAMM Education Fund will sponsor a special screening and reception for producers John Catania and Charles Ignacio of In The Life, the nationally televised Gay/Lesbian magazine program. The event will be held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center North, 2821 North 4th Street, in the Third Floor Training Center (room 300). Refreshments will be provided.

Catania, who visited Milwaukee last October, called LAMMEF to arrange the sneak preview screening of the April episode of In The Life, and to discuss filming a story on Milwaukee in May. The May filming will be aired in June and will center on Gays and Lesbians in big cities versus small towns, and somewhere-in-

between (Milwaukee).

Catania and Ignacio will discuss the story and filming possibilities with Gays and Lesbians who attend the screening on April 11th. There will be no charge for this event and all Lesbians and Gay men are welcome.

Healing from Trauma & Addictions Seminar

Madison — Dr. Charlotte Kasl, a licensed psychologist, licensed professional counselor and author will present Healing from Trauma & Addictions with Empowerment & Joy, a one-day workshop on Saturday, April 29, 8am-4:30pm, at UW-Madison Union South, 227 North Randall, Room 109. Registration will be 8-9am. The workshop begins at 9am and continues till 4:30pm.

On Friday, April 28, the Opening Address will be *Culture, Sex and Addictions*, and will be held from 7-9pm, 125 Agriculture Hall, 1450 Linden Drive.

According to Dr. Kasl, addictions often begin as childhood survival strategies to fend off pain and rage from incest, discrimination, abuse or neglect. Breaking these paired, learned survival responses and replacing them with self-loving behavior is the task of healing from addiction.

The one-day workshop will include both lecture and experimental activities.

Registration is limited. For more information call (608) 249-1421.

Mel White Coming To Green Bay

Green Bay — Mel White, author of Stranger at the Gate, will be coming to the UW-Green Bay campus on Thursday, May 4. Time and location are yet to be determined as of deadline (March 22).

White, a former ghostwriter for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Oliver North, will be talking about his experiences as a Gay man working for some of the country's foremost right-wing fundamentalists.

The event is co-sponsored by the UWGB 10% Society, Office of Student Life, the Good Times Programming board, UWGB Student Senate, and the Union Board (among others).

For more information, contact Don Schunke at (414) 465-5291.

G & L Educator's Group Meeting

Milwaukee — The Gay/Lesbian Educational Employees of Metropolitan Milwaukee (GLEEMM) will meet on Sunday, April 9, 2pm. Call Larry at (414) 384-9695 for the address of the meeting location.

Educational and advocacy issues, as they pertain to our community, will be discussed. The meeting will be both

informational and social.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass and to bring their own beverages. The food will be served at 2pm, the group meeting will begin at 2:30pm.

All LesBiGay employees and educational support staff from the metropolitan Milwaukee area are invited to join the meeting. For more information and meeting location, call Larry at (414) 384-9695.

Future meeting dates will be Thursday, May 18, 6pm, and Sunday, June 11, 2pm.

Nominations of Younger Leaders Sought for Awards Milwaukee — American Pride Associates (APA) is seeking nominations for Public Allies' Tomorrow's Leaders Today celebration — an awards ceremony where 100 individuals will be recognized for their contributions in service to the Greater Milwaukee community.

Applicants nominated by APA will be individuals who have shown a commitment to meeting the challenges/ problems of the LesBiGay/ Trans communities, the HIV/AIDS community, or for other areas of service provided to

Greater Milwaukee.

Applicants must be between 17-30, currently living or working in the Milwaukee area, and have demonstrated a commitment to improving Milwaukee for all of its residents. Applicants will be asked to submit a 1-2 page essay which answers the following questions: 1) What is your vision to address one or more of Milwaukee's social challenges? 2) What have you done to solve the problems in the/your community? (Notpaid, volunteer or other work you have done to benefit the community.)

Public Allies develops youth leadership in the area of community service. It is APA's desire to have a healthy representation of the LesBiGay/Trans community service work recognized at this year's ceremony. While APA is making nominations, it is Public Allies who will be responsible for

final selection of honorees.

For more information and a nomination form, please contact APA at (414) 342-3834, Monday through Friday, 10am-9pm. When you call, please mention seeing this article in In Step Magazine. Essay deadline is April 4. For information concerning Public Allies, call (414) 264-5616, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm.



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MACT/Chicago to Host Midland Regional, Apr 28-30

Chicago — Men of All Colors Together (MACT) Chicago will be hosting a Spring 1995 Midland Regional Meeting from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30. The Regional will be a networking and educational event for mostly Midwest region chapters of MACT, Black & White Men Together, and People of All Colors Together. The regional will also celebrate MACT/Chicago's 15th Anniversary.

MACT/Chicago is a Gay multi-racial group committed to providing a supportive environment for people of different races and cultures through social, cultural, educational and political

activities.

The Regional will feature Saturday business meetings and workshops, and a Saturday night banquet. Workshops topics include The Spirituality of HIV & AIDS, Gays & Republicans, and the Role of Midland Regional.

Registration is only \$45 for all weekend events. For more information call Wendell Reid (312) 878-5521 or write MACT/Chicago, PO Box 317, 3023 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60657.

Experienced Square Dancers Invited to Join Dairyland Rainbow Squares

Madison — The Dairyland Rainbow Squares is brand new in Madison, an organization dedicated to creating a space where Gay men, Lesbians and others can come together to square dance. It is an outgrowth of the Dairyland Cowboys/ Cowgirls, which was formed a year ago to promote the full range of country dancing opportunities.

Experienced dancers are invited to the weekly dance lessons held at Madison's Cardinal Bar, from 4-6pm on Sunday afternoons. Demonstration Jances are planned in the coming months at several local venues. A special demonstration dance will be held at this summer's Magic Picnic, after which beginners will be invited to join the group.

For more information, contact Doug at (608) 251-0904 or Sue at (608) 277-

9957.

UW Alumni Council Announces Graduation Reception

Madison — The Gay/Lesbian/
Bisexual Alumni Council of the
Wisconsin Alumni Association and the
Dean of Students Liaison to the Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community
are hosting the second annual LBGT
Graduation Reception, Sunday, April 23,

11am-1pm, Alumni Lounge Wisconsin Center (702 Langdon Street), Madison.

This event was created to pay tribute to UW's LesBiGay/ Transgender graduating students by honoring their accomplishments in academics and service at the university. Richard Wagner, of the GLB Alumni Council will be Master of Ceremonies. There will be comments made by a University of Wisconsin Faculty member and by two of the graduates. All graduates will receive a certificate of congratulations along with the good wishes of everyone present. It is a fun and moving event.

In order to have sufficient food and seating, please RSVP to Russell Betts at (608) 262-5895, by April 14. When you call, please inform Russell if you are graduating in May or August. Please state and spell your name clearly if you leave a message.

#### MMC/C to Host 9th Annual Natural Male Retreat

Chicago — Midwest Men's Center of Chicago, Inc. (MMC/C) will host its 9th annual natural male retreat (a drug and alcohol free gathering) May 18-21, 1995 at Camp Ronora nature preserve and retreat center in SW Michigan near the town of Watervliet.

Located on 350 acres of gently



rolling hills, woods, a small lake for fishing, boating or nude sun bathing, the camp offers accommodations for as many as 108 people. The simple, yet rustic accommodations are very comfortable.

Several workshops have been planned to keep everyone occupied. For those who enjoy creating their own weekend, you'll find an opportunity to do that at Camp Ronora, and several small towns nearby.

For additional information including costs, contact Earl Welther at (312) 348-

3254.

Home-Buying to be LAMM's April Program

Milwaukee — Anyone Can Buy a Home is the title of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's (LAMM) April program scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 7pm at Just Us, 807 South 5th Street.

A panel of experts will discuss and answer questions regarding the ins and outs of buying investment property, as well as buying a home. This program is designed especially for Lesbians interested in buying a house or investment property for the first time. Experienced buyers are also welcome to join in the discussion.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at 6pm by Just Us in lieu of a potluck dinner and of course, there is no charge to attend the program. All Lesbians are welcome, you need not be a member to

attend.

#### Design Competition Announced

Washington, DC — The Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer announces a design competition and the opening of nominations for two awards to be given annually. The Mary-Helen Mautner Awards will premiere September 30 at the Mautner Project's 5th Anniversary Celebration Gala. One award will honor dedicated service or support by an individual to the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer. The other award will be for the outstanding contribution by an individual or institution to the cause of Lesbians and cancer.

The Awards Committee is encouraging artists working in any medium to enter the competition. The awards can be two or three dimensional and entries can take the form of proposals, designs, sketches, models or actual items. For the two awards, the committee suggests the designs can be similar but not necessarily identical. Photos or slides of similar work may be included to support an idea.

The actual award must be able to be held in one's hand or easily displayed. There is no limit to the number of entries

from an individual or group. The winning entry will receive up to \$200 toward the cost of production materials per award. Entries will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. The deadline for entries is June 28, 1995. Please send them to: The Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 1060, Washington, DC 20036.

Nominations for both awards are requested by the Awards Committee. To nominate an individual for an award, please write a letter with the name and reason for the nominations to the above address. Mautner Project staff is not eligible for nominations. The deadline for submission of nominations is also June 28.

Continental Wisconsin Pageant to be Held May 15

Milwaukee — The Continental Wisconsin Pageant will be held on Monday, May 15 at 10pm at Club 219 in Milwaukee. Cezanne, the current and reigning Miss Continental USA, and Mary Richards, Miss Continental Wisconsin, along with other local regional talent are scheduled to appear.

"We're seeking the finest female impersonators from Wisconsin and surrounding states to compete for the Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant," said Annabelle Havlicek, pageant promoter. "We're offering over \$1,000 in cash and prizes, including sponsorship to the Miss Continental USA finals in Chicago over Labor Day Weekend."

The winner receives \$500 in cash plus over \$500 in other prizes including national pageant sponsorship, overnight accommodations in Chicago, a photo

session with nationally known photographer Francis Ford, plus other prizes.

First runner-up receives \$300 cash, second runner up receives \$150 in cash.

A live prize auction featuring fabulous things to bid on is part of the May 15 pageant. "We're getting some exciting things donated for our annual pageant auction," said Havlicek.

The Third Annual Gingie Award will be presented to Ronald Thate (Rona) at the May 15 pageant. "We're continuing with our tradition of honoring a classic local female impersonator," said Havlicek. "Choosing Rona to receive this award is an honor."

Contestantapplication deadlines are Wednesday, May 10 (\$65 entry fee) and Monday, May 15 (\$75 entry fee). Applications and contestant handbooks can be mailed to you by calling (414) 271-8333 (10am-6pm) or (414) 271-0322 (6-11pm).

Tickets will be \$8 in advance (to May 15), \$10 May 15 and at the door. Tables seating four will be \$45 and will be the only reserved seating available. Tickets and tables can be obtained by calling (414) 271-8333.



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# **Viewpoints**

#### We Don't Need Marriage

#### Local Lawyer Refutes Liebman's Thesis

By Attorney Richard D. Hicks

I read with interest the several pieces in In Step's Keepsake Gay and Lesbian Wedding Feature in Vol 12, lesue 3

I disagree with Marvin Liebmman's thesis that Gay Marriage is an issue we all should support. His theory appears based upon an erroneous notion that marriage is the only way to create certain "rights". The fact is that the "benefits" (not "rights") given to those in the married state are conferred on them by separate legislative enactments regarding community/marital property, intestacy, dower and curtesy in some states, marriage and divorce, alimony, tax laws including deductions and exemptions, etc.

Most of those legislatively conferred benefits (except for tax exemptions and dependency status) can be obtained by private contract between the parties. It is a legislatively imposed standard contract on the marriage relationship. There are burdens connected with that imposed "contract" which I, for one, do not want, particularly when I can obtain most of those benefits through private contract.

All states have recognized the rights of adult individuals to privately contract not only regarding commercial matters, but also regarding private matters. A will takes precedence over the laws of intestacy; an advanced directive or health care power of attorney takes precedence over statutory next of kin provisions; irrevocable living trusts, joint ownership, payable upon death accounts, beneficiary designations all create property ownership rights whether one is married or not.

The statutory burden by community or marital property is one which I feel can be much better handled in a private contract which is what many married people do anyway. Most people would prefer to design their own particular method for owning and managing property without the interference of state imposed ownership just because two people have proclaimed themselves married. Additionally, the legislature tampers with the rules periodically, requiring all "married" people to review the way they have their property titled, their estate and tax plans.

Finally, the cost and difficulty of terminating "marriages" under the

statutory scheme is not a burden to be lightly undertaken. Divorce is common in the heterosexual population, and I suspect, without benefit of accurate statistic, that a significant number of gay and lesbian relationships terminate. Private contracts are a much more efficient way of handling relationship terminations than divorce court, and many married couples privately agree how to terminate their relationships but still have the burden and cost of using the statutorily imposed court system.

I happen to believe the private conduct between consenting adults ought to be respected as the real basis for our rights; that what two people agree to ought to be accepted and enforced instead of imposing on everyone the terms that a majority of people or their legislators think ought to be the "normal" way two people should arrange their private affairs. The gay and lesbian community has always pressed for the right of diversity, for the right to be different. In our push to have our right to diversity respected, let us not unwittingly upon ourselves needless conformity. Diversity is our underlying principle; let us honor it and be true

Why ask for statutorily imposed directives when we can obtain those same benefits through very individualized diverse private contracts? Before you ask the state to impose "benefits" on all unions, gay of straight, check to see if there is not some other way to accomplish the same thing. The mood in the country is for less governmental direction on how to run our private lives. Let's capitalize on that mood to our advantage rather than fight upstream seeking for governmental regulation. I, for one, having spent 25 years often litigating the statutorily imposed benefits as they relate to the private lives of individuals, think that the less that government has to say about my private life, the better off I am.

The fact that the state does not recognize our "unions" has never prevented people from entering into gay or lesbian unions. Just because the public does not afford the same respect to our unions that it does to heterosexual unions is not reason to seek legislative redress. I think it is much more effective to say that you can't interfere with our private contracts, and that they must be enforced as all other private contracts are enforced, than to say you have to say you have to give me exactly what you give my married heterosexual brothers and sisters. Coming from a family of seven children, I know that people can be treated equally without being given the same things.

State recognition of gay marriages, with the consequent state interference, is not an issue which I can support.

In our quest for equality let us not forget the principle underlying our quest - that we have the right to be diverse people.

#### April 4 Court Election Crucial to Gay Community

By Mike Fitzpatrick
As part of his presentation on the current national and state political climate at the recent Positive Voice Day of Self-Discovery II in Green Bay, Action Wisconsin's Region I Representative, Kevin Baird, commented that the Gay community can "take part or get taken apart" by political process. On April 4, the Gay community is being handed a golden opportunity to "take part": The Wisconsin Supreme Court justice

The Supreme Court justice race is probably one of the most important races for the Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay/Transsexual community in years and there are three reasons why.

election.

First, the recent decision by the US Supreme Court to review Colorado's Proposition 2 will impact Wisconsin's civil rights laws for Gay and Lesbian people no matter how the court rules. If the US Court rules completely in favor of Gay and Lesbian people, as we all might hope and pray, the only impact on Wisconsin law will be the validation of our civil rights as already legislated. Anything less may invalidate part or all of Wisconsin's protections, which may ultimately leave the state's high court to resolve the difficulties or to review new legislation which could be challenged by those who oppose civil rights for Gay and Lesbian people.

It is also possible to have the court define Gay status in narrower terms than the community may believe is correct and proper. To prepare for a possible less than full victory on Colorado Prop 2 or even defeat means working for a more receptive court here in Wisconsin now while the Gay community has the chance

Secondly, the new justice elected this April will be the swing vote on a Wisconsin high court currently containing two liberal, two moderate and two conservative ones. The two candidates currently running for that office offer a real choice:

Judge Anne Walsh Bradley positions herself as a moderate with bipartisan support and endorsements, including ex-governor Tony Earl, who signed Wisconsin's "Gay rights" anti-discrimination legislation into law. On the other hand, Judge Patrick Crooks has positioned himself as the "conservative choice" and appears to have moved even further right since winning the February 21 primary. In the last two weeks unsuccessful candidates Ted Wiedemeyer and Patience Roggensack and a host of conservative Madison and Milwaukee judges have announced their

endorsements for Crooks. Bradley has countered with more endorsements, largely from moderate to liberal judges. The net effect, however, has been to turn this nonpartisan election into a referendum on which political philosophy the court should take.

Third, spring off-year elections have historically low voter turnouts so local races can impact state races in ways no one expects. The heavy turnout for the eight-way Green Bay mayoral primary is a case in point. Last February 21, Green Bay's mayoral race had local voters out in force. State voter turnout was about 11%, but in Green Bay it was close to 50%. Green Bay voters voted for "the local guy" in the Supreme Court race so overwhelmingly in the race that they tipped the state election in Judge Crooks' favor despite strong runs by Milwaukee and Madison candidates who expected a traditional vote boost from statistically larger communities. The Green Bay mayoral race will likely bring out a similar turnout again on April 4.

Just a reminder: Wisconsin's Supreme Court justices serve ten-year No matter which political philosophy wins it will take at least a half a decade to reverse that philosophy. I want to urge each of you to get out and vote! If you are moved to action by the above, share this article with your friends both Gay and Gay-supportive. And mark that social calendar now - you have the hottest date in town on Tuesday, April 4: a date with your own destiny in the privacy of the voting booth! (You can register to vote on election day at your polling place. Call your community's city clerk's office for more information.)

(The writer, Mike Fitzpatrick, is a Region III Representative for Action

Wisconsin.)

#### LAMM's **Endorsements** for **April 4 Elections**

Milwaukee - Elections on April 4 will include some of the most important positions which affect information distributed to the public as well as positions which can influence the status of all issues which impact our community. The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM's) Public Policy Committee has surveyed the candidates and evaluated their public positions on issues important to the Lesbian community.

For the election on Tuesday, April 4, LAMM endorses the following

candidates:

#### WI JUSTICE, STATE SUPREME COURT

Ann W. Bradley

#### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

At Large: John Gardner District #2: Sandra Small

District #3: Rose Freeman Massey District #8: Christine Sinicki District #1: No endorsement

All school board candidates were given the opportunity to answer a phone survey conducted by the Public Policy Committee. Of the ten candidates running, two chose not to answer the survey: Leon Todd (District #3) and Val Wiley (District #1).

#### **COUNTY BOARD** SUPERVISOR DISTRICT

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No Endorsement.

Robert Krug and Mike Kromo were given the opportunity to answer a phone survey. Both requested that the survey be mailed to their campaign. Neither of the candidates returned the survey to

#### STATE REFERENDA

LAMM recommends voting "YES" on Question 2: "References to masculine gender removed. Shall article I, IV, V, VI, VII. XI and XIII of the (state) constitution be amended to remove unnecessary masculine gender pronouns."

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#### Studies Assess Therapies Against PCP, Fungal Infections

Washington, DC - The March 16 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine includes the results of two studies conducted by researchers at the National Institute of Allergy Infectious Diseases which assessed the effectiveness of drug therapies against Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) and fungal infections in people with HIV/AIDS. The studies were conducted through NIAID's AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

In patients with advanced HIV infection, three treatments were found to have similar effectiveness in preventing PCP. Investigators assessed the risks of developing PCP during 36 months of therapy among more than 800 patients with HIV who had 200 or fewer CD4+ T-cells per cubic millimeter of blood. CD4+ T- cells are the infection-fighting

cells targeted by HIV.

The risk for developing PCP was 18% among patients taking TMP/SMX (trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole), 17% for those receiving dapsone and 21% for those on aerosolized pentamidine therapy. For patients with fewer than 100 CD4+ T-cells, therapies that start with TMP/SMX or high dose dapsone are superior to treatments beginning with pentamidine. The authors noted, however, that the greatest gains in preventing PCP will likely come from identifying more people at risk for the disease, rather than optimizing therapy for patients already receiving care.

In the second study, fluconazole was found to be more effective than clotrimazole in preventing fungal infections in patients with advanced HIV infection, particularly those with 50 or fewer CD4+ T-cells. Researchers found that fluconazole reduced the frequency of cryptococcal meningitis, esophogeal candidiasis, as well as superficial fungal

infections.

#### Merck Urged to Give Protease Inhibitor to More PWA's

San Francisco, CA - The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other AIDS service and advocacy groups are calling on the pharmaceutical giant Merck to apply to the Food and Drug Administration for accelerated approval of the anti-HIV drug MK- 639 and to allow up to 3,000 people with AIDS to

use the drug now.

Recent study results suggest that MK-639 is one of the safest and most effective AIDS drugs developed so far and has none of the debilitating side effects associated with AZT or other anti-HIV medications.

MK-639 is a protease inhibitor, a drug which blocks and disables protease. an enzyme which aids in the replication of HIV. Preliminary tests showed that some HIV-infected subjects taking MK-639 for a year showed significant reductions of HIV in their bloodstreams. Merck has cautioned, however, that MK-639 is not a cure and that many subjects in their trials developed resistance to it within several months.

Nevertheless, advocates say, "Access to MK-639 and other promising protease inhibitor drugs represents the best hope for prolonging life and delaying disease progression among tens of thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS who have exhausted the limited benefit

of available AIDS treatments."

AIDS advocates are calling on Merck to immediately "compassionate use" program to provide MK-639 to at least 3,000 people with advanced AIDS who have no other treatment options and to apply to the FDA for accelerated approval of MK-639 as a prescription drug before the end of 1995, when interim data from Phase III trials of the drug become available

Letters of support can be sent to: Merck and Company, One Merck Drive, P.O. Box 100, WSIA-37, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889. FAX: (908) 735-1843.

#### Milwaukee's Needle Exchange Program Exceeds Goals

Milwaukee - In its first year of operation, Lifepoint, the needle exchange program sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), exchanged over 75,000 needles and made over 4,000 contacts with people needing clean needles and AIDS prevention information. The number of *Lifepoint* exchange sites expanded from two to

The success of Lifepoint goes beyond the statistics, however. Injection drug users have learned about HIV disease, how drug use increases their risk of being infected, and how they can take responsibility to eliminate that risk. As word of the program has spread, injection drug users from other cities and rural areas of Wisconsin are accessing

Over 550 injection drug users have asked for referrals for HIV testing. Because of this early success in getting drug users into HIV testing, MAP has received state designation as a new HIV counseling and testing site. A special van for counseling and testing accompanies the Lifepoint van on its regular site visits.

In addition to exchanging needles and conducting HIV education and testing, MAP personnel also help people deal with the source of their risk - drug addiction. As needle exchange workers gain the trust of drug users, the number of referrals to Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse treatment programs has increased

Alcohol May Speed Replication of HIV

Washington, DC - Researchers at Thomas Jefferson University laboratory tests suggest that drinking alcohol may significantly increase the rate of HIV replication in the body. The findings were reported at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses last month.

After abstaining from alcoholic drinks for at least one week, nine HIV-negative individuals were injected with 500 mg/kg ethanol, the active ingredient of alcohol. Special cells called peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were removed from each subject and, in a lab setting, infected with HIV-1

According to the Washington Blade, the cells of those with ethanol infusions showed "significantly increased replication of HIV-1." The increase was two to four times higher than in cells taken from a control group which had not been injected with ethanol. A "marked reduction" of several important immune system proteins was also seen in the PBMCs of those injected with ethanol.

The findings need to be confirmed through further tests with more participants. The precise way in which alcohol ingestion may assist in the progression of HIV is still unclear.

#### Also on the AIDS Front...

Madison - The AIDS/HIV Program the Wisconsin Division of Health reported that 35 new cases of AIDS were confirmed and 17 state residents died of AIDS complications in the month of February. Since 1982, 1,597 people in

Wisconsin have died of the disease.

New York, NY — NBC News
reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will soon announce a revised estimate of the number of Americans infected with HIV. The CDC is expected to say that the true number lies between 600,000 and 1 million, not its earlier estimate of 800,000 NBC said 1.2 million. announcement may be delayed so that current AIDS funding proposals before Congress are not jeopardized.

Seattle, WA - The Northwest AIDS Foundation is sponsoring 30-second public service TV ads that appeal to Gay men's sense of self esteem and Gay pride to take precautions against HIV

infection. They are expected to run during prime time TV shows. The ads show a series of different men in soft tones while the voiceover says: "He is tall, he is short. He is dark, he is light. He is strong, he is weak. He is sexy, he is shy...He is Gay and he is proud. Ending AIDS begins with pride."

-Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya



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# In Memoriam

# Richard A. Adamczyk

1957-1995

Racine/Kenosha — Richard (Richie) A. Adamczyk, was born into eternal life on January 27, 1995 — after suffering with the AIDS virus. Richard passed away at home the day after his mother's 76th birthday. He was born in Racine on December 26, 1957 and lived there most of his life before moving to Kenosha.

Richard was a very warm, caring, fun-loving type of person who could make you laugh. He was a very family originated person who always — no matter what — somehow managed to attend family functions, and also functions of the Kenosha Chapter of the SE Wisconsin AIDS Project.



Richard A. Adamczyk

Survivors are his mother, Emma Adamczyk (Kenosha); a brother, Bob Adamczyk (Kenosha); nephew Anthony Adamczyk; niece Carrie Adamczyk (Illinois); a good friend, Tom Mielke (Kenosha); several relatives and many dear friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Anton Adamczyk, Jr., and two dear friends, Joel Rachell and Bill Dokins.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 30 at the Maresh Meredith Funeral Home in Racine, with Rev. Father William Burkert officiating. Internment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Racine.

A luncheon of fellowship followed at the home of his cousin Joanna Sholly, and on February 26, a special dinner in the loving memory of Richard was held at the home of his mother and brother.

It's really going to take quite some time to get over losing him, but Richard shall always live in our memories and hearts for ever. Richard is no longer in pain or suffering, he is now at peace and at rest.

"Richard, you will always be remembered, you are very sadly missed very much by your family, relatives and many dear friends.

many dear friends.

"A very special thanks to the folks at SEWAP, and to the hospice; many friends and relatives who were with us in our time of need and being there for Richard. May God bless you all."

# Memorial Ceremony Announced for Malmon

Milwaukee — A memorial ceremony will be held Sunday, April 2 at the Performing Arts Center for well-known, local AIDS activist and Positively HIV columnist, Arnie Malmon. Malmon died February 22 of AIDS at 51.

The memorial ceremony will be from 3-5pm at the PAC's Magin Lounge. Various speakers and friends will be invited to share anecdotes about Arnie.

"It's a memorial celebration because he wanted a party," said his sister, Sunsh Stein of New York City.

Malmon wrote *Positively HIV* for In Step Magazine, was active with the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and was a longtime worker and grants expert for various non-profit organizations.

He was also the director and one of the founders of the Cream City Foundation which supports local Gay organizations and their projects, ranging from health to the arts.

Besides his sister, he left parents, Lee and Morrie Malmon of Ormond Beach, FL; and a brother, Shelly of Fox Point.

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## The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

#### MUSIC

#### Fred Small Has A Big Sound

Milwaukee — Singer/songwriter Fred Small, a longtime champion of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual rights, returns to Milwaukee for a concert on Friday, March 31 at Schlitz Audubon Auditorium. His songs cover a variety of topics, but they have a common theme: they celebrate the goodness and courage of all kinds of people who refuse to bow

down to oppression. Small is a master storyteller who has written such biting anti-homophobia songs as Scott and Jamie about two gay adoptive parents; the uplifting Annie about a Lesbian schoolteacher, and The Marine's Lament or The Pink Peril, a stinging satire of military intolerance. Small also sings out against sexism, able-bodied-ism, consumerism, environmental destruction, and the arms race. His songs can be hilarious, sad, angry or hopeful, and they make for a truly empowering concert. Schlitz Audubon Center Auditorium is located at 1111 E. Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for members). Call 352-2880 for more information...and bring a mug for hot refreshments.

#### A Busy Spring for Wisconsin Cream City Chorus

Milwaukee - The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus is busily preparing for their weekend of festivities beginning with The Gay Concert, a festive Friday, March 31, 8pm show with solo, ensemble and choral performances, plus much more at the Performing Arts Center. On Saturday, WCCC will host an Anniversary Awards Banquet dinner at the Park East Hotel, followed by an April 23 performance for the First Unitarian Society, host of WCCC Wednesday night rehearsals. For info call (414) 344-WCCC.

#### Michael Hedges Is On The Road To Return

Milwaukee - Michael Hedges, the undefinable acoustic guitar virtuoso, is on the road in support of his latest release, The Road To Return. Hedges will perform in Milwaukee's Shank Hall, 1434

N. Farwell, on Sunday, April 2 at 8pm. Since his 1981 Windham Hill debut Breakfast In The Field, Hedges has been heralded as an inspired emissary for acoustic guitar. Hedges was chosen as one of the 100 Top Guitarists of All Time



Gay friendly musician Fred Small will be in Milwaukee this Friday.

in Musician magazine. The Road To Return is the first recording from Hedges in four years and finds the musician in a very reflective mood. For a concert that is well worth the trip, call Shank Hall at (414) 276-7288.

#### Fest City Singers Receive CCF Grant

Milwaukee - Fest City Singers have received a generous grant from the Cream City Foundation that is targeted for their upcoming musical this June. With a new production underway, Fest City is recruiting persons for their Technical and Stage Manager Crews, in addition to, enthusiastic and committed performers. For further information call the Fest Line at (414) 263-SING.

#### **GALLERIES**

#### Et Wa Geshick Presents New Works

Milwaukee - Larry Krueger and Cafe Melange are pleased to present the new works of Et Wa Geshick, better known locally as Dan Clark, at an opening and reception on Saturday, April 1, from 3-5pm, at Cafe Melange, 720 Old World Third Street.

From his oil paintings and stonewood sculptures, to his new paint and styrofoam carvings, Geshik's works have been described as abstract to realism. Geshick, who has lived with the eclectic crowd in Milwaukee's Sydney Hih building since 1990, has shown his work throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. For more information on a show "extravagant imagination and talent," call (414) 291-9889.

#### DANCE

#### **Danceworks Presents** Brenda Daniels and Afro-Cuban Drumming

Milwaukee - New York dancer and choreographer Brenda Daniels brings her solo show to Danceworks, 727 North Milwaukee Street, on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 at 8pm. The program contains three of Daniels' own works: Sweet, set to Bach, Sweet Dumb Love Songs with music by the Platters, Frank Sinatra, and Dinah Washington, and Summer's Half Gone with original music by Marc Farre. Tickets are \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors.

A Multi-Media Performance Benefit featuring Afro-Cuban and Contemporary



NY's Brenda Daniels brings her solo

show to Danceworks April 7-8.

Photo by Robert Barker



Theatre X actor John Kishline plays a politician in their production of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband".

Dance, Poetry and Visuals by Deanna Al-Khateeb, Harvey Taylor, Gwen Hendee and many, many more in an effort to raise medical aid for children in Cuba, on Sunday, April 9 at 3pm. Tickets are \$13.50 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$12 for students and children. For more information on the benefit call (414) 332-7160, and Brenda Daniels performance call Danceworks (414) 276-3191.

#### THEATER

An Ideal Husband Opens April 5

Milwaukee — Theatre X premieres Oscar Wilde's timely comedy An Ideal Husband on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday April 6 at 7:30pm at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway Avenue, and continues its extended run through May 14.

Directed by John Schneider, An Ideal Husband, takes an ardent look at blackmail, deceit, bribery and the inescapability of one's past. At the center of this Oscar Wilde classic is Robert Chiltern, played by John Kishline, a rising politician being extorted for a crime committed early in his career. Robert's predicament provides him with a non-stop string of one-liners and a hilarious battle of the sexes.

Showtimes are Wednesdays and Pay-What-You-Can Thursdays 7:30pm, Fridays and Saturdays 8pm, and Sundays at 2pm.

#### LATE NITE SERIES

Also scheduled is Theatre X Late Night Series which presents Performance Artist extraordinaire, John Gleeson at 11pm on April 8 and 7pm on April 9; Bent, the production that opens the seldom told tragedy of being a homosex@alduring Hitler's reign of horror in Europe, is written by Martin Sherman and directed by Jonathon West, runs April 12-27 at 10:30pm; John and Evaughn High play a night of jazz on April 14 at 11pm and features D'Angelus Grisby for a night of gospel! For single and group tickets call the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office at (414) 278-8898.



# Film

#### "In the Land of the Deaf" Raises Awareness

# Important Film Shows at UWM April 6-8

By Jamakaya

In the Land of the Deaf, an award-winning French documentary that takes viewers, especially hearing people, on a fascinating journey through the world of silence experienced by millions who are deaf, is playing at the UW-Milwaukee Union Theater April 6, 7 and 8. Showtimes are 7pm.

In the Land of the Deaf is not a conventional documentary in which a narrator verbally guides the viewer into some new knowledge of science, history or culture. It is a challenging movie that propels audiences directly into deaf sign language and culture and offers few audible clues as to how to feel or respond to the lives shared and the ideas expressed. It puts hearing people into the position deaf people must often find themselves in, on the outside looking in.

Director Nicolas Philibert has said:
"My idea was to make a film that would immerse the viewer into the world of the deaf, a film whose mother tongue would be sign language. I wanted to give a voice to these people whom we know nothing about and whose system of communication is totally different from ours, to try to see the world through their eyes."

"Beyond the question of "handicapped," what the film emphasizes is the existence of a true deaf culture, which has its own roots, codes, models and customs. This is the culture that I wanted to expose the viewer to, and not in an abstract or theoretical way, but by means of emotions, as a result of the different characters the camera follows, and the several stories the film tells."

In the Land of the Deaf is highly recommended to anyone who wants to learn more about deaf people, and is likely to teach them about their own senses and perceptions as well.

The UW-M Union Theater is located on the second floor of the Student Union at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. General admission is \$4, students pay \$3. For further information, call (414) 229-4070.

# Catching Up with Lesbian "Sex Radical" Writer Dorothy Allison

By Owen Keehnen

Dorothy Allison began her writing career with a collection of poetry called The Women Who Hate Me. Her next effort, the short story collection of Trash won two Lambda Literary Awards in 1989. In 1992, her first novel Bastard Out of Carolina was a finalist for the National Book Award. Firebrand Books has just published Skin: Talking About Sex, Class and Literature. It is a powerful, passionate and diverse collection of essays about her upbringing and family, her lifelong feminist activism, her status as a Lesbian sex radical, and her life as a writer and Souther expatriate with attitude.

Ms. Allison is a popular lecturer and teacher and was an editor of Out/Look from 1988-1990 as well as a keynote speaker at the OutWrite '92 conference. Dorothy currently lives in the Russian River area of Northern California with her partner Alix and her son Wolf Michael.

Recently I had the chance to speak with Dorothy about **Skin** and some of her most urgent convictions. She's direct, down to earth, funny, warm and smart. It was a great thrill talking to her.

Owen: Skin is a great collection of essays. Do you have a favorite?

Dorothy: It varies depending on the time of the month. I have weird feelings regarding the whole book. I look at it and see a decade for me. I read it and become overwhelmed. I think partly it was seeing all that happened that at the time I was too busy to notice.

You speak of the stigma and shame of class and situation. How do you explain your ability to overcome it?

Neurosis.

Overachiever?

Yeah, compensation. It's also a particular attitude that's encouraged in my family. In my family the attitude that gets you through is a kind of contempt for the rest of the world and it's expectations. You're so used to being castigated and assaulted that you don't pay too much attention to anything anyone says. It's a strength with built in flaws, because you don't listen to anything either.

How does it effect expression?

It forces you to. I'm just old enough

now that I'm beginning to notice that not everyone has this drive for self revelation or examination that I got as part of the package from my family.

Would you consider that same drive the basis for your radical and activist roots as well?

I think so, but it mutated in me because I'm a Lesbian and I happened to be born into the particular time. It's as though being queer gives you this certain perspective that when you meld it with that working class outrage is really powerful. Now it also leads half of us to drink and drugs and self destruction.

# POOR PEOPLE, QUEERS AND SOUTHERN WOMEN

You've said your goal in fiction is to enlighten. What do you want people to recognize about poor people,



#### queers and southern women?

That we're human. I think we become infinitely complicated caricatures. We are either caricatures of contempt or that "oh you are so strong" thing, and that's contemptible, too. We're always seen through that filter of other people's fear and expectations.

As a founding member of The Lesbian Sex Mafia, self proclaimed sexual outlaw, dildo user, butch/femme embracer, and leather fetishist, what do you feel is important in being outspoken regarding Lesbian sex?

The fact that the world doesn't know it exists. It is absolutely true that one of the things I had to struggle with my family about was that they thought I was a Lesbian because I didn't like sex! This is what my younger sisters told me about their notions of what a Lesbian was. All the Lesbian sex magazines and stuff put out in the past couple years still hasn't basically changed that. They still have these incredibly arcane notions of who Lesbians are. I'm convinced middle America thinks we are either Sandra Bernhard fucking Madonna or we are the school teacher who doesn't have sex at all, but lives very quietly with the librarian and their cats. There are these two images with no middle ground. I'm just interested in making plain that we're as sexual and complicated as anyone else.

Do you see a difference between erotica and pornography or is it marketing?

There's no difference. It's a matter of class and in the past decade of politics. Ironically I think Lesbian sex has been historically considered upper class, at least in the traditional mind. The only Lesbians they knew were Emily Dickinson, and she wasn't doing it; or Gertrude and Alice, and no one could imagine them doing it; or Natalie Barney and I don't know if they thought she did it but they were sure that during she swore in French if she did.

Were you surprised by your National Book Award nomination for "Bastard Out of Carolina?"

Oh God yes. Out of nowhere. I was devastated totally, really unnerved.

#### **VELVET & RHINESTONES**

Did you have fun at the banquet?

I had a great time. I took my agent and we dressed up. I made my dress. We went in velvet and rhinestones and got drunk on champagne and had a perfectly wonderful time. My girlfriend, who couldn't get a ticket to get inside, was in the bar outside waiting so we celebrated afterwards. We went back to the hotel Dutton paid for and ran up a room service bill that would daunt even me. We were ordering oysters and BBQ wings at 4am. It was wonderful.

Has the trauma of incest lessened from fictionally venting it in "Bastard Out of Carolina?"

By the time I wrote it I'd already got it in a different place. I couldn't have written the book if I hadn't already worked through a lot of the healing. I know I couldn't because I know what my book Trash is like and I see the difference between it and Bastard.

Most of "Trash," your short story collection, you said was written in rage, and most of "Bastard" from grief. What is the emotional core of your second novel, "Cavedweller," due from Dutton in 1995?

Understanding. The core of Cavedweller is the relationship between two sisters who hate each other. The other theme is this young woman who, through the course of the novel, develops a sexual consciousness. So, it's a book of coming to understanding.

What do you think is the basic ingredient of good fiction?

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**Author Dorothy Allison** 

Real characters, and then language. I'm a sucker for really beautiful language. I need people I can believe in, then to take me over the top I need people who will take your breath away.

Do you have a first memory of wanting to be a writer?

Yeah around puberty, but it went away pretty fast. I didn't know anybody who was a writer and I didn't know how to be one. I didn't believe anyone like me could be something like that, mostly because we were so poor.

If it weren't for writing what do you think you would have done?

I planned on being a history teacher, that's what I would have been if the world worked the way I thought it did. Then puberty came along, and then the women's movement came along. As a writer I'm a storyteller and that's exactly how I see history, as a series of fascinating stories.

Coming from your painful past, what are you and your partner Alix trying to instill in your young son Wolf Michael?

It's overwhelming. What we talk about is we really want him to feel secure and loved since both of us missed some of that. I got some from my mother, and what little I got saved me, so I'm making damn sure he feels a really strong and supportive family behind him. Also we're trying to connect him. My sister had come to visit, we're trying to develop a relationship between him and his daddy donor. We want him to feel he has a place in the world that's solid and real.

## Books

#### 7th Annual Lambda Literary Awards Finalists Named

#### Lammy Picks Show Gay Men & Lesbians Joining Forces

Washington, DC - Is it possible to speak of Gay men and Lesbian women as a community? If this year's crop of Lambda Literary Award finalists is any indication, the answer is yes

Four out of the five books selected the Gay & Lesbian Non-fiction Anthology category this year included writing by both men and women. Similarly, two of the Fiction Anthology nominees contained writing by both Gay men and Lesbians, while at least three out of the five Photography/Visual arts nominees took broad glances at the entire community. (We're not quite sure how to describe the genders represented in Masked Culture, which depicts Greenwich Villages annual Halloween parade.)

The nominees for the NON-FICTION ANTHOLOGY include Sister and Brother edited by Joan Nestle and John Preston, One Teacher in Ten edited by Kevin Jennings, Out of the Class Closel edited by Julia Penelope, Long Road to Freedom edited by Mark Thompson, and The Queer Reader edited by Patrick Higgins

FICTION ANTHOLOGY finalists are Chloe Plus Olivia edited by Lillian Faderman, Men on Men 5 edited by David Bergman, High Risk 2 edited by Ira Silverberg and Amy Scholder, The Very Inside edited by Sharon Lim-Hing, and Lavender Mansions edited by Irene Zahava. The nominees in PHOTOGRAPHY/ VISUAL ARTS are Family by Nancy Andrews, Out in America by Out Magazine, Masked Culture by Jack Kugelmass, Long Road to Freedom edited by Mark Thompson, and The Art of the Male Nude by Jim French

The increasing number of Gay and Lesbians books directed teenagers is seen in this year's CHILDREN'S/YOUNG ADULT category, where four of the five finalists were aimed at the young adult market. Debut fiction made a strong showing in both Gay Men's and Lesbian categories, including House Rules by Heather Lewis, Chelsea Girls by Eileen Myles, Stir Fry by Emma Donoghue,

Cultural Revolution by Norman Wong, American Studies by Mark Merlis, and Sacred Lips of the Bronx by Doug Sadownick. Joining these newcomers on the fiction list were The Dyke and the Dybbuk by Ellen Galford, an American writer now living in Scotland, and Gifts of the Body by Rebecca Brown, a British writer now living in the Pacific Northwest, the Folding Star by the English writer Alan Hollinghurst, whose Swimming Pool Library won a Lammy at the first annual banquet in 1988, and Nightswimmer by Joseph Olshan, whose novel Clara's Heart became a major motion picture starring Whoopi Goldberg.

The list of nominees also provides a sad reminder of the devastation the AIDS epidemic is visiting upon the Gay community. Nominees John Boswell (Same Sex Unions...), Paul Monette (Last Watch of the Night, West of Yesterday, East of Summer), and David Feinberg (Queer and Loathing) have all died in the past year.

A large number of this year's finalists were recognized in more than one category. Paul Monette was nominated three times, while Ellen Galford, Dorothy Allison, Sapphire, Lillian Faderman, Mabel Maney, Thompson and the Canadian writer's collective Kiss and Tell were

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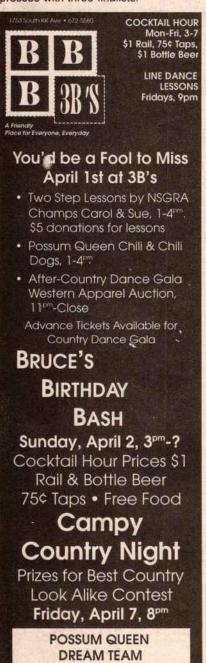
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nominated twice.

The sold-out attendance at last year's banquet was a solid measure of the depth of interest in Gay and Lesbian publishing," said L. Page "Deacon" Maccubbin, publisher of the Lambda Book Report, which sponsors the award. "This year's outpouring of books reflects the undiminished strength of the Gay and Lesbian book boom.

Penguin USA remained a strong force in Gay and Lesbian publishing, having a total of 11 nominees, followed by St. Martin's Press, with 8 nominees and HarperCollins with seven. Alyson Publications led the Gay and Lesbian presses with three finalists.



The Lambda Literary Awards have a three tier selection process. A list of nominees is assembled from ballots sent in by readers: this year, nearly 400,000 ballots were distributed nationwide. The more than 500 books nominated were narrowed down to five finalists in each category by a finalist committee that included Gay and Lesbian book professionals, members of the Lesbian and Gay press and the staff of the Lambda Book Report. Ninety-eight judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire Lesbian and Gay literary community, will select a single book in each category from among the finalists.

Award recipients will be announced at a gala banquet at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, IL on Friday, June 2 during the American booksellers Association Convention.

For further information about the awards program or banquet tickets, please contact Lambda Book Report, 1625 Connecticut Avenue. Washington, DC 20009-1013 or phone the Lammy's Line at (202) 462-7924.

#### Raymond Murray Hits Town in April

"Images in the Dark". Multi-Media Presentation

Milwaukee - Raymond Murray, author of Images in the Dark: An Encyclopedia of Gay & Lesbian Film & Video and American Library Association Book Award nominee continues his international book tour and will be in Milwaukee April 14.



Mr. Murry will make an appearance at AfterWords, 2710 North Murray, and will also be a showing a 20-minute video on Gay and Lesbian images in film.

Images in the Dark has captured this explosion of new Gay and Lesbian cinema which has seen the release of such popular recent films as Go Fish and Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, both soon to be on video.

Raymond Murray will begin his fascinating presentation at 7:30pm. Please come early, seating will be limited. As usual this event is free and open to the public. Free popcorn will be provided.

#### Submissions by Fems Sought for Anthology

Madison - FEM: An Anthology of Lesbian Sexuality and GenderIdentity, edited by Lynnie Levy and Jade River, is seeking submissions from fems and the women who love them. Send SASE for more information to the address below.

Submissions should be 250 to 5,000 words — typed, double spaced or on 3.5 disc formatted for Mac. Please list application in writing and include a printout of your submission. If you would like your work returned, please enclose an appropriately sized and stamped selfaddressed envelope.

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# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

The sun is out, the temperatures are climbing, and the spring flowers are up several inches. All good signs that Spring is actually here. The actual date of Spring is long past, but the reality of Spring in Wisconsin is now catching up to the calendar.

I'm still not sure what to think about the first "Building Community" reception sponsored by the Cream City Foundation and the Milwaukee AIDS Project. It's a bit embarrassing because they're going to honor me. It puts me in a strange situation and I'm not sure how to deal with it. There is an ad in this issue explaining what this is all about, and there will be an article in the next issue of In Step. Anyway, the lowdown is, on April 30, there is going to be a reception at Renaissance Place with live music, hors d'oeuvres and lots of mingling. You're all invited to attend. There is no cover charge or donation fee so it can be open to all in the community. Hope to see you all there! (And please remember, I'm deaf in my right ear, so if you come up to talk to me, and I am ignoring you, it's probably because you're on my deaf side. I've been accused of being aloof and worse

because of this handicap, but rest assured, that's not the way I am!)

Please, please VOTE in the upcoming state wide elections. We have endorsements for the State Supreme Court race, as well as some other races. They appear under "Viewpoint" in this issue.

Please join me in welcoming numerous new advertisers to the pages of In Step. Our Special Feature Sections, which we started the first of the year, have really proven to be popular. In past years, we did feature issues only for things like Pridefest, HIT and The Milwaukee Classic. In an effort to broaden the magazine's offerings and advertising base (which pays the bills) we now have a more diverse group of advertisers who are becoming aware of the value of our community. Gays and Lesbians have always preferred to spend money in Gay-friendly businesses. Our money is green, and we spend more freely than other target audiences.

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When Irish Eyes are smiling, the bartenders at Kathy's are kept busy.

The recently released *The Sum of Us* will have a special Wisconsin Premiere on April 18, 7:30pm, at the Downer Theatre. The film will open two days later, so only 250 tickets will be available for this PrideFest benefit. Tickets are \$10 in advance (hopefully none will be left) \$12 at-the-door. Because this is a Samuel Goldwyn film,





and the Downer is also owned by Goldwyn, we only have to pay the theatre a \$300 rental fee. That means if all 250 seats are sold at \$10 each, a total of \$2,500 would be raised. Taking the \$300 rental fee off of that, PrideFest should get \$2,200 from this benefit.

Be cool! Be one of the first on your block to see the film, which is "not your typical father and son story". The film has received great reviews. It features a straight, lonely widower dad who is very loving and supportive of his Gay son, and his son's lover that it borders on disbelief (this guy is just toooo nice!). See the full page ad in this issue for all the poop on tickets, etc.

GOSSIP: As of last Friday, as I was writing this column, I received a phone call from an anonymous source that Vice President AI Gore will be the special guest host of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. The gossip was going to be disclosed at the Make A Promise Dinner held this past Sunday (after our deadline).

#### **BAR STUFF**

I Remember You IV, the Ginger Spice Memorial Show that benefits the Milwaukee AIDS Project's art therapy program every year was a sell-out at Club 219 on March 13. (I wish they would start the show at 9pm instead of the 11:30 advertised starting time. Some of older types have to work the next morning and the show wasn't over until right before bar time!) \$2,218 was raised and the entertainment was top rate. The 219 Girls finally remembered how to do production numbers (that Ginger insisted be a part of their regular shows) and the audience loved it. Special guests former Miss Gay Continental, our own Mimi Marx; the current Miss Gay Continental, Cezanne; and Ruby Red — all big stars at the Baton in Chicago, worked those pumped up and hormoned bodies to the 'T". BJ's impersonation of Ginger doing a number in one of Ginger's original gowns and headdress was eerily right

St. Patrick's day in Milwaukee is Bushmills, beer, corned beef, beer, shots of whatever, and more beer. There were people that were totally out of it by 3 in the afternoon. No parade controversy here! We don't have time to do it because we're partying... at the Ballgame (which was also celebrating their 22nd anniversary) Rick, his staff, and all the well wishers had a great time with the homemade Irish food, drink, and the sing-a-longs. (If I never hear When Irish eyes are smiling... again, I'll be happy!) The Ballgame is THE traditional place to go to celebrate. Congrats to Rick, his Mom and friendly staff on yet another year in business!

There were plenty of other Green oriented events:

HIT's Rita Bowl was a scream as always! This HIT benefit features things like blindfolded bowling, bowling through your legs, and other bizarre contortions and craziness.

The Blue Lite, Allegre, Just Us, Rod's, The New Bar, and Kathy's Nut Hut all hosted themed parties.

The Boot Camp hosted the Wisconsin Leather Men's Association's bar night, and Dino's Dancers did everything But an Irish jig during their Club 219 performance.

during their Club 219 performance.

On Saturday the 18th, The Club 94
Follies Girls celebrated their anniversary together with a show at Club 94, featuring mostly performers who appeared in their first show, and their recently crowned Miss 94, Ladybell. In the middle of the show, a surprise birthday cake was brought out for one of the stars (Randy) who tried to blow out the trick candles as the cake was being brought to a table. It never made it to the table. It was dropped it on the floor. (Randy allegedly was seen after hours on his knees, licking the spot where the cake fell.)

Rod's held their zany full moon/ lights out party (always a treat... talk about howling at the moon!). Soul Mates, the date-matching service, presented an After St. Pat's Day affair with live entertainment, games, dancing, and prizes at 3B's.

The big weekend event was Mama Roux's 1st anniversary celebration

featuring a variety of live music by *The Ghillies*. A packed house enjoyed themselves, and congratulated Jim, his partner and staff on future years of service to the community.

My Friday afternoon March 24th deadline doesn't allow coverage of C'est La Vie's Marilyn Monroe look alike contest. With a \$250 first prize, rest assured, they had numerous contestants!

My wishes to Dominique Mahon and Lisa Spencer for speedy recoveries. Friends brought Sydney (Lisa) back home to Milwaukee from up in Minneapolis so he could be with friends and family. Dominique (Danny) was in the hospital as I write this.

The weekly Sunday night *Tribal Dance Party* at **dance** features two DJ's — Slim and Schooly — and Tonya working the lights. **Grubbs Pub/ La Grill** is now open and serving food again from 9pm-3am Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday; 9pm-4am Friday and Saturday.



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Mama Roux owner Jim celebrated the bars first anniversary with friends and staff.



The Ghillies performed their own funky sounds at Mama Roux during the anniversary celebration.



An appreciative crowd packed the bar. Photo by Jeff Butler



The Club 94 Follies Girls celebrated their anniversary with a special show.



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## Calendar

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Club 219 (Milw): Lily White's Talent Show, 11pm.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Club 219 (Milw): Stallions Male Dancers.

The Gay Concert (Milw): A Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. presentation. 8pm, tickets \$8 advance or \$10 door, available at PAC Box Office (414) 273-7206.

Just Us (Milw): Premiere of No Cover Fridays, DJ music and dancing, 9:30close, requests taken. C'est La Vie (Milw): Alvin's Birthday Party & Show.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Country Dance Gala (Milw): Benefit for the Gay & Lesbian programs at The Counseling Center. Dancing, instruction, raffles, merchants. Performances by dance groups. 7:30pm-12:30am, Milwaukee Art Museum. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10

Frontiers (Madison): Gay Resorts and Travel video, 8pm. FMI call (608) 258-8138.

Just Us (Milw): "Yippie-I-Oh!" Country Line Dancing and Two Step party now every Sunday from 5-9pm. No cover. Boogie for free — no cover. DJ 9:30-close every Saturday, with your requests.

3B's (Milw): Two Step lessons by the

NSGRA champs, 1-4pm, \$5 donation for lessons. Possum Queen Chili 1-4pm. After Dance Gala Western Apparel auction, 11-close.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

GMDG's Movie Night (Milw):

"Midnight Cowboy" at The Counseling Center, \$3 donation, soda & popcorn provided. FMI call Bill at (414) 271-2565.

"Sunday Night Out": WTSO AM1070 (Madison), Info on upcoming election, Lesbian comedienne Suzanne Westenhoeffer and author James Earl Hardy, 6-8pm.

Just Us (Milw): 9pm, Benefit Show and party for Lisa Spencer, former Miss Gay WI, \$3 cover.

3B's (Milw): Bruce's Birthday Bash, 3pm, cocktail hour, prizes, free food!



The reigning Miss Continental, Cezanne.



Former Miss Continental and home girl Mimi Marks.





BJ Daniels recreated the look of Ginger Spice in a Spice gown and headdress during Club 219's "I Remember You MAP benefit.

Photos by James Taylor



The 219 Girls in a production number at the benefit show.

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Board of Directors open meeting. Call for location, (414) 499-5533.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

La Cage (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 10pm-1am. Frontiers (Madison): Bicycling and Summer biking trips planning, 7pm. FMI call (608) 244-8675.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

St. Camillus AIDS Ministry (St. Francis): When The Faith of Our "Fathers" is Not Enough. Facilitator: William F. Cronin, O.S. Cam., MSW, LSW Priest/Psychotherapist. All invited to

attend, no fee. FMI call (414) 481-3696.

CAIR Research Conference: "Acculturation Into the Gay Community and Risk Reduction," 3-4:30pm. Franklin Building, 1249 North Franklin, Milw. FMI call (414) 287-4680.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Just Us (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 8-11pm.

3B's (Milw): Campy Country Night. Prizes for best country look alike contest, 8pm.

Za's (Green Bay): Puppeteer/Impressionist Jerry Halliday, Live from Vegas. Jerry and his characters perform at 10:30pm

Club 219 (Milw): Body Sweat, 10pm.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

AfterWords (Milw): Poet & Short Story writer Darrell g.h. Schramm, 1pm. Free and open to the public. I/D Madison: Palm Sunday Eucharist and Social Hour. St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, 7:30pm.

Frontiers (Madison): Help plan '95's activities. Lunch and planning begins at 11. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

Sunday Night Out (Madison): WTSO 1070AM Radio; 6-8pm, guest: authors Michael Willhoyote and Joan Nestle. Wreck Room (Milw): Oberon's Club Night, 10pm-1am. Spring Fever Raffles.

GLEEMM Meeting (Milw): The Gay Lesbian Educational Employees of Metro Milwaukee features discussion on educational and advocacy issues, 2pm. Bring a dish to pass and own beverages. Food at 2, meeting at 2:30pm.

St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Palm (Passion)

Sunday, 10am Solemn High Mass with distribution of palms.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 10

GALVAnize (Madison): Meeting for July 16 March in Madison. FMI call Ben (608) 256-4289 or Maria at (608) 259-

AfterWords (Milw): Book Club discusses Christopher Coe's novel Such Times at 7:30pm.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

"In The Life" Special Screening: The LAMM Education Fund will sponsor a special screening & reception for In the Life producers John Catania and Charles Ignacio. Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 North 4th, 3rd Floor Training Center 7pm. Refreshments provided. The premiere screening of In. the Life's April edition will be shown, and the producers also wish to discuss filming a story on Milwaukee in May to be aired in June. No charge, all welcome.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Just Us (Milw): Dance to the Salsa Beat, 8pm-midnight. These will be held monthly, no cover.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

St. Camillus AIDS Ministry (St. Francis): Caring For Ourselves: Preventing Caregiver Burnout. Facilitator: Sandra Stearns, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing, St. Camillus Health Center. 7pm. All invited to attend. FMI call (414) 481-3696. CAIR Research Conference: "Moving Science from the Journal to the Program," 3-4pm, 1249 North Franklin. FMI call (414) 287-4680.

I/D Madison: Maundy Thursday Seder. FMI call (608) 277-

St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Maundy Thursday, 7pm, Solemn High Mass with Altar of Repose. Club 219 (Milw): Lily White's Talent Show, 11pm.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

AfterWords (Milw): Author Raymond Murray brings his multimedia presentation on Queer Cinema. Murray is the author of the recently released Images in the Dark. See "Books" for details

Sass (Green Bay): Chicago vocalist Juddi Lowe, 10pm, \$3 Cover.

St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Good Friday, 1pm Solemn Divine Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord Jesus

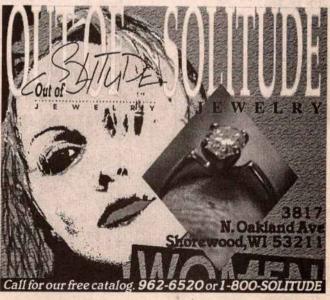
Club 219 (Milw): The Greek Gods dance for you!

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Holy Saturday, 11pm First Mass of Easter with lighting of the New Fire. Club 94 (Kenosha): The Greek Gods travel to Kenosha to strut their stuff.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

I/D Madison: Easter Sunday Eucharist, 7:30, St. Francis Allegre (Madison): 1st Annual Easter Bash, drink specials from noon-on. Raffles and prizes, hors d'oeuvres and chili. Sass (Green Bay): Easter Egg Hunt, 5pm-? Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Bonnet Contest, Easter Sunday M&M Club (Milw): Serving Easter Brunch & Dinner. St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Easter Sunday, 10am Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Resurrection.



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By Ron Geiman

In the last ten years, I've done work on my apartment twice, and the office three times. I've learned plenty. I've wallpapered, painted until I thought my wrist would stiffen up (it's still limp), patched and puttied, and built or bought plenty of home decor items. I've become a do-it -yourselfer and that's cool.

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Smaller hardware stores can be a boon of information, too. Some of the grizzled veteran clerks have worked there for years and have answers for everything. It is wise to harvest some of their information by developing a relationship with that particular store and clerk. It's even better than having a personal

I don't know about you, but just walking into a well stocked hardware store used to scare me. I didn't know the right names of the things I wanted, and thought the clerks would laugh at me. They don't anymore! I still refer to do-hickeys and thing-a-ma-bobs, and with a little bit of acting out and body language, I can now convey to the clerk what I want. Hardware stores that used to be intimidating are now a cherished shopping expedition!

Many of the super stores offer everything from hardware to wallpaper, knock down furniture to carpeting, tile to lighting fixtures, and more. I often get ideas just by walking up and down all the aisles. You never know just what you'll find, or what ideas will be born in your little old brain.

Some stores have interior designers or specialists to serve as resources for do-it-yourself projects and educate you on how to install it. Most of the major manufacturers of these products offer clear, step-bystep instructions, so with a tiny bit of luck, you can get great results. (Trust me...)

When selecting things like lighting fixtures, ceiling fans and

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other items, the clerks will be glad to help out. Your main job is to know what kind of effect you want to achieve, what the decor theme is for that particular room, and whether it will work for you. I suggest if you want to purchase wall sconces for instance, that you go to several lighting supply dealers first, see what's available, and then look for sales while you try to visualize those new sconces in your room. Only then do you go back and make your purchase. And you can bet the week after you make your purchase, the exact item you really, really wanted

will show up somewhere, on sale! It's just the way things are...

There are dozens of do-ityourself videos, books and TV
shows available to help guide you.
Make use of them! Or, if your best
friend is someone like my friend, Joe
Koch, who was a professional
handyman, and if you're nice, you
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If you rent and your landlord just can't see spending big bucks to replace the kitchen cabinets or flooring that you don't particularly

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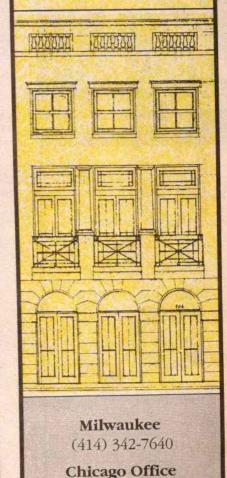


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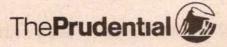
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like, then you have to deal with what is there, and work around it. You can change the lighting fixtures and paint and other things to get the look you desire. You can pull the eye away from and de-emphasize the things you don't like. Warning: keep all the original fixtures that you



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Painting is the simplest thing you can do and thus the most popular. I'd stay away from using gloss or semi-gloss paints anywhere except for woodwork, kitchens, and possibly bathrooms. Use only latex paints. How often are you going to actually wash walls — it's easier to paint! Before you paint any glossy surfaces you have to prepare it by sanding or other means. I always use the chemical TSP (available in the paint department) to wash the gloss off in one step.

There are now latex versions of paint that traditionally demanded oil-based paint on places like cement floors and exterior work. Shiny finishes show all the imperfections in a wall, so stick with flat latex paint whenever you can. There are plenty of new and exciting colors out now, so take carpet, drapery and other color samples with you to find the right color blend for your needs.

When I moved into my flat 11 years ago, it was painted entirely in white. Since then I've re-painted twice, and both times I swore it would be my last. Purchase of the paint (usually the landlord will cover the cost of the paint) was the cheapest item of all. It was all the

stuff that you needed to do the job (or prepare for it) that ran up the bill. That, and all your effort and time. Drop cloths, brushes, rollers, paint trays, blue masking tape (use only the blue kind, it's the best!), clean up supplies and lots of sweat aren't reimbursed by many landlords.

Buy good brushes and other supplies, and make sure you clean them immediately after use so the next time you go to paint, you'll have most of the supplies you'll need except for the new color of paint! The only reason I can see to have texture added to your paint is to cover up imperfections. If your walls are smooth, and you've done a decent job patching holes and sanding, the texture isn't needed. I think it acts as a dust catcher and won't use it if I can help it.

In that same 10 year period, I've been involved in 3 major projects at the In Step office. We had to paint and do several other minor projects before we opened our doors. Then 4 years ago it was a few other minor projects and a fresh coat of paint. (It's a miracle what having your miniblinds professionally cleaned can do to your view out the window!)

Currently at the office we (Joe & I) are two thirds through a move across the hall to all new space. It's been going on whenever we have the spare time to work on it (between issues) for the last five weeks. It started with the ceiling, which is an old hammered tin ceiling that was badly in need of a paint job. We borrowed a friends power

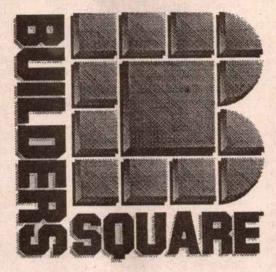
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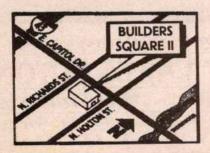
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spray gun, got an attachment that allows you to stray straight up, and went to work. We used a latex based specialty gloss for metal. It covered well, but it was a dripping mess.

The office has been the most major project I've ever taken on...

It started off with an exploratory dig of the decrepit walls in the main (front) office. Our investigation as to "what's under that stuff that pretends to be a wall" found that the top layer was some kind of cross between heavy cardboard and the thinnest wall board imaginable. You could see the wall bowed between every stud it was nailed to. There were spots that looked like they were punched in and you could see all the nailheads.

Our investigation showed that these were mounted to 1x2 furring strips that were mounted to the old crumbling plaster beneath. We then decided to rip down a small section, and quickly decided we'd ask my landlord for suggestions. He agreed we should completely remove the bogus wallboard and install all new drywall. He knew it would be a major improvement and agreed to pay for the drywall, and had a person come in to install and "mud" the seams, and do most of the sanding and caulking

It's not really something you'd want to take on by yourself. It's also the dirtiest job I've ever been around. We were very careful, but the sanding dust found its way into and onto everything. Take out everything you can from the area and seal off all doors, etc. with plastic tarps so the dust doesn't float throughout the entire building. Then, after you've done all the sanding, thoroughly brush or wipe down the walls, and vacuum the floor. Don't use water, it makes a nasty paste. I found through trial and error, that Tack Cloths are going to be your best friend at this point. Go over the walls with one of these and you'll get up the last of the dust.

The next step is to treat the drywall with a PVA sealant. This reltively cheap product (\$8 a gallon) covers the drywall with a sealant barrier so when you apply the actual paint it isn't sucked right into the wall. You'll get double the coverage and have to do less coats. Even with the sealant, I prefer doing two coats



of paint for unblemished coverage.

When we stripped the walls, we also removed all the moldings, baseboard and door frames. They were all nicked up and were a variety of styles. Shopping for new moldings can be fun, and expensive. Depending on what look you want moldings can cost anywhere from under a \$1 (up to the Big Numbers)

per linear foot. Some come presealed, others are raw wood. You decide whether you paint them with flat or semi-gloss; the same color as the walls, or a contrasting color.

Finishing touches could include new wall plates for your switches outlet coverings: window treatments; and while you're at it, if there is a door that faces outside, replace the insulating trim strip at the bottom. We were lucky. Our windows in the new office are the same size as the windows in the old office. Our shutters and custom made aluminum mini-blinds would fit just fine. I dropped off the blinds to a professional cleaning company. They do a better job at cleaning than you and I could ever do! They even clean all the cords, and make repairs if necessary.

If you're going to be replacing some of your furniture, again, coordinate it with all your other decisions so you don't end up with a visual hodge podge. If you can't afford, or don't need new furniture, then decorate around what you've

got!

The new office has a second office behind the new one. It was rehabbed several years ago, so all we had to do was patch and paint.

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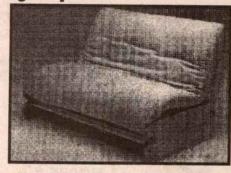
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By Carmen A. Murguia

When you think of Prairie design what comes to mind? A Frank Lloyd Wright home where space and light meet harmoniously or an erect signature chair with precise lines and fine attention to

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Until now, Bruce has had a silent following of his work proudly displayed in private and corporate collections, including several Wright designed homes, and a limited edition sojii screen designed for my partner and I in unison with our home. Currently that sojii screen and a lighting design are on display at The Silver Paper Gallery, 217 North Broadway, Milwaukee, (414) 273-7737.

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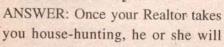


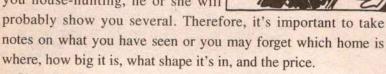
# REAL ESTATE UPDATE

David Chester
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# **Juicy Bits**

By W.W. Wells III

# Are You "Too Gay?"

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- 1. You were real excited about Michael Jordan's basketball comeback, but only because you love the way he looks in basketball shorts and have embarrassing fantasies about him throwing homeruns while wearing nothing but his Air Jordan's and a Nike cockring.
  - 2. The message on your answering

machine sounds like a seduction scene from a bad porno film, with you doing your best to be the Gay Barry White while a cheesy Whitney Houston cut off the Bodyguard soundtrack plays in the background.

- You just got your nipple pierced and can't wait to get to parade it around the gym, but first you've got to show your mother.
- You think you know how to run a Gay bar better than anyone in town and you're only 16-years old.
- 5. Your pornography collection takes up more room in your bedroom closet than your clothes. You decide it's a better investment to take our special fire insurance than save money for your retirement.
- 6. You bought a personal computer and joined American On Line because you heard it was a great place to cruise for hot men. Since then you spent three days trying to come up with a sexy handle that will attract 19-year old Gay boyz and now spend your nights staring at your computer, waiting to hear, "You've got mail!"
- You've joined a 12-step support group for people who say "fabulous" way too many times a day.

8. Your VCR is programmed to tape Bay Watch, Melrose Place, Martha Stewart and all Madonna videos on MTV.

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- 9. You have memorized the entire Clinique, Clairol and Paul Mitchell product line and you are not a hairdresser, make-up artist or a member of a drag queen's entourage.
- 10. Your dinner party guests end up discussing the pros and cons of a recent Martha Stewart project, the discussion turns nasty and you throw them out, sending their "Pie Kit" hostess present flying out the door after them. Later, you cross them off your Christmas card list and start a nasty rumor about them on the internet.
- 11. You honestly believe this rumor about the Keanu Reeves marriage to David Geffen even though the whole thing sounds remarkably similar to the old story about Rock Hudson marrying Gomer Pyle. You've also been visited by space aliens and believe that if Keanu ever gets divorced he will marry you.
- 12. You have perfected the ability to name drop better than a special Oscar episode of Entertainment Tonight. In fact, you can mention Barbra Streisand, Greg Louganis, Jeff Stryker, OJ Simpson and Ru Paul all in the same

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coherent sentence while clearly giving the impression you've had meaningful personal encounters with each of them.

- You cut yourself shaving and now the Bandaids on your legs are really starting to itch.
- 14. You love to gossip and phoned all your friends when you heard OJ's attorney Robert Shapiro has a new strategy that if OJ is found guilty he plans to whip out a roll of Mentos and give the smug little Mentos smile. Judge Ito will then be forced into the patented Mentos "you swarmy little bastard, but you're carrying Mentos so I'll let you get away with your misdeeds" laugh.
- 15. You are tested for HIV every two months and managed to work your negative status into the first sentence of every conversation you have with an attractive man you're interested in.

(Of course there is no cure for excess Gayness, although some have suggested turning queer might help.)

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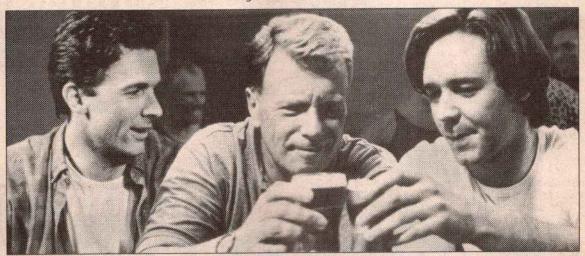
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# Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

### One of the Girls.

(Warning: Tough TS material to follow. Not for the

oversensitive. Or maybe it will be.)

I admit it. I haven't a clue what it's like to be transgendered (TG) or trans-sexual (TS). I don't even know what the politically correct terms are. And up until recently, I haven't cared to do a lot of exploring.

Oh, sure, I gave lip service (uh... let me rephrase that), paid nominal attention to who they were, and what they were doing on my rainbow flag ... right after the bi-people, but that's another column. I tried to be politically tolerant. Believed

I was. Wanted to be.

But my interactions to TS/ TG's, were purposely at arm's length. And TS/TG Lesbians really have me confused.

(Okay, lemme see if I've got this: You're a biological guy, rights. And you think that nature made a boo-boo during the androgen wash twelve weeks prenatal. Uh-huh, So you know they made you stand in the wrong chromosome line, and you wanna change lanes. Right. That part, I got. Go on. You're... uh... not interested in guys as partners, because that would be homosexual, and you're not Gay that way. Okay. But. waitaminute. You're really interested in women, which would have been okay when you were a guy, but now that you're a woman, you want to join yet another oppressed minority because secretly... you're really a Lesbian trapped in a man's body.) Oh my.

If you thought you were confused, imagine their

dilemma.

And, another thing, I know it is purely biological bias. but it has always seemed to me that if you have lived in a man's body for as long as it takes to get to be TS/TG'd, you kind of pick up the lingo, if you know what I mean. The sensibilities

Well, think of this as my assault on the silence. I want to introduce you to a new friend I just met, keyboard-tokeyboard. She's joined a group of Lesbian electronic pen-pals on the Internet, and outted herself to the group in such moving ways that I wanted to share her with you. I've never met her face-to-face, and maybe that's important, because so much of our bias is visual, so many of us build brick walls of appearance which never let us get to the see the person behind them. I'm sharing her words with her permission, because maybe you. like me, never looked closely enough at some of the other

people who march in our parades.

"I am 42 and a med student. While many would consider me a lipstick Lesbian, I am very out. What I am not generally out about (except at school where I transitioned, and with close friends) is that I was diagnosed as TS. I say "diagnosed" because I do not identify as a transsexual or an intersex; I identified first as a girl and later as a woman. To me, TS and intersex are simply labels for medial conditions, birth defects, which are being corrected. I dislike being labeled as TS because I do not wish to be treated as an escapee from Geraldo based on preconceived notions other than being treated as the person I am. It bothers me to be labeled as a medical condition; after all, people are not usually labeled as heart attacks or cancers. While I do not deny my 'status,' neither do I normally disclose. The question simply does not arise since I am perceived and treated as the person I am, a middle aged professional woman.

'In response to the matter of having lived as a 'man': If it can be said that an actress has the history of the role which she portrayed, then I suppose it could be said that I have the history of a 'man.' It sure does not feel that way to me though. I awoke each morning for over four decades, knowing who I was, feeling that I had to play the game another day and

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wondering if I had the strength to go on, in order to survive I constructed a shell, thin and brittle to be sure. I played the role expected of me as best I could, never quite being able to

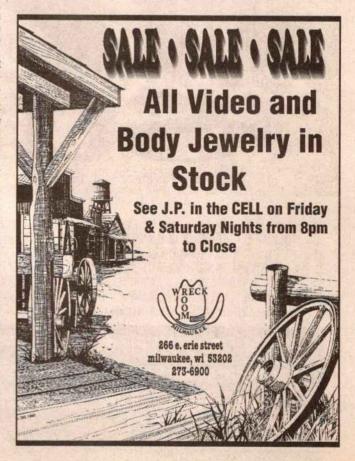
complete figure out all the rules

"In a very real sense, I lived in a shadow world, for I knew that my life was a lie. I experienced very little "male privilege" partially because it was obvious that I was not one of the boys. Since I could not understand men, could never feel comfortable around them and they never felt quite right about me. Other women seemed to know that I belonged with them, though they knowledge remained unspoken. Even when I received compliments, I could not accept or incorporate them because I feared the would not have been given had I been open about who I was. Finally, I had no more strength to continue and I had to make the ultimate choice: transition or die. That day I began to set myself free, free to live and plossom. The day I began to live openly as myself, much of the nightmare ended.

Now I'm not going to dish out any sermons here. No nomilies or lectures about "Judge not that ye be not..." etc. that we usually serve up to inhospitable Christians giving their religion a bad name. I'm just giving you, with no visual references to provoke your prejudices, her words, and essence, as I got them. I'm just going to tell you how happy I am to meet this sensitive, articulate woman who has felt safe enough in my presence to share some of what her life has been about. I still have some trouble understanding the Lesbian thing yet, but now, with her, at least I feel comfortable enough to ask some questions

And isn't that just what friends do with each other? (To be continuous...)

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# Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

### Life In Transit

It could be because I'm more than vaguely bitchy, or maybe it's simply the full moon, but I hate riding the buses more than I can put into words.

I've ridden buses across the country, and it seems that Milwaukee is the absolute bottom of the barrel.

Now, I know many would be thinking: "Well, if that's how you feel about it, why ride the bus?"

Well, my car is in the shop, and I had no alternative, other than walking, which I loathe doing

So, I'm on the bus. Thrill.

The bus pulls off, and it's moving so slowly that I am positive that we're going back in time. But, I've given myself a window of one hour to reach my destination, so I figure that I'm fine. No

problem. I'm prepared.

And one has to be prepared on Milwaukee's buses, otherwise you will suffer. Preparation entails a book, a walkman, and a bad attitude. The book is to get my mind off my surroundings, and the walkman makes sure that all the noise of people shouting on the bus is dimmed. The attitude is for people who feel they have to engage me in

conversation even though I am both reading a book and listening to music.

So, we're moving along, and I'm as content as I can be on a bus. Then we hit snag number one; the bus driver likes to make sure that we hit every single red light on the planet, even stopping at green lights, letting them turn red before they will go through the intersection. Thus, my slow burn begins.

Now I figure that I will make it a few minutes before my appointment. Fine.

At that point came snag number two. At every other stop there is a differently abled person, either an old man or woman with a walker, or someone handicapped who needs to take fifteen minutes to get on the bus. I'm understanding for the first five people who get on, and after that, I'm starting to understand why eugenics is a nice idea.

I'm now annoyed, and wondering if I can make it on time. Needless to say,

I'm not happy.

Now, if you were a Milwaukee bus driver, what would you do when you are running past scheduled time? Of course, you would stop at McDonald's and get yourself some lunch, assuring that all your passengers would be late.
Now I'm hatin' life. Profoundly.

But wait, it gets better.

Next a Jehovah's Witness sits down next to me, taps me on the shoulder until I pay attention to them, and asks me if they can talk to me about salvation. I can't print what I said, but suffice it to say, it wasn't pleasant, and could start a

jihad in some countries. With that, I got up and moved into an area of the bus that was empty, figuring that no one would come by me now... I was wrong.

If the last thing wasn't annoying enough, now the whitest family on Earth gets on the bus. If it wasn't bad enough that I am now blinded from the fauxphosphorescent glow coming from their exposed skin, they have to sit right in front of me. Fine, I open my book back up, turn on my headphones, and try to lose myself until I get to my destination. That is until...

Yes, the father must have decided not to take his Prozac™ that day, because he was bouncing back and forth in his seat like he was having a small seizure. Though I was almost at a loss for patience at this juncture, I composed myself, leaned forward, and said: "Excuse me, but could you please stop bouncing? My legs are jammed in back here, and you keep slamming into them

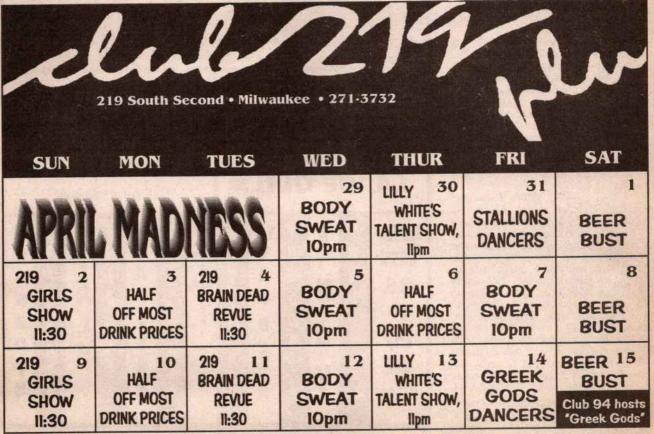
each time you bounce."
"Well," he said cockily, looking at his demon spawn children, "move your legs."

I dropped all pretense of being nice. "Perhaps I should iam them up your ass then," I growled.

He didn't take kindly to that, and I actually had to stand up and show him that I was a lot bigger than he, because for a moment he had the idea in his little head to fight me to show his family that he was a real man.

All I can say is this: I can't wait until

my car is fixed.



# Ask Billy

Dear Billy:

I recently started going to group therapy at the suggestion of a friend of mine. I went through a series of relationships that always resulted in devastating break-ups, recriminations and hard feelings. I've never been much of a believer in psychological counseling, but after attending a few of these therapy sessions, I was surprised at how valuable it can be. I have really begun to understand parts of myself that before were obstacles to relationships and have begun to apply what I have learned through the group in my current relationship. So far, so good...

I was wondering if you have ever done group therapy and if you thought it

was worthwhile.

— DJ, Dallas, TX
Well, honey, I did do group therapy
once; it cost me one hundred dollars just
to be told I'm anal retentive. Well, dear,
my first lover told me the exact same

thing and it cost him one hundred dollars at a fine restaurant to find out!

Dear Billy:

Well it's coming up on that time again — Easter — and that means it's time for the old family visit. My boyfriend of ten months feels that he should come with me when I go to visit my parents for the holiday, but I know they would feel uncomfortable, especially if "Bob" and I

shared my old bedroom.

My parents know I'm Gay. My mother is very accepting, but my father has made it quite clear that he does not approve of my lifestyle. (That actually doesn't bother me at all!) It's just all too much tension and I would prefer to just make the visit, short and sweet, and avoid any unpleasantness. "Bob" is angry with me. I think he should understand and be sympathetic. He thinks I'm embarrassed and not willing to stand up for our relationship. What is your opinion?

- BC, White Plains, NY What is it with these people? It's so hard nowadays to find a good man and here BC is willing to toss one aside because his daddy disapproves! (And you know the old saying, "A hard man is good to find...") Ask yourself a few questions: Isn't your relationship with Bob worth any consideration at all? Isn't just having Bob share the holiday with you worth having to deal with "unpleasantness" around the folks? If I were Bob, I would use this time to find someone who wants to share the holiday with me; someone who is not embarrassed to bring me home to Mom and Dad. Hey Bob come on over to my house for Easter dinner. I'll even let you search for the Easter eggs...

Dear Billy:

I'm pretty shy and have a lot of trouble meeting new people. About six months ago I went to a friend's party and met a guy I really liked. He seemed to like me too and we went out. After a great dinner, I allowed him to seduce me. (I really wanted to see him again and didn't want him to think I wasn't interested.) We actually had a fabulous time with great sex... I fell hard... However, the next morning he was very distant. He didn't stay for breakfast and, though he said he would call, he never did. I was devastated.

Last night I met him in a restaurant and he wants to get together again.

What do you think? What would you do?

— GH, Boston, MA
Honey, haven't you heard of the old
saying "turnabout is fair play??" Why
don't you just go out and have a little
fun? This guy needs a good spanking
and here's what I would do: I would
definitely get together with him and have
him take me to a very expensive
restaurant. Then we would go to a club,
or a show. Then we would go up to his
place where we would have incredible
sex. (I would make him beg for more.)
The finale, with attitude; I would allow
him to make me breakfast and would
leave with a vague promise to call...

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# Zodiascope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

## Forecast for April

If April showers bring May flowers, let's get our soap and towel ready kids! While we anxiously wait for the impending storm and the subsequent rainbow, the planets prepare to give us a few new energies for our life's work. First, Sun in Aries with its unbridled heat and later, Sun in Taurus with its sensual beauty lead us into temptation. What can I say except, do what you will, planets...

#### ARIES

Imagine yourself in a fabulous, sporty new car, racing around hair pin turns and scattering pedestrians as you go. Now imagine that you generously allow the fool next to you to steer. Good idea? I don't think so. The best thing you can do this April is to drive purposefully, with your eyes open and take full control of the vehicle. Don't even listen to the direction of others!

### **TAURUS**

April may be called the cruelest month, but you can help make the world a better place by volunteering for Gay causes and doing good things for our community. Consider a little home entertaining or spend some time redecorating or refurbishing. For the fullest effect, be sure to plan pleasant home-based projects involving family and childhood friends.

### GEMINI

The corporate chickens will come home to roost this month if you have allowed yourself to drift in your career. Don't panic; friends and certain acquaintances give you a few new nifty ideas and push you in the right direction, if you only ask their advice. Meanwhile, you have a golden opportunity to further the cause through writing or public speaking.

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### CANCER

You may prefer to stay close to home this month as travel plans become too difficult or expensive. Don't despair. It is still possible to escape, relax and have a good time. Allow yourself a few delights throughout the month; Life is too short and friends are far too dear. Gay Crabs can find plenty of reason to spoil themselves and others.

#### LEC

Leos have more than a little get up and go this month. You practically catapult yourself into center stage, come what may. The trouble is that all this you you you is not conducive to a we we we. It is more than likely that you will upset the apple cart of love on your way to fame and fortune. Ever hear the old saying, "it's lonely at the top?" ... Keep in mind.

### VIRGO

Virgos are one of the most self sacrificing signs of the zodiac and now you can really make some headway in your quest to make a difference out there. This month you seem to have almost boundless energy and can really help those in need.

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### Zodiascope...

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#### LIBRA

Gay Libras are usually very chatty and the planets will now give you all the sociability that you could ever want. April brings people in all forms, shapes and sizes to your door. Friendships, relationships and even sexual exploits are all highlighted and can be enjoyed immensely. Can you handle all this company, dear? Try not to get names and faces confused.

#### SCORPIO

Career opportunities heat up and you may be able to make significant headway in your professional goals. If I know you, this is what you have been plotting, planning and working towards for quite a long time. You will also get some much needed support and encouragement from partners. Play the vulnerability game and let them take care of you for a change.

### SAGITTARIUS

Oh, you can have fun now, but prepare for a new emphasis on work later this month. The good news is that your efforts on the job will pay off handsomely. In the meantime, allow your creative muse to run free and get out and have fun. It is also possible to gain a great deal from travel. April may be a busy month for both business and

pleasure trips.

#### CAPRICORN

Communication will not go as well as you hope, so be very careful of what you say and how you say it. It seems to me that the planets are encouraging you to more fully examine why you may not be moving ahead in your personal goals as fast as you would like or deserve. Be proud of who you are. Maybe you are secretly undoing yourself. Think about it or ask an expert.

### **AQUARIUS**

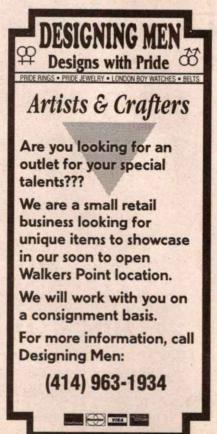
Relationships give us grounding and a sense of pride. Spend more time making partners feel special this month. You communicate well and can ask for what you need without seeming greedy. The only problem is in the area of finances. You may spend more than you have or squander money on foolishness. There is a lesson to be learned.

#### PISCES

Work and more work! You may feel a little like a rat on a treadmill this April. Don't worry, you can accomplish a great deal if you remain focused. Self confidence is lacking though. Ignore those nasty gremlins who always try to tear you down. You are terrific and must allow yourself to get sidetracked with nonsense ideas. Confidence is the key to success.

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# **Profiles**

## Gay Travel

### Gets Its Own Trade Publication

Phoenix — Unprecedented growth in Gay travel has prompted a major Gay travel publisher to introduce the first worldwide Gay travel industry publication, The Ferrari Travel Report. Publisher Marianne Ferrari says it's the first Gay publication to be mailed to the entire Gay and Gay-friendly travel industry worldwide, including agents, tour operators, innkeepers and reservation services.

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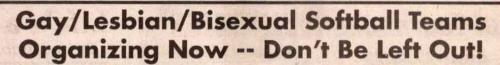


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The pilot issue of The Ferrari Travel Report, circulation 8,000, which tested the market in early February, is getting high marks from the industry. Kevin Kailey, president of the International Gay Travel Association, the organization of Gay travel professionals, calls it "a valuable tool which has quickly found a permanent place in my reference materials." Ferrari adds that "Many agents have called to tell us this is just what the industry needs."

Ferrari, considered the world's leading authority on Gay and Lesbian travel, began publishing Gay travel guides in 1978, at a time when "Gay travel consisted of visiting Gay bars in another city," she says. **The Ferrari Guides** are now world-renowned as the most comprehensive sources of information on Gay travel. Thousands of Gay travelers use them, and they are omnipresent as the desk references of Gay travel agents worldwide.

The premier edition of The Ferrari Travel Report will be distributed to the Gay and Gay-friendly travel industry worldwide in May, 1995. Subscriptions are \$15 for USA, Canada and Mexico, \$25 elsewhere. For more information contact The Ferrari Travel Report at (602) 863-2408.

## LesBiGay Community VISA Card Users Top 10,000

Virginia — Uncommon Clout VISA card users get the personal satisfaction of knowing that they help local and national non-profit organizations each time they make a purchase. And as of February 1, they have the satisfaction of knowing that their "strength in numbers" exceeded 10,000



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according to Jim Nathan, founder and president of the McLean, VA based organization which began only six months ago.

"When the card was first introduced we had no idea it would be this popular this quickly," said Nathan. The company donates 10 cents to Gay and Lesbian related groups each time the card is used.

Unlike other "affinity" cards which usually benefit only one organization such as a college group or professional association, the Uncommon Clout card yearly contribution is determined by users who, in January, are sent ballots on which they indicate which organizations they want to receive donations.

Ballots are counted in March and organizations chosen receive contributions soon thereafter. Cardholders can also nominate organizations to be added to the list.

Along with benefits of no annual fees, low annual interest rates (current introductory APR of 9.9%) and domestic partner cards at no additional cost, users receive a free quarterly newsletter with "BUY-cotting" information, which are tips that help cardholders target their purchases to products offered by Gayand Lesbian-sensitive corporations.

For more information or to apply, call 1-800-GAY-CLOUT, ext. 8000.



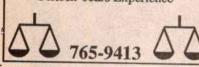
# **Jock Shorts**

## Softball League Serious About Getting New Players

Milwaukee — In recent years, SSBL (Saturday Softball Beer League) has seen the same phenomenon as the area high schools — hundreds of potential players live in the area, but fewer are willing to come out to play. (Some area high schools are dropping

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football altogether and cutting back on other sports.) Some Prep coaches blame it on MTV, the "x" generation, and lots of other reasons

"In the case of SSBL it's probably as much a lack of information as anything," said Joe Appleman, League Commissioner. It's difficult to reach the kind of community we have. Much of it is hidden, if not outright closeted. So the League tried to look closely over the winter at prospects of developing new player interest. And this year they decided to do something about getting those new players on teams."

To bring out more players, the league asked for and obtained a grant

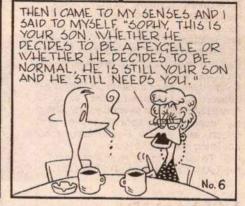
from the Cream City Foundation to do wide range publicity this year to excite new players about the league. They will place ads in the local media, produce a new brochure and flyer, trying to get the

Potential new players will be invited to an information and social meeting where they can learn about playing opportunities and meet some of the managers and players from the various team.

The ads will contain a phone number which new players can call to register interest and request other information. The ads also emphasize that you need not be a competitive player to

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have fun and enjoy Gay softball. If you're real rusty and even if you have never played, there are teams who will help you get in shape or learn the game.

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"We'd like to add four or five new
teams this year, so we hope interested
persons will take the time to call and get
the scoop on how to get onto a team or
form a new team," said Joe Appleman,
League Commissioner.

## Lesbian Softball Team Seeks Players

Milwaukee — The warm(er) temperatures of Spring are here and that means softball season is just around the corner! The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) softball team is looking for a few good Lesbians to fill its 1995 roster. Lesbians of all skill levels are welcome to join.

According to Coach Jessie Banike-Palme, the requirements are simple: You must be willing to enjoy the sport of softball. Ms. Banike-Palme, a Wisconsin native, has returned after living in Nevada for the last several years. She is an experienced softball player and coach, and she is enthusiastic about coaching the LAMM team.

To join, or for more information, call the LAMM office at (414) 264-2600.

### Mil-M-AIDS Reminder

### 10th Annual Bowling Benefit

Milwaukee — On Saturday, April 29 at 1pm, the annual MIL-M-AIDS tournament will be held at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes, 76th and Florist.

This is a 9-Pin No Tap bowling event, held alternating years between Madison and Milwaukee. Proceeds of this year's event will be donated to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for direct patient support.

The cost of the event is \$25 and includes the bowling fee, banquet and prize fund in addition to the donation to MAP. The event is open to anyone, bowlers and non-bowlers alike.

For more information or a registration form call Bob at (414) 482-1964 or Cindy at (414) 328-3636. This is a chance to enjoy an afternoon out while supporting a worthy cause. Deadline is April 19.

## GAMMA Plans Whitewater Rafting Trip

Milwaukee — Raft the wild Peshtigo with GAMMA on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The water will be high — and your spirits even higher as we pool rides from Milwaukee to Crivitz, WI for this one-day adventure. We have reservations for a 2pm launching with Kosir's Rapid Rafts. All readers of In Step are invited; no experience necessary.

The cost will be \$17 per person plus

transportation, food and beverages. Twoperson rafts, paddles, helmets and life jackets are provided. Some of the group will camp overnight and take a Menominee River run (including a tenfoot waterfall) on Sunday, May 28. This popular weekend fills up rapidly, so call or write GAMMA (414) 963-9833, PO Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201 today for reservations and information.



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## Monday Nite Irregulars

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2. OJ's Hung Jury	117/65
3. This Is It-TNG	115/67
	105/77
5. Absolutely Fabulous	
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8. Trailer Park Trash	76/106
	74/108
	71/111
	63/119
11. This Is It-GDS	63/119

## Best Bowling Sunday

### March 26

Teams		. W/L
1. We & The Queen	-	62/29
2. Slippery Zippers		60/31
3. WR-Heirs of Uranus		59/32
4. Strike Oppose	5.10%	51/40
5. Something Sassy		51/40
6. Ballgame		50/41
7. Just Us Fairies		49/42
8. Just Us Cartoon Alley		48/43
9. Barons		48/43
10. Who Knows		40/51
11. Who Knows, Who Cares		38/53
12. Gutter Sluts from Mars .		36/55
13. Bottoms Up		27/64



Parker, second from left, celebrated with friends as he prepared to move out of town. Best of luck, Parker!



When Irish Eyes are smiling, the bartenders at Kathy's are kept busy. Photo by James Taylor

# Classies

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Tommy (219)

Everyone at Club 94: Thank you! I'm looking forward to a most wonderful year.

Jim: Thanks for the memories — you will always be my knight in shining armor.

Jeff Slut Puppy: Have you found someone else to share your dreams, ideas and plans for the future with. You haven't called me in weeks! I feel neglected.

Belle Pepper Starr & Sandy: You set the pace — I hope I can keep up.

Ladybell Bradlee

Bill in Waukesha: Met you one Thursday nite after M&M's, Call me sometime.

David

M&M's. Call me sometime.

Happy Birthday to Steve (and you too) Sandy Beach.

Tracy
Congratulations Ladybell Bradlee: On winning Miss I94.

Starr E. Nite, Tracy James
SAGE Is More Than an Herb: Try one of our upcoming
events. Watch in Step for details.

Starr: Had a great time in San Francisco. Let's do "Coronation" again sometime!

Sharr: So sorry to hear about the problems on Sunday.

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TK: I'm sorry the bar crawl had to end so abruptly. CK

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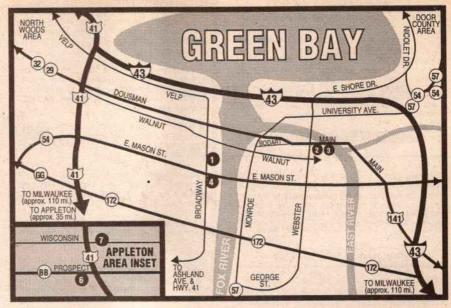
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PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
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494-9904
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HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Green Bay
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### MADISON (608)

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(Briarpatch & Picada) (608)251-1126/2
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UW Law School, Bascom Mail, Madison 53706
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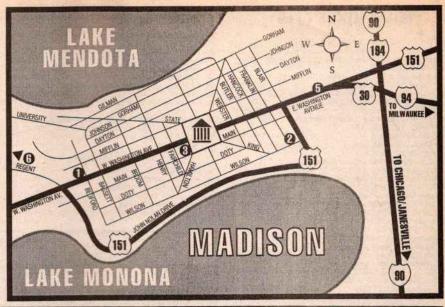
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Gaylaxians (G/L sci-fi group)
c/o Emory Churness; 3815 N 49, 53210
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Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201 562-7010 Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 271-2565 Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 271-2 Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social) PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9 Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862 voice mail 297-9328

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	933-6581
	873-4942
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	347-0580
MGALA (MU Graduates)	
PO Box 92722, 53202	
Marquette LesBiGay Student Group	200 0072
	288-6873
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	962-6124
Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.)	543-4850
	963-9833
People Living With AIDS Coalition	500-5055
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Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207	
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLA	(G)
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PrideFest (Pride Committee)	
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SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays)	
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PO Box 92605, 53202	
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)	276-6936
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	777-3986
Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273,53	202-0213
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### RELIGIOUS

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1821 N. 16th St.	344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
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Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Af	
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Lutherans Concerned	
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MAP Spiritual Care	
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Milwaukee Metropolitan Commi	unity Church
UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1	
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open &	
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The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nor	
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1311 W Lincoln, 53215	643-9313
First Unitarian Society (Unitaria	
1342 N Astor	273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in C	
130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617

### MEDICAL

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hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202 BESTD Women's Clinic	272-2144
Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group BESTD Clinic	272-2144
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HIV/AIDS Service Organization 820 N Plankinton, 53203	072 0427
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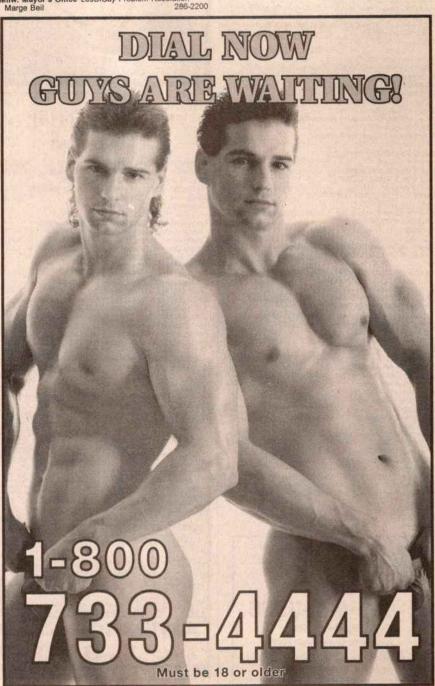
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(Gay listings, messages)	933-7572
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games IBM file transfers, netmail)	744-9336
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files, netmail)	282-0494
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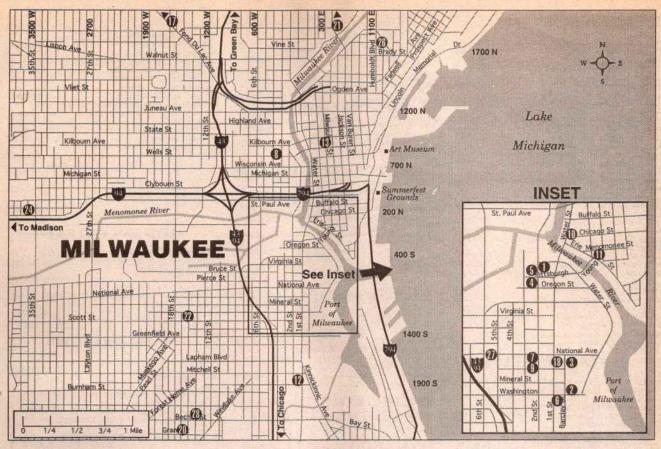
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Gay People's Union Hotline	562-7010
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Wisconsin AIDS Info Line	273-AIDS
Milw, Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem	Resolution
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3 Boot Camp (M, L/L) 209 E. National 53204	643-6900
4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 53204	291-9600
5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd 53204	271-3732
7 Dance, Dance, Dance (Mw, DJ)	
801 S. 2nd 53204	383-8330
6 1100 Club (Mw. L/L, DJ, F)	
1100 S. 1st Street 53204	647-9950
2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)	
200 E. Washington 53204	643-9633
7 Grubb's Pub (MW, F) 807 S 2nd St 53204	384-8330
27 Just Us (MW,D,F)	
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22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)	
1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
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1875 N Humboldt, 53202	347-0344
10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
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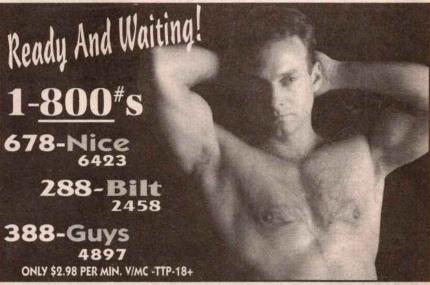
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| Blue Lite (Mw)
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| Shirley: 458-2506 | Carolyn: 467-0422
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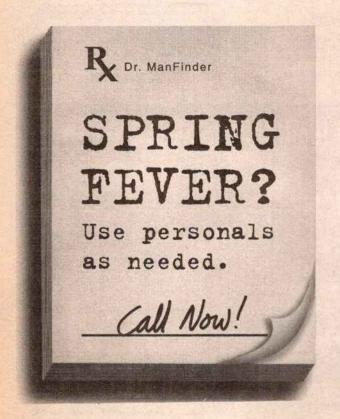
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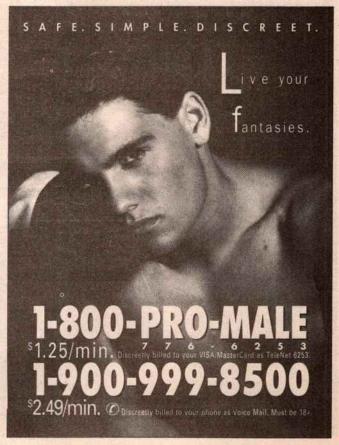
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	(608) 756-2550
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Mineral Point	(608) 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)	
W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551	(414) 648-8457
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10 E Sherman Ave Ft Atkinson 53538	(414)563-2231
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Main Club (Mw) 1813 N 3, Superior,54880 Trio (Wm)	(715)392-1756
820 Tower, Superior,54880	(715)392-5373
Connect (G/L info line) PO Box 1304, Superior 54880	(715)394-9467
N.O.W.A.P. (Northwest WI AIDS Pr HIV/AIDS Service Organization	Calculations 1
505 Dewey St., So, #208 Eau Clain (800) 750-Al	e 54702 IDS/(715) 836-7710





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8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men) PO Box 264, Superior 54880

(218) 722-8585

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c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S, Menomonee, 54751
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays (608) 782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM)
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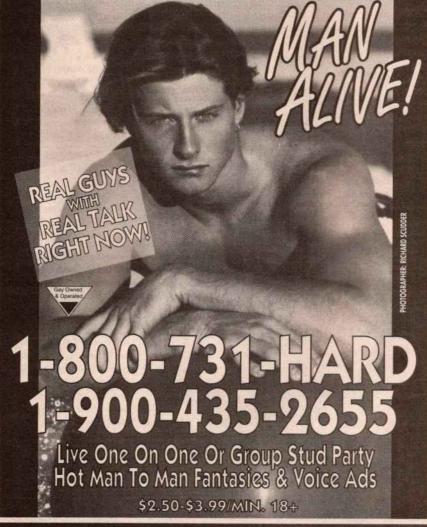
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# O Wisconsin Personals

Discreet Phone Contacts By Area Code

MANFINDER"

Milwaukee MARRIED WM
6'4, 230, iso of men in the
area to get together with
morning or aft, tp iso btms
like men who are willing to
pls - #36390

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Cedarburg/Port WA IS
THERE A DR. IN THE
HOUSE? Brent, 42, 5'10
180 brn/. blu must, lkg for a
gay doctor or dentist in the
area for when I move up
there, like to keep my
business in the community
give me a call- \$\pi 36419\$

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Figure out what you want to say before calling in. Write down what you want to say. Keep it short and simple. Just describe yourself and what you're looking for. Our computerized system will walk you through the rest. Have a pen ready to write down your box number.

Sheboygan BI BLACK MALES: Mike, like to meet bi BM in the area - discreet-36504

Milwaukee PRETTY BOY:
Chris, GWM, 6'1 176
dk/hzl, pretty boy, med
build, lkg for masc GWM
22-39 for a long term rel, if
you have a good build a
plus, like holding hands
and going out for good
times, give me a call#36545

Milwaukee DANCING
AND SINGING: Evan BM
5'9 160, like to go
shopping travelling dancing
singing much more iso WM
18-33, give me a call\$\pi36589\$

Browndale MOVING TO
YOUR AREA: Brent, 42,
5'10 180 brn/blu must fairly
hairy, moving to
Cedarburg/Port Washington
area, looking to make
friends ahead of time, like
leather bars, btm lkg for
friends, people to hang out
with- \$\pi\$36619

Wausau OUTDOORS
AND NATURE: Tom,
30, 5'8, 155, good
shape honest non smoker
not into bars, like outdoors,
nature and working on my
cottage, iso 25-35 new to
scene inexp, friends first, pls
write! #36694

Milwaukee HAIRY
ITALIAN: Peter, 5'8, 150,
Italian blk hair must grn,
31w, nice legs, hairy chest,
iso other Bi guys that are
looking for a good friend,
like football baseball kick
boxing, iso a driving
companion to go to AZ- pref
hairy chest- = 36707

Milwaukee MASCULINE BLONDE: 29, blnd/blu masc nice guy iso guys in the area lkg for tall big, dk/dk, lv a message or give me a call- \$\pi 36781\$

Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL BLACK
MALE: Attn Black men
gdlkg fit bi WM 6'2 185 iso
mature prof'l gay bi BM 4045 for occasional private get

Lake Geneva OUTDOOR
SPORTS: GWM, 5'11,
250, brn/brn, looking for friends in the area, lenjoy alot of outdoor sports, like agrdening

sports, like gardening swimming and I'm int in meeting give me a call-#36891 Milwaukee LET'S TALK
MORE: Lance 27, 5'10
blnd/hzl, 180, like to talk
further you can give me a
call- #36957

Sheboygan **EROTIC ART:**BIBM looking to have fun in the mornings, like to paint erotic art, if ur interested, give me a call- = 27780

Milwaukee LOVE THE OUTDOORS: Brian, 26, 5'8, 160, lkg for guys ages 18-28, int are outdoors, just about everything, lv a message- \$\pi 35354

Milwaukee INEXPER-IENCED BM, like a teacher, to teach me the fonder things of Gay life, pref WM or HM, tp, could be btm, if ur interested, give me a call, 6'2, 210, like to meet that perfect or close to perfect mate- \$\pi 36994\$

Milwaukee
COLLEGE
STUDENT: 24, 5'7,
140 brn/brn iso
other college
students around my
age for candlelight
romantic dinnersvery discreet, very
masc and like masc

men. #37001

Appleton BIKE WITH ME: Jim, looking for someone to do biking with me this spring road or mtn-

**#22935** 



Milwaukee

MATURE MAN: WM 6'2

285 bald 50s, int in safe no
strings rel, with mature gay
or bi male any race, first
exp, workout partner a plus37128

Milwaukee POLISH YOUR BOOTS, SIR? Rich, 26, dk hair/eyes hairy and cln cut, int in being dom, like to svc, boot svc int in under 35 in shape cln cut-like to be dom, collar me! \$\pi 35063\$

Green Bay MARRIAGE
MINDED: Come to be with
me for life- marriage minded
GWM iso 23-39 hairy chest
and good looking a plus=35328

Milwaukee FEM CD: BIWM fem CD int in a CD TS, TV or a Drag Queen must be able to treat me feminine and kind, want to learn from an exp'd TV that can help, politics sports, theatre, music plays, race looks not impt heart impt also- \$\pi 24839\$

Sheboygan **DAYTIME**FRIEND: BM, pref btm,
vers, iso daytime friend for
morning fun, ages 30 or
under, like to get together for
greek or french conversation,
lv a msg- #27780

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Milwaukee FRENCH
SERVICE: Rich, 26, dk
hair/eyes cln shaven hairy
good shape, int in getting
one on one or with groups,
french service, int in being
dom, and guys that under 35
in shape and cln cut=35061

La Crosse BITV like to meet anyone int in fun, anything to pls, give me a call-#35108

Milwaukee HAIRY
ITALIAN: Peter, 5'8, 150,
Italian, black hair hairy
chest, good shape, iso
friends like to get together
for sporting events, baseball
games, not into gay
scene, like being with masc
guys horsing around,
wrestling, getting together-

# Milwaukee COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: GM

22, gdlkg, int in meeting young guys and students 18-23 for coffee, conv, movies and good times, alt types and east siders a plus-=35343

Eau Claire KINDA
INEXPERIENCED: Brian,
GWM 26, 5'8, 160, int are
sports, outdoors, movies, lkg
for 18-28, kinda inexp, so if
ur int give me a call#35354

La Crosse BIWM 18, closet case iso WGM 18-23 for some kind of support, someone to help me out, companionship, friendship, like coffee shop, hiking, want to have fun give me a call-#35405

Milwaukee UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN: Andy,
student 23, 5'8, 140 blk/blk,
easy going good humor and
friendly, like to stay at home,
go to gym, shopping,
looking for a GWM
who is also a student
under 25- about 6',
with good build, for a
good rel- \$\pi\$354

Milwaukee SENSUAL MASSAGES: GWM, 40 attr loves to give sensual massages to GWM, #36816

Menominee GOOD
FOOD AND GOOD

TIMES: Robert, looking for some friendship, like good food, good times, good company-#35599

Milwaukee GM 18, 5'9, brn/blu iso someone 18-21 into camping parties, iso some hot new friends for a good friendshp and more-#35629

Milwaukee HAIRY HOT FUN: GWM 40 lkg for other hairy GWM for hot fun in the area, #35722

Milwaukee TONY 33 Afr Amer male, looking for conservative and masc, comfortable with who you are, give me a call- #35726 Milwaukee YOU KNOW WHAT: Kurt, 30, int in meeting guys betw 20-35, to get together and you know what- \$35778

Greendale **SWIMMERS BUILD:** Keith, 35, 5'10, blnd/blu, swimmers build, like swimming hiking biking movies, and alot of other things- looking for some friends, enjoy life, and looking for someone that does too: #35780

R or ManFinder
SPRING

Use personals as needed.

FEVER?

Call Now!

Eau Claire HOT YOUNG STUD: GWM, 6'1, 170,45 brn/blu, iso hot young stud, GWM 18-30, likes shopping, movies quiet nites at home iso monog rel-\$35851

Milwaukee SUBM AND CD'S: Young cute musc jock, iso cute subm guys for fun times, also int in CD's too thanks bye! #35951

Appleton **KEITH 23**, blnd/blu, if ur 18-25 give me a call- ₹36204 Racine HOT TOP MAN: Tom, iso a hot tp man, creative, 24 6'1 brn/blu slender, give me a call-\$36290

Milwaukee GAY ASIAN MEN: Jason, iso gay asian guys 18+ I'm GWM 28 5'9 155, brn/grn attr, iso GAM to get together have fun see what happens, #36333

WI **NEW TO SCENE:** Steve, GM new to scene like

to meet someone to help me out of the closet, like CD and be with him-#11250

> WI LET'S GET TO-GETHER: Ron, looking for someone to get together with any age, like outdoors fishing, to music, \$27367

Milwaukee BLONDE SWIMMERS BUILD: Mike, 6'1 180 blnd/blu must swimmers build, \$\pi 28404

Milwaukee SPECIAL LOVE: just moved here, 25 5'8 185, looking for that special love from that special person, give me a call-=28560

Milwaukee **BOB 20 Y/O**, really tall dk hair, lkg for guys 18-30 to get together and do stuff with give me a call- #28615

Milwaukee HAIR FETISH: head for hair, hair fetishist, passion for blndes with thick long hair, ly your name and # in the area- \$\frac{1}{2}8881 N. Central LET'S PARTY IN THE CITY! int in going to city, dancing, partying, and fun- ≈29126

Milwaukee SLIM GBM:
Gary, hands GBM 30 5'17
140 slim build, must iso
someone 25-35 the same
char as mine, any race, lkg
for friendship future rel, lets
talk and see where it can go
from there later- \$\pi\$29300

Milwaukee TOM 18 Y/O: like to talk to guys anywhere, 5'9 155, blnd/blu, swimmers build, pretty smooth, like to talk to guys give me a call- \$\pi 29408\$

Green Bay OUTDOOR BLONDE: Eric, 5'11 blnd blu 185 like outdoors, music, movies, #29449

Adams HAIRY DADDY
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, \$\infty\$29518



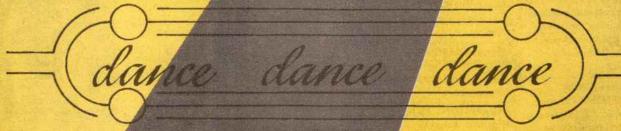
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