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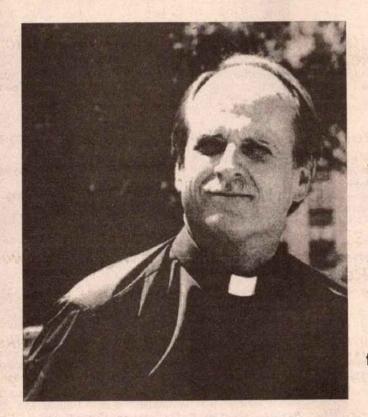
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Fireworks, Boat Flotilla Added to PrideFest This Year

Fine Arts Fest, Expanded Dance Tent and Sports Too

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — A fireworks display created by the famous Bartolotta company will "Lite Up the Sky With Pride" on Milwaukee's lakefront during PrideFest '95. The fireworks, sponsored by a grant from the Miller Brewing Company, are just one of many new features added to this year's celebration, which is set to take place June 10 and 11 at Veterans Park, just north of the War Memorial/Art Museum.

"We've kept the best parts of previous Pride Festivals and added several exciting new features," PrideFest co-chair Bill Meunier told In Step. "We don't ever want people to think that it's just going to be the same old thing. There'll be new sights and sounds this year, and I guarantee no one will be

PrideFest personnel are working with Bartolotta to ensure that the Fireworks Display, planned for 10pm Saturday, June 10, reflects the theme of Gay and Lesbian pride. It will include colorful ground displays and airborne explosions over the lake. Milwaukee will be the only city in the US with a fireworks show at its Pride festival, according to the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators.

Another new spectacle added to PrideFest this year is a Venetian Boat Parade, sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Maritime Association. The flotilla of lighted and decorated boats will sail alongside the PrideFest grounds at approximately 9:15 Sunday night June 11, bringing the weekend celebration to a close.

Also new this year will be a special tent whose stage will be devoted to a Fine Arts Festival, featuring dance, music and theatrical performances by some of Wisconsin's finest talent. The Fine Arts Fest is being coordinated by Milwaukee's renowned producer/director Dale Gutzmann. It is likely to include artists from local opera and dance companies, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

PrideFest '95 will also host the World Premiere of the New CD- ROM "Conduct Unbecoming", the first of a series of CD-ROM's on Gay and Lesbian history. "Conduct Unbecoming" is an interactive CD-ROM containing interviews, news reports and documents relating to the Pentagon's ban on Gay and Lesbian service members. It includes input from Wisconsin's own Miriam Ben-Shalom and Jay Hatheway.

The popularity of the History Tent last year, which featured a large timeline display of the major events in recent Gay/Lesbian history, convinced PrideFest organizers to offer a similar, Expanded History Display this year. It will include more information on state and local Gay/Lesbian history.

A special **PrideFest Activity Tent** will house a variety of activities, including readings by Gay and Lesbian writers and poets, tapings of Milwaukee's *Queer TV* program, an Action Wisconsin meeting, and much more. The Milwaukee AIDS Project will host a display of the local **AIDS Quilt**, whose panels are created by state residents at the Wisconsin AIDS Walk each fall to remember those who have died.

The Entertainment Line-up at PrideFest '95 will



Pridefest has announced that the festival will have fireworks for the first time ever, this year. Milwaukee's favorite bombastic family, the Bartolatta's will do display, sponsored by Miller brewery.

include some of the most popular acts from previous years, like Road Damage, Blarney Castle, the Blue Deuces and Josie Santiago, along with exciting new entertainers. Sweet Cheeks will perform their Motown Review, while The Ghillies present their mix of Irish/Cajun music. Other performers include the singer Dream, Million Dollar Music and soloists from the Florentine Opera.

"We are pleased with our ability to attract really fine artists each year," Meunier commented. "There will be many new faces and something for everybody."

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The Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade is expected to step off into the streets of East Town at 12:30pm on Sunday. A pre-parade concert/rally will rev up the crowd, and the parade will be followed by a long afternoon and evening of entertainment, concluding with the annual Drag Extravaganza and the boat flotilla. The Gay/Lesbian Wedding/Commitment Ceremony, which draws large numbers of cooing couples each year, will take place at approximately 6:30pm that day as well.

The In Step/New Bar Dance Tent will be expanded this year, and the Market Place and Exhibition/Booth areas will also be larger. The Miller Lite Volleyball Invitational is adding a Women's Division. Meunier said there will be an extra food tent selling submarine sandwiches and baked potatoes as well as a new yogurt and custard stand and a bakery shop, sponsored by East Side Ovens.

Festival hours are Saturday, June 10, 11am to 11pm; Sunday, June 11, 10:30am to 10pm. Admission is \$2 per day, or \$3 for a weekend pass. There will be free admission until 12:30pm both days.

Carry-ins of food and drinks will not be allowed, and camcorders can only be brought onto PrideFest grounds with prior permission from festival officials. An ordinance prohibits the presence of animals on county property so please leave Fido and Fifi at home.

(For further information on PrideFest, or to volunteer your energies or suggestions, call (414) 272-FEST.)

Lesbian Reporter Wins Big Settlement Against Vic Eliason

Preacher Concedes Gays Have Empoyment Rights

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — In a settlement of a federal lawsuit filed by a Lesbian reporter who says she was fired from her job because of a campaign of defamation led by a Milwaukee-area evangelist, Rev. Vic Eliason agreed to pay the woman \$255,000 and issued a statement affirming that Gays and Lesbians have the right to work in the media.

Rev. Eliason, the owner of WVCY-FM and WVCY-TV, Channel 30, along with other broadcast stations around the country, has used his radio and TV programs to preach against homosexuality and to blast Gay politicians, organizations, Pride pārades and even Gay publications like In Step and Wisconsin Light.

While claiming that "certain allegations in this lawsuit reflect a misunderstanding of my position," Eliason nevertheless was forced to concede that "I accept the general principle of equal employment opportunity for Gays and Lesbians in the media."

Eliason added: "The record will show my concern in this matter from the very beginning has been objectivity in journalism, not the sexual preference of any individual in the media."

The suit was filed by Julie Brienza, a reporter for United Press International, who also did freelance work for the Washington Blade, a Gay newspaper in the nation's capital. In April 1990, Brienza contacted Eliason for a story she was researching. Eliason allegedly objected to the fact that Brienza could work for both UPI and the Blade.

Eliason took to the airwaves to criticize Brienza for her alleged "conflict of interest" in working for two news organizations. For days on end on both his radio and TV shows, he repeatedly

derided the Washington Blade, the most well- respected Gay weekly in the country, as a "homosexual newspaper" and questioned Brienza's journalistic integrity. Eliason urged listeners to call UPI to complain about Brienza and enlisted the aid of other Religious Right leaders to exert pressure as well.

In response to Eliason's call to arms, the switchboards at UPI were reportedly flooded with callers attacking Brienza. She had worked at UPI for four-and-a-half years but was fired about two weeks after her initial contact with Fliason

Brienza sued both Eliason and UPI, asking for \$12.5 million in damages. Among the charges were that Eliason had defamed her person and her professional reputation, that he had orchestrated a conspiracy to deprive her of gainful employment, and that he had invaded her privacy by publicly "outing" her.

Lynne Bernabei, who represents Brienza as cooperating attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said at the time the suit was filed: "The true values of groups such as Eliason's are revealed by their hate campaigns against people like Julie Brienza."

The discovery process and other preparations for the case had dragged on for years. Eliason decided to settle, he said, "to avoid the continuing costs of litigation." Brienza's case against UPI is still pending.

"What we have achieved is simple justice," Brienza said of the settlement. "Five years ago, a crumbling wire service caved in to the prejudice of a Radical Right broadcaster. Today, my journalistic integrity has been vindicated."

Bernabei commented that Eliason's public recognition of employment rights for Gays and Lesbians "is an important first step in the ongoing struggle to achieve true equal rights for Gays. It is an important symbol to have Victor Eliason, a man who devoted his life to conducting hate campaigns, admit that Lesbian and Gay journalists have a right

to participate on equal footing with all others."

"Sexual orientation should not be a litmus test for reporters," said Suzanne Goldberg, staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense. "[This] settlement should remind the Radical Right that targeting Lesbian and Gay journalists for sabotage involves a hefty price tag."

Federal Judge Slams "Don't Ask Don't Tell" Policy

It Violates Free Speech and Equal Protection Rights

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — In the first major court case challenging the new "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding Gays and Lesbians in the military, a federal judge on March 30 ruled the policy violates the plaintiffs' constitutional rights of free speech and equal protection of the laws.

The case was brought by six active-duty and reserve service members who sought to challenge the policy so they can continue to serve in the military as open Gays and Lesbians. They were represented by attorneys with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a strongly worded statement, Judge Eugene Nickerson heaped scorn on the governmenet's "Orwellian" justification for discriminating against homosexuals and said the policy encourages deceit. He even invoked the name of Adolph Hitler to illustrate what can happen when the state targets groups of people and denies them their rights.

Of the government's contention that service members declaring their homosexuality have a "propensity" to engage in unlawful conduct, Nickerson wrote: "To presume from a person's status that he or she will commit undesirable acts is an extreme measure. Hitler taught the world what could happen when the government began to target people not for what they had done but because of their status."

"This court concludes," he wrote,
"that under the First Amendment a mere
statement of homosexual orientation is
not sufficient proof of intent to commit
acts as to justify initiation of discharge
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proceedings...The Supreme Court has held that the First Amendment will not countenance the proscription of the expression of an idea because others find that idea repugnant."

"Even if [the government believes] that heterosexual service members will be so upset by a co-worker's mere statement of homosexuality as not to work cooperatively in the unit, such a belief does not justify a discriminatory policy."

"DECEPTIVE" POLICY

Judge Nickerson also called the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy "inherently deceptive" because it "offers powerful inducements to homosexuals to lie." He suggested that such deception could be more damaging to unit cohesion than the mere presence of homosexuals.

"What the court deems extraordinary is the almost total lack of concern evidenced in the Congressional hearings and the Committee reports as to the impact on unit cohesion of the attempt to enforce secrecy on homosexuals and to enlist them in a hoax on heterosexuals."

"Common sense suggests that a policy of secrecy, indeed what might be called a policy of deception or dishonesty, will call unit cohesion into question...[H]eterosexuals and homosexuals alike would be entitled to think it demeaning and unworthy of a great nation to base a policy on pretense rather than on truth..."

Judge Nickerson's ruling seemed to demolish the government's primary argument that the presence of avowed homosexuals would reduce the morale and effectiveness of military units. The argument about threats to unit cohesion has been the last straw the Pentagon has drawn in its fight to exclude homosexuals after abandoning earlier contentions that homosexuals are inherently criminal, that they are mentally or physically unfit for the rigors of military life, and that they are security risks.

Spokesmen for the Departments of Defense and Justice announced that the government would appeal Judge Nickerson's ruling to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. Whichever way the Appeals court rules, the case is eventually likely to make its way to the US Supreme Court for a final decision. While the appeals process continues, the plaintiffs cannot to discharged.

"The decision will hold up on appeal," said a confident Beatrice Dohrn of Lambda Legal Defense, "because laws based on prejudice are never constitutional. We will continue to fight the military's ban on Lesbian and Gay service members until the policy is overturned."

NEWT BACKPEDALS

Meanwhile, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich caused a minor stir early n April when he said on ABC's This Week With David Brinkley that he planned to get Congress to reinstate the even more restrictive anti-Gay ban which existed before "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Gingrich said: "The fact is that we're probably going to go back to the rules hat existed prior to President Clinton changing them." He said the 3OP-dominated Congress was much more apt to accept the military's judgment that Gays should under no circumstance be allowed to serve.

But Gingrich was quickly rebuked by leading Democrats and by some of the most powerful members of his own party.

Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said: "The Congress worked for the better part of a year to craft a constitutional policy. We should allow time for the judicial system to confirm the constitutionality of the policy."

A few days after his comments on ABC, Gingrich backpedaled, saying he did not expect any Congressional action on Gays in the military this year.



STATE News Briefs

Al and Tipper Gore to Lead AIDS Walk Wisconsin

Milwaukee - Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore will be the Honorary Co-Chairs of the 6th annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin on Sunday, September 17. The 10K walk along Milwaukee's lakefront is Wisconsin's largest AIDS fundraiser,

benefiting organizations throughout the state.

In accepting the invitation of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ACRW), Vice President Gore wrote: "We share your deep commitment to the important battle against the AIDS epidemic. As you know, the President has worked hard to increase federal funding for AIDS research and treatment and to promote progressive AIDS policies. We are also personally dedicated to doing all we can to support the excellent work of agencies like ARCW in delivering AIDS prevention, support and research services. It is with great enthusiasm, therefore, that we accept your invitation to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

"Al and Tipper Gore have long been committed to the fight against AIDS and will bring great enthusiasm to the AIDS Walk," said Doug Nelson of ARCW. Nelson predicted, that with the leadership of the Gores, more than 15,000 people will

participate in this year's Walk.

Since the Walk began in 1990, over \$2 million has been raised for AIDS care, prevention and research programs in the state. Last year, over 8,500 walkers raised \$570,000.

Mixed Results in Madison City Council, School Board Races

Madison - The April 4 City Council and School Board elections brought mixed results for the LesBiGay community in Madison, with two openly Gay candidates winning City Council seats but with conservative elements more entrenched on the School Board.

Mike Verveer, longtime community activist and lesislative aide to State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, won by more than 700 votes over write-in candidate Michael Edwards in the 4th Aldermanic District. Verveer replaces the retiring Ricardo

Gonzalez, who is also openly Gay.

In the 6th District, Judy Olson, activist and project manager for Common Wealth Development, defeated Judith Goyot by just under 400 votes. Olson, a Lesbian, takes the seat vacated by the retiring Bert Zipperer, one of the Council's most

progressive members.

In another Council race of interest to the LesBiGay communities, the 14th District's Tom Bruer won re-election over third-time challenger Dave Taylor in one of the most bitter contests of the season. Bruer, running amidst charges that he lied on financial disclosure forms, was instrumental in closing down the Gay Club 3054 and in creating new regulations governing Madison's adult- oriented businesses.

Meanwhile, the Madison School Board will take a more conservative turn with the re-election of Nancy Mistele and the victories of Mary Jan Rosenak and Ray Allen. Mistele has been under fire for her attempts to eliminate the school system's Equity, Diversity and Advocacy Department. Among those going down to defeat were Eyvonne Crawford-Gray, an

ally of the LesBiGay communities.

Ann Walsh Bradley Elected to State Supreme Court

Madison - Marathon County Judge Ann Walsh Bradley, who was endorsed by many LesBiGay and women's groups throughout the state, won 55% of the vote on April 4 to become the newest Justice on the State Supreme Court. She will be the third woman on the court, joining Justices Shirley Abrahamson and Janine Geske, and will serve a ten-year term. Bradley defeated Brown County Judge Patrick Crooks, who ran openly as a conservative and warned that Bradley's election could tilt the court in a more liberal direction. In a public forum a week before the election, Crooks spoke out in support of a Supreme Court ruling last year which denied a Lesbian the right to adopt her female partner's child. Bradley did not attack the decision but said she would have to see all the facts and hear all the arguments in such a case before passing judgment.

Bradley replaces Justice Nathan Heffernan, who is retiring, on August 1. Justice Roland Day, a conservative jurist, will become Chief Justice. Justices Jon Wilcox and Donald Steinmetz are also conservatives. Justices Abrahamson and William Bablitch are outspoken liberals, while Justice Janine Geske, who voted against the Lesbian partner's adoption, identifies as a moderate. Bradley brings liberal credentials and support to the bench but she too has promised to take a middle

course.

-Briefs Compiled by John Cain and Jamakaya

NATIONAL News Briefs

GAO: Security Clearances No Longer Denied to Gays

Washington, DC - After surveying the records of eight federal agencies, the Government Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, has issued a report which concludes that the government no longer denies security clearances to homosexuals. In the past, Gays and Lesbians were often denied such clearances on the assumption that they would be vulnerable to blackmail.

The GAO studied security clearance records at the Departments of Defense, Energy and State; at the Office of Personnel Management; the US Information Agency; the FBI, the Secret Service and the Customs Service. Each agency said that homosexuality was no longer a factor in issuing clearances.

Analysis of all security clearance denials and revocations in 1993 revealed that none were attributable to sexual orientation. Six of the eight agencies have policies actually forbidding inquiries into applicants' sexual orientation. The GAO also contacted Gay rights and legal advocacy groups which reported they were unaware of any complaints of security clearance denials in the past few years.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) credited the change to President Clinton who, early in his term, issued a directive ordering all executive branch agencies to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and security

clearances.

Rhode Island May Be the Ninth Gay Rights State

Providence, RI - Bucking the anti-Gay tide that is sweeping many legislatures around the country, the Rhode Island House of Representatives has voted 57-41 in support of a bill forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations.

The State Senate is expected to vote on the bill in the next few weeks, and if it is approved, Gov. Lincoln C. Almond, a Republican, has said he will sign it. Rhode Island would become the ninth state in the union to extend civil rights protections to citizens based on their sexual orientation. The first was Wisconsin in 1982, followed by Massachusetts in 1989, Connecticut and Hawaii in 1991, California, New Jersey and Vermont in 1992, and Minnesota in 1993.

Offering some of the most compelling testimony at a House hearing on the bill was Rhode Island Teacher of the Year Ralph M. Perry, who said: "My success and my reputation in my field are not enough. Despite my recognition as a good teacher, I can legally be fired tomorrow for testifying here tonight. That is not right."

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State Sen. William Fitzpatrick, a Gav man, is optimistic at the chances for passage this year, but he is also cautious. Since 1990, on four different occasions conservative opposition has arisen at the last minute to defeat the bill.

Three Anti-Gay GOP Candidates Enter Presidential Race

Washington, DC - Three virulently anti-Gay Republicans have thrown their hats into the ring for the Presidential sweepstakes in 1996: conservative columnist and former Reagan spokesman Patrick Buchanan; California Rep. Bob Dornan; and Alan Keyes, a leader among African American conservatives.

Buchanan has a long history of attacking Gays and Lesbians. His angry rhetoric at the GOP's 1992 convention is credited with scaring many voters away from George Bush. On a recent Face the Nation show, Buchanan said: "Homosexuals

have declared war upon nature, and nature is exacting an awful retribution. I believe that homosexuality, like other vices, is an assault upon the nature of the individual as God made him, and the consequences are often disastrous and terrible.

Rep. Dornan has served for many years as the Jesse Helms of the House, proposing anti-Gay legislation and anti-Gay amendments to various bills. Last year, he stunned Congressional colleagues by attacking Rep. Steve Gunderson (WI) on the floor of the House, saying Gunderson has "a revolving door on his closet - he's in, he's out, he's in...

Alan Lee Keyes is less well-known than Buchanan and Dornan but he shares their contempt for homosexuals. He campaigns in opposition to the "moral decay" of America which he sees as symbolized by legalized abortion and homosexuality. His campaign slogan is "Faith, Responsibility, Family Values."

Surgeon General Nominee

Pledges Strong War on AIDS
Washington, DC — President Clinton's embattled nominee for US Surgeon General, Dr. Henry Foster, has written a letter to National AIDS Policy Coordinator Patricia Fleming pledging his strong support for increased prevention programs for the war against AIDS. Dr. Foster's nomination is being bitterly contested by anti-abortionists.

'As Surgeon General — the nation's primary teacher on public health issues - I will use my 'bully pulpit' to continue to fight fear with facts," Foster wrote to Fleming. "For AIDS is a disease, not a moral judgment - and we must not allow fear and ignorance to interfere with humane and sound public health policies."

"I applaud the Clinton administration for refocusing and re- energizing federal AIDS research, treatment and prevention efforts. I reject the idea that we must pit one disease against another. All people who are ill deserve our passion and our compassion, our resources and our energy. But AIDS must remain a special concern because it is an infectious disease that is fatal, that has no cure, and that typically strikes people in the prime of life ... '

"While the federal government can and must provide financial resources and leadership, many of the strongest and most effective HIV/AIDS prevention programs have sprung from local communities. From these communities we have learned that targeted, culturally-sensitive educational approaches work best in encouraging and empowering people to adopt healthy

Elton John, "Priscilla", "Trevor" Win Oscars

Los Angeles, CA - A record number of Gay and Lesbian artists and Gay/Lesbian themed films were nominated for Academy Awards this year, and LesBiGay viewers who managed to stay awake through the three-and-a-half hour Oscar extravaganza March 27 were rewarded with a few queer highlights.

Most notable among the winners was openly Gay pop star Elton John who won an Oscar for Best Original Song for "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" from *The Lion King*. Two other John songs from that film, "Hakuna Matata" and "Circle of Life" were also nominated.

One of the goofiest moments at the ceremonies came when Liz Gardiner and Tim Chappel won the Best Costume Design Oscar for the drag movie The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert. Gardiner wore a gaudy dress made

entirely of American Express gold cards.

Two documentaries by Lesbians, Straight From the Heart and Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter, failed to catch the top prize, but a lesser known entry called Trevor, about the struggle of a Gay teen, won the Oscar for Live Action Short Film. In her acceptance speech, producer Peggy Rajski said Trevor was made to focus attention on the problem of suicide among Gay teens. She also gave profuse thanks to Jodie Foster, who apparently helped finance Trevor, Foster, long rumored to be a Lesbian, blushed deeply when the camera zoomed in on her.

Catholic Groups Pressure Disney Over "Priest"

Los Angeles, CA - The Walt Disney Company - a paragon of "family values" in entertainment — is under attack by Morality in Media and the 200,000-member Catholic League for its support of the new movie Priest, produced and distributed by the Disney-owned company Miramax.

Priest tells the story of several fictional clergymen. one of whom is having a heterosexual affair with his housekeeper and another who embarks on a love affair with a Gay man. The Catholic League initially asked Disney/Miramax not to release the movie on April 14, Good Friday, so as not to offend Catholic sensibilities, but the League and other conservative groups are now calling for Priest to be pulled from release entirely and for a nationwide boycott of Disney

"If Disney gets no resistance from the Catholic League and from Catholics around the country [over] this film, God knows what we can expect in the future," said William

Donohue, League President.

Mark Gill, a spokesman for Miramax, defended Priest by saying that its story reflected "real people in a real world."

(Comments on the controversy can be sent to Michael Eisner, CEO, Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista, Burbank, CA 91521; (818) 560-1000.)

Bank Allowed to Withhold Benefits from Gay Workers

Los Ángeles, CA — Federal Judge Mariana Pfaelzer ruled last month that a bank may discriminate against a Gay employee by refusing to grant him and his partner a discounted

loan which it offers to other employees.

The case involved a suit brought against California Federal Bank by Jeffrey Bagley, a bank vice-president, for refusing to issue him the employee discount on a loan he applied for to purchase a new house together with his partner of 10 years, Peter Lavin. Though California Federal, the nation's fifth largest savings and loan, offers a discounted loan to all employees wishing to buy a home with their spouse or other family members, it maintained Bagley and Lavin did not qualify because they are neither married nor "immediate family members.

Judge Pfaelzer ruled that the bank could continue its discriminatory policy because its actions did not violate the federal Equal Credit and Opportunity Act or California's Business and Professions Code. An appeal is likely.

"Bank employees should not be denied credit benefits based on their marital status or sexual orientation," said attorney Amelia Craig of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "This ruling contradicts our notion of equality and reinforces bank policies that discriminate against Lesbian, Gay and other unmarried couples."

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Also on the Newswire...

Annapolis, MD - A House of Delegates Committee voted 12-7 to kill a statewide anti-discrimination bill that would have outlawed bias based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. The defeat was especially frustrating for Gay rights advocates because the margin of defeat was greater than in previous years and the new Democratic Governor. Parris Glendening, had promised to sign

Little Rock, AR - For the third time in six years, an Arkansas Senate Committee has killed a bill that would have made private consensual homosexual relations legal in the state. The current sodomy statute targets only Gays and Lesbians, making sexual acts between people of the same gender a misdemeanor. The Arkansas Family Council lobbied against the reform bill.

Sacramento, CA - Republican Governor and Presidential hopeful Pete Wilson has once again California's LesBiGay community, this time by appointing a heterosexual woman to the judgeship recently vacated by Mary Morgan, a Lesbian. Morgan was first appointed San Francisco Municipal Judge in 1981, and the city's queer community hoped for the appointment of another Lesbian or a Gay man. Morgan has moved to Washington to work for the Justice Department. Her life partner, Roberta Achtenberg, is an Assistant Secretary of Housing.

Washington, DC - The Streisand Foundation, a charitable group founded by the singer which funnels money to progressive causes, has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. P-FLAG will use the funds to support Project Open Mind, a multimedia program which tries to counter negative images of

LesBiGays.

Washington, DC — Flying magazine, facing the threat of legal action from the Gay Pilots Association, has finally relented and agreed to publish a classified ad submitted by the group. The Gay Pilots Association, with 400 members nationwide, is open to commercial, corporate, general aviation and student pilots as well as flight attendants and other aviation aficionados. For more info, contact NGPA at (703) 660-3852. New York, NY — The new opera

Harvey Milk opened in New York April 4 to less than spectacular reviews. Bernard Holland in the New York Times called the opera "lopsided." While "reasonably convincing" in the first act, it then "plunges over a cliff." "Admirable as Milk's work as city supervisor may have been, the administrative offices of the City of San Francisco do not make riveting opera," Holland wrote.

San Francisco, CA - The staff of the San Francisco Bay Times has affiliated with the Northern California Newspaper Guild Local 52, making it the first LesBiGay community paper in the US to gain union recognition for its workers. The move was supported by Bay Times publisher Kim Corsaro, who has a history of labor organizing.

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Group Notes

Carroll College Group Hosts "Gay Day" Dorothy Hajdys to Speak

Waukesha — The Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Awareness Alliance (LGBAA) of Carroll College is pleased to announce its participation in Human Relations Week by hosting a Gay Day on April 18. The week of events is designed to heighten awareness of various minorities and the issues that each group faces. Each day of this special week is dedicated to a

different minority group.

At 5pm on Tuesday, April 18, LGBAA will host Dorothy Hajdys, whose Gay son, Sailor Allen Schindler, was murdered in Japan. Dorothy has emerged from a mother's worst nightmare as a woman with a cause — Gay rights. Her story is a chilling portrayal of how homophobia kills. From dealing with a naval cover-up of her son's death to coming to grips with her own biases, and finally the sentencing of Allen's killer, she sums up her presentation best, "I don't want any other mother to go through what I've been through."

The LGBAA sponsored Gay Day will hold events throughout the day to educate people about the issues faced by LesBiGay people. It begins with an information booth in the college's Campus Center where several books and brochures will be available to browse through. The booth will also have members of the organization available for those having questions or wishing to talk.

Throughout the day, all Carroll students will be encouraged to wear blue jeans and t-shirts or sweatshirts to demonstrate their belief that LesBiGay individuals deserve equal rights.

Gail Hand will close out the evening at 7pm with her humorous show on coming out of the closet. Her performance is sure to take all LesBiGays back to when they came out and to also show others what it's like to come out.

Both shows will be held in the Campus Center Ballroom and are open to the public and are absolutely free. For more information call Frank Varney at (414) 239-7069.

MAGIC Picnic, Madison March & More, July 14-16

More, July 14-16

Madison — Make Madison your destination the weekend of July 14-16 for Madison's Gay Pride/Magic Weekend. The capitol of the original Gay Rights State is again hosting a spectacular, fun



filled weekend.

The 22nd Annual MAGIC Picnic will be held Saturday, July 15, noon to 6pm at Brittingham Park on the beautiful shores of Lake Monona.

Considered Madison's LesBiGay social event of the year, the MAGIC Picnic attracts several thousand people from around the state and surrounding states. Great food and beverages, raffles, organizational booths, vendors, music and the infamous High Heel Drag Races are features. The picnic costs \$8 and includes a picnic lunch and unlimited beer and soda.

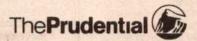
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MARCH

GALVAnize will hold its Second Annual Madison Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, July 16 at 1pm. The parade will step off at the State Street entrance to the capitol, proceed down State Street and will end with a political rally at

Library Mall.

Many other exciting events are planned throughout the weekend including the MAGIC Invitational Volleyball Tournament and the 10% Society Dance. Area bars will also be hosting special parties. For more information contact Mark, Greg or Sherry at (608) 256-3360.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

GALVAnize, the Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance of Madison is holding a t-shirt design contest for the 1995 Pride Celebration scheduled for July 14-16. The suggested theme for the 1995 event is From Silence to Celebration, suggested by the International of Lesbian/Gay Pride Association Coordinators.

Entries should be limited to three colors plus black on a 8-1/2 x 11 white background. The winning submission will remain the property of GALVAnize through the weekend of the pride event and will may be reproduced on t-shirts. programs, advertising and buttons. The design may also be displayed at local businesses for viewer feedback. The artist of the winning design will receive two free shirts.

Contest deadline is Monday, May 8th. Send entries to PO Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701.

Chicago's 26th Annual Pride Parade/Rally June 25

Chicago - Chicago's 26th Annual Pride Celebration featuring a huge parade and rally will be held Sunday. June 25, beginning at 2pm. This year's theme, selected every year by the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators Conference is Pride: From Silence to Celebration.

Plans are being made by Chicago community groups for Pride related activities including choral concerts by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, Windy City Gay Chorus, Unison-Windy City Lesbian & Gay Singers, and Artemis Singers The Frontrunners/Frontwalkers annual Proud to Run is also scheduled.

Registration packets applications for parade entries, rally table registrations, program book advertising and Pride Month Calendar of events entries are available by calling PrideChicago (Richard) at (312) 348-8243

New souvenir items available this vear include a larger 4'x 6' rainbow flag, rainbow bunting/sashes, buttons and t-

Commitment '95 Fundraiser April 30

Little Chute - There is a Solution Bowling Extravaganza, a Commitment '95 fundraiser will be held Sunday, April 30 at Village Lanes in Little Chute. Coffee and fellowship begins at 10am followed by a potluck lunch of sloppy joes at noon (bring a dish to pass). Bowling begins at 1pm.

The cost is \$6 for 3 games of bowling and shoe rental, \$2 for spectators. Donations of old and new items are being sought for a Silent Auction. This is a non-alcohol, non-drug

Students Teaching Parents About AIDS

Madison - While advertisers scream "just do it" and the politicians admonish "just say no," most people just say nothing. That is why teen volunteers for the Madison AIDS Support Network are inviting the community, especially parents, to join them in an open forum to discuss the issues surrounding sex and AIDS among teenagers. Making Sense Out of Sex will be held Thursday, April 20, 7pm, in the West High School Library, 30 Ash Street, Madison.

This event is being coordinated by the Madison AIDS Support Network's teen peer educators, the HIT Squad (HIV Intervention for Teens), and Sue Pegg, RN of the West High School Nurses' Office. Students will be facilitating the discussion, along with Mary Jo Hussey, RN of the Madison Department of Public Health. They will be discussing their views on the AIDS epidemic, sex education, peer influences, the media and how parents can open a dialogue with their children on these issues.

The HIT Squad consists of Madison are high school students who educate their peers about the facts of HIV and AIDS. They go to schools, conferences, youth group gatherings and churches to provide activity and discussion-based presentations on the subject of protecting teens from contracting HIV

For more information about Making Sense Out of Sex, or the HIT Squad, call John Rademacher at MASN (608) 252Saint Camillus to hold Spring Retreats
Saint Francis — Saint Camillus

HIV/AIDS Ministry has scheduled two spring retreats. A Delicate Balance: The Professional Caregiver Faces AIDS will be offered May 5-7 and is open to any professional caregiver of persons with

Embracing the Mystery: AIDS & The Spiritual Life will be offered for the third time this year on June 16-18 to individuals who are infected with the HIV

Both programs are offered without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. Overnight accommodations, meals and materials are provided. There is no fee charged to participate, but contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Space is limited. For further call Brother Stephen information Braddock, OSCam at (414) 481-3696 between 10am and 4pm.

GAMMA Plans Many Mid-April Events

Milwaukee - GAMMA. outdoor/athletic/social club with over 200 LesBiGay members in southeastern Wisconsin has several events planned in the coming days that are open to all readers of In Step.

On Saturday, April 15, the first casual bike ride of the season begins at 1pm at the Lake Park Pavilion. The route will follow north on Lake Drive to Fairy Chasm Road and return to Lake Park by way of the '76 trail. It's about 20 miles of flat terrain, a great warm-up for the season

GAMMA's annual kiting event will begin with brunch at M&M's at 12:15 on Sunday, April 23. Then meet at the Gift of Wings rental shop at 2pm in Veterans Park, on Lake Michigan, and "go fly a kite with GAMMA."

Both the biking and kiting events are weather-dependent, so call GAMMA at (414) 963-9833 if you have any questions

GAMMA will also have a several group in the annual Miller Lite Ride for the Arts. Team registrations are due on April 14, so if you're interested in riding with the 50-mile or 25-mile GAMMA team, please call GAMMA (414) 963-9833 now for registration form. The \$20 fee includes a t-shirt.

In addition to these events, GAMMA will sponsor an Easter Brunch, a Book Club discussion, a pre-movie The Sum of Us reception, and an evening of Sheepshead during this two-week period mid-April. Call for membership information and a free newsletter.

Day-Time Volunteers Needed at BESTD

Milwaukee — Historically most of BESTD Clinic's services have been offered during evening hours. Since most BESTD volunteers work full-time, their availability to offer their skills and time is limited to "after-work" hours.

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Now the Brady Street Clinic would welcome a few good people who are looking for something important to do during the day! It's an ideal opportunity for those who are retired and would like to volunteer. The Board is attempting to staff the facility at 1240 East Brady Street weekdays between 10am and 5pm. Tasks are assigned based on the volunteer's interests and skills. Each day involves providing a live voice for the clinic's phone line to make appointments, provide information on services and referrals.

Manager of support services, Ralph Resenhoeft, is pleased that several people have already offered their services. He would like to involve at least 3 or 4 more. If this appeals to you and days are the BESTD time for you, please call Ralph or Erv Uecker at the Clinic, (414) 272-2144.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association Meeting

Milwaukee — On Thursday, April 20 at 7pm, the monthly meeting of the Sherman Park Rainbow Association will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 North 48th Street.

The Brady Street Clinic will provide information and anonymous HIV testing. Anyone who would like to be tested is welcome to attend the meeting. Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo will also be present to meet members and learn more about the Rainbow Association.

The Rainbow Association will again decorate a PrideFest float and will run game concessions at the PrideFest grounds. Details will be presented at the April 20 meeting.

The Sherman Park Community Association's 1995 Shermanfest promises to be a great success since 10 of the 30 planning committee members are Rainbow members. The Rainbow Association will be hosting a pig roast in May to raise money for Shermanfest. The Rainbow Association will also be involved in the Sherman Park Community Association Annual Housing survey and Spring graffiti printout. Volunteers are needed to make these events successful.

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Letters

WC-3 ... Revisited

The concept of a women's/Lesbian community center has always been a dream in this city. (Well, as long as I can remember and as far back as 1975, and the Women's Coalition), women have been talking about a space of our own.

Sometimes it will happen, like Wisconsin Women's Land, which was an idealistic dream that became reality and sometimes it will not happen, like the 1981, Women's Building Project. The important part is that we keep the dream, rethink the dream, replay the dream, it's the very process that keeps us vital.

The Board of the Womyn's Cultural Community Center would like to thank all of you who supported this idea of community with your ideas and money. We have not given up the idea. We realize the importance of timing and letting go of a good idea, if the time is not right for it. We value our effort and energy enough to say "we need to let

Again we want to thank all the people who put their time and energy into this project. WC-3 is donating all money it collected to Hurricane Productions, Inc., to continue its almost 15 years of producing women's music in the city of Milwaukee.

I for one, am willing to engage this project at any time in the future that the issue might come up.

> - Rosemary Caravella WC-3 Board of Directors

Comments on Hicks' Viewpoint

Editor: Diversity is an odd argument to use against legalizing same-sex marriage "We Don't Need Marriage," Viewpoint by Richard Hicks, March 30-April 12, 1995). Mr. Hicks seems to be confusing diversity with conformity. Hicks argues that all same-sex couples should use private contracts, therefore no same-sex couples should have the right to marry. Private contracts may suffice for Hicks. but we are diverse lot and many of us

If same-sex marriage was legalized, Hicks would hardly be forced into its bonds. Modern marriage requires the assent of both partners. If Hicks feels the burdens of legal marriage outweigh its benefits, he would have the simple option of not signing a license, not saying "I do," not getting married. He would still have the option of drawing up all the private contracts he now enjoys.

prefer legal marriage.

Since neither of us have law degrees we find that the private contracts which Hicks extols are much more of a burden than legal marriage. A Milwaukee County marriage license costs \$50. How much does your lawyer charge to draw up contracts? For that matter, marriage licenses do not require lawyers and perhaps this why Atty. Hicks opposes

Hicks is correct when he states that a will takes precedence over laws regarding the distribution of estates. Unfortunately a will offers little protection when it is contested by blood relatives. Legal same-sex marriage would provide a safety net: the spouse of the deceased would remain the primary beneficiary even if the will is declared invalid.

Divorce is only a burden when viewed by a party who is forced to take the needs of an ex-spouse into account. In an ideal world, all parties would behave honorably and fairly. In the real world, honorable and fair are in the eye of the beholder and, in the absence of a divorce, there is nothing to compel a person who controls the assets to divide them equitably.

Private contracts are worthless in any hospital unless you happen to carry a copy in your pocket. If one of us is rushed to the emergency room, must the other rush home to find the health care power-of-attorney contract? And no private contract can guarantee health insurance for a spouse under a group plan to pay for such emergencies.

It does not matter whether Hicks wishes to submit to the burdens of legal marriage. It does matter whether he, or any of the rest of us, has the right to exercise that choice.

- Tim Grair & Chris Lubus

Editor:

When Greg Louganis made his announcement that he has AIDS and more publicly acknowledged homosexuality, and when Chris Fons died of AIDS recently, I was struck by how important these two men have been to my life, though I have never met either

By making their lives public and exposing themselves to the cruelties of ignorant people they have made my life more acceptable. They have taken the brunt of society's anger and fear, thereby protecting me.

The example of their lives as Gay men gives me the impetus to be more open about who I am. They make being Gay more understandable not only to straight people, but more importantly they make it more understandable to Gay people.

The lives of Greg Louganis and Chris Fons, not their illness or death, have given me a greater sense of who I am and of who I can be and of who I am meant to be. They have worked courageously for something in their lives, each in their own way. What they have worked for has been to my benefit. I am left now with tremendous gratitude for their work and the work of so many others I also do not know.

The gratitude I feel is not a sentimental emotion, it is fired with anger, humiliation, the need to express myself and the desire to make a contribution to the lives of others.

The gratitude I feel is not the kind that says, "thank you" and moves on to something else. It is the gratitude of the one to whom the baton in a relay has been passed. It is now my turn to carry the baton, if not to the finish line, then to another who can carry it further than I.

The gratitude I feel is not forced on me by the dictates of society, it is not a matter of etiquette. The gratitude I feel is forced on me by the necessity of life within me being born through the pain of

others, which is also my pain.

These lives, not just of Greg and Chris; these lives of so many Gay men and women throughout history and more visibly today, are calling me to give myself to them as they have given themselves to me. I am called to bring to light my life and the reality of love which marks my life.

> - Joe Fairbanks Milwaukee



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Independent Thoughts

Commentary by Marvin Liebman

Grow Up!

In bars and clubs across the country, a new generation of Gay men—now in their teens and twenties—is devoting its time, money, and lives to partying. It is time for the party to end. It

is time to grow up.

The Black Party. The White Party. The Underwear Party. The Leather Party. There's always a party and plenty of entrepreneurs ready to profit from the bars, discos, baths, sex clubs, drink, and drugs required to pacify the relentless pursuit of pleasure by so many young Gay men. Little has changed since the partying of the generation before which caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Gay men.

So many young men, feverishly chasing something or other — dancing, drinking, eyes darting to cruise the room, faces saying "look at me," shirts off, muscles flexing, men smoking, snorting, drifting into the corner, the toilet, the back room, and afterward taking drunken taxi-rides to a stranger's room. What are all the young men seeking? Sex? Love? A "relationship?" Assurances that youth will never end? Oblivion? What?

It is time to get off the merry-goround. It is time to face the world as it is,
not how we would like it to be. Our
enemies, who fear our difference and
hate us for existing, are growing in
strength. We are not prepared to resist
them. A whole new generation of young
men have left their closets of denial only
to wind up in walk-in closets of Gay men,
desperately partying, living out their lives
uncritically with no interest in their
brothers and sisters or their community,
besieged by political, religious and social
homophobia.

I base this on no scientific study, but on my own observations. Of course, there are many young Gay men — and even more young Lesbians — who give their time and energies to working for our community. But, I believe that the majority of "out" Gay men, from their teens through their twenties, are falling into the same hedonism that decimated the generation before.

I know that I sound like the disapproving parent — or, in my case, grandparent — whose voice was supposed to die down when the closet door opened. I am certain, however, that it is time for all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, to grow up and take our lives more seriously and confront the

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- Marvin Liebman

mortal danger we face from opponents whose notions of religion, family, and society totally exclude us. They will stop at nothing to drive us back into the silence and invisibility which was forced on us in all the centuries past. By the very fact of our survival, Lesbians and Gay men stand in the way of their twisted vision of heaven on earth.

Young Gay men are coming out by leaps and bounds at earlier ages. As a community, we have provided little leadership for them and few models of an enduring life. Left to their own powers of navigation, too many follow a downward spiral of self-destruction. Giddy with freedom from former inhibitions, they shut their eyes to the future, perpetual adolescents partying their lives away.

Believe me, my young friends, the party always ends. Is there a man alive

is it all about?" He heads for a job the next day to earn enough money only to get by, to buy some cool clothes, to get as drunk as possible at the next Happy Hour when the drinks are cheap, and later, perhaps, to dance until oblivion. What do other guys, sitting at home, know about having fun?

In the quarter-century since Stonewall, two generations of Lesbians and Gay men have had the courage to be adults, to step away from the party, and build a Gay community. Their numbers are constantly diminished by hate induced curiside.

- Gay or straight - who, after a night

of anonymous partying and half-drunken sex, hasn't awakened to the painful

questions, "What am I doing?" and "What

stonewall, two generations of Lesbians and Gay men have had the courage to be adults, to step away from the party, and build a Gay community. Their numbers are constantly diminished by hate-induced suicide, violence, and an epidemic that ravaged their ranks. Still, they kept fighting so that subsequent generations of Gays would not have to start from scratch. They fought so that people after them would not be forced to endure the same agony and anguish as they did. They built us a shelter of self-awareness, pride, and community.

We need that shelter, especially those who have recently come out and seek a genuine family and a collective space to call home. That shelter lies not in smoky clubs or transient sex or the pretense that we really do not need each other. We find that shelter in our community of brothers and sisters, around whom we should be proud to hold up our heads and accept our share of the burden of making a better future for ourselves and those who follow.

This means participating. It means supporting the political and service-related work that our forebears began. It

means stepping forward to take positions of leadership ourselves in these organizations and in the broader civic arena. It means accepting responsibility for our own lives and for the lives of our brothers and sisters.

This doesn't mean that we mimic the tight-lipped, pinch-nosed, hostile demeanor of our detractors. We are free and liberated men and women. It's fine to party sometimes. Sex, too, is a great gift to be enjoyed, but not recklessly, without thought to potential consequences of disease and death.

We must accept responsibility. We must stand up, as mature men and women, to confront the challenge of those who would destroy us. For Gay men in particular, if we are to survive, we need to grow up.

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Gay Medical Group Urges New Strategies to Prevent Spread of HIV

San Francisco, CA — A report issued by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, The Silent Crisis: Ongoing HIV Infections Among Gay Men, Bisexuals and Lesbians at Risk, warns that without major changes in prevention strategies a majority of young, HIV-negative Gay and Bisexual men in the US will eventually become infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

The 108-page report presents the results of the first broad- based summit of scholars and community leaders ever convened to discuss HIV prevention in the Gay community. The summit meeting took place last July in Dallas and included 150 AIDS activists and community leaders.

The goal of the report is to reawaken the community to the severity of new infections and to place the issue at the

top of the Gay and Lesbian national agenda.

Dr. Benjamin Schatz of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) commented: "Despite the popular perception that AIDS has moved out of the Gay community and that Gay men are somehow taken care of, nothing could be farther from the truth. Unless serious action is taken, far more Gay men will become infected in the years to come than have been infected to date."

The report concludes that prevention efforts must address profound emotional/psychological issues affecting HIV-negative Gay and Bisexual men that may be causing them to risk their lives. Prevention itself must be redefined, with the emphasis shifting from disseminatibg facts to helping people explore their sexual motivations and priorities. Building stronger LesBiGay communities and combating homophobia are also necessary to fight AIDS in these communities.

"For prevention to be effective in 1995, we must understand the context of the lives of Gay and Bisexual men and what we are feeling," summit co-chair Dr. Alvin Novick

"For many Gay and Bisexual men, issues of depression, loss, survivor guilt, fear of intimacy, substance abuse, internalized homophobia and racism are the key issues challenging their resolve to engage consistently in protected sex. For these men, efforts to rejuvenate community hope and enhance self-image may be far more effective prevention tools than are brochures and condoms."

In addition, Gays, Bisexuals and Lesbians in differing racial, age and regional populations have very different prevention needs and require greater resources to design their

own prevention strategies.

"The Gay community and AIDS organizations must start demanding adequate prevention resources for Gay and Bisexual men," said Dr. Schatz. To dramatize the inequity in funding, he cited the statistic that only 9% of prevention dollars in California target Gay and Bisexual men despite the fact that nearly 80% of the AIDS cases in the state are among those two groups.

"We've been afraid to ask for what we deserve," said Schatz. "AIDS organizations don't want to appear 'too Gay' and Gay/Lesbian organizations don't want to appear too focused on AIDS. As a result, Gay HIV prevention issues have often fallen through the cracks."

Copies of The Silent Crisis can be obtained for \$12.50 from GLMA, 273 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114;

(415) 255-4547.

CDC Breast Cancer Program Aims to Reach Lesbians

Atlanta, GA - Four cities are expected to be the beneficiaries of a new project sponsored by the Centers for

Disease Control (CDC) which aims to encourage breast screening and breast cancer prevention education among Lesbians.

The outreach effort is part of the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Studies suggest that Lesbians may be at higher risk for developing breast cancer because of several factors: they access health care less often than heterosexual women; a majority of Lesbians over age 50 have never had children (childlessness seems to play a role in increasing the risk for breast cancer); and Lesbians consume more alcohol than heterosexual women, adding yet another risk factor.

The CDC's Lesbian initiative is expected to begin in Minneapolis, Dallas, Bangor, Maine and San Pedro, California. CDC grants to state health departments will be funneled to YWCA's in each locality. The YWCA's, which have historically been supportive of Lesbian issues and whose mission is outreach to different populations of women, will then conduct

the local organizing and education efforts.

The CDC is providing each "Y" with suggestions for Lesbian outreach, such as forming Lesbian breast cancer survivor groups. They are also being encouraged to sensitize local health professionals to Lesbian health issues, to communicate closely with Lesbian organizations, and to establish appropriate referral systems.

The success of this pilot program targeting Lesbians

could mean its expansion in the future

In related news, two new long-term studies of women who have survived breast cancer indicate that for women who had small cancers which were detected at an early stage, lumpectomies followed by radiation was as effective as a full mastectomy over a ten year period. For women with more advanced breast cancer, followup chemotherapy was found to be more effective than surgery alone.

The results of the two studies are published in the April 6 edition of the New England Journal of Medicine.

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The Assault on Affirmative

One can already hear the mantra that will be chanted in California next year: "No special rights." Not that Californians will be voting on an anti-Gay initiative. No, the vote will be on an anti-civil rights initiatives dubbed by its proponents, in true Orwellian fashion, as the "California Civil Rights Initiative."

The slickly worded initiative to amend the California constitution is deceptively simple: it would prohibit all state agencies from using "race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the State's system of public employment, public

education or public contracting.

Despite its rhetoric of equality, the California initiative is part of a nationwide assault on affirmative action. The underlying agenda is to turn the clock back to the days when only whites and men had affirmative action. Of course, no one called it affirmative action back then: it was the unspoken good old boys and the good old whites network. Males and whites were the ones who got the training and had the connections necessary to get the better-paying jobs. They were the first hired and the last fired.

So what, exactly, is affirmative action? There are several types: 1) court-ordered remedies; 2) voluntary programs; 3) government programs that require affirmative action goals; and 4) set asides for minority and women-owned businesses. The right wing wants to eliminate all of these for minorities and women. It does not, however, seek to eliminate veterans' preferences, which predominantly benefit heterosexual men.

Court-ordered affirmative action remedies can range from mild ones (such as requiring a company to publicize its commitment to equal employment opportunity or to advertise job openings in minority newspapers) to stronger ones (such as action recruitment of minority or women candidates for jobs, or establishment of training programs to improve the job qualifications of women and minorities). These remedies open up the "good old boys" network, and help ensure that minorities and women are aware of and able to apply for jobs traditionally closed to them.

Only rarely do courts order quotas - in the most extreme cases of discrimination, when such measures are necessary to overcome a pattern of intransigent discrimination. Even when quotas are ordered, they do not totally bar those who are not minorities or women from eligibility, nor are they permanent. They are in place only until the company eliminates the institutionalized segregation arising from its past practices.

When institutions realize they have a problem of exclusion of minorities or women, they can undertake voluntary programs designed to remedy the problem and to diversify their work force or their institution. These voluntary programs eliminate the need for individuals to go through the expense,

stress and time necessary to pursue lawsuits.

The federal government also requires federal contractors to have affirmative action compliance programs, and many state (Wisconsin included) and local governments have similar programs. These requirements were established because of the long history of exclusion of minorities and women, and because federal policies designed to achieve voluntary compliance with equal employment opportunities had failed. Contractors simply were not hiring minorities and women in numbers anywhere proportionate to the pool of qualified minorities and women in the labor market. Accordingly, federal contractors must set goals to correct under-utilization of minorities or women in employment; the Office of Federal Contract Compliance reviews the progress being made by a

contractor in achieving its goals. In 1985 testimony before Congress, the National Association of Manufacturers supported these programs, pointing out that big business regularly sets goals and timetables for every aspect of its operations. "Setting goals and timetables for minority and female participation is a way of measuring progress and focusing on potential discrimination."

Because of the continuing effects of prior discrimination against minority contractors in construction, Congress in 1977 required that 10 percent of federally funded construction projects go to minority-owned companies. Likewise, due to the extreme under-representation of minorities in ownership of broadcast licenses, which reduces the diversity of views and information available to the public on the airways, the Federal Communications Commission has adopted a policy of giving extra "points" to a minority owned station competing with a non-minority-owned firm for a broadcast license. The Supreme Court has upheld both these programs.

Racism and sexism are so ingrained in our culture that under-representation of racial minorities and women persists long after an institution eliminates overt discriminatory practices. It results from things such as unconscious biases by hiring officers in favor of whites or men, lack of the right connections, lack of education at the "right" schools, fewer economic resources, lack of training, and lack of role models. For minorities and women to get the same shot at opportunities as whites and men, special efforts often are needed to overcome

their barriers to advancement.

If affirmative action programs are prohibited, whether by a California-style initiative or federal legislation, then government agencies would lack effective tools to remedy a problem of discrimination or exclusion. Actions such as setting hiring goals and developing policies designed to reach them, or targeting minorities or women for recruitment or training could be considered "preferential treatment."

Just as anti-Gay initiatives are about making Gay men, Lesbians, and Bisexuals second class citizens, so are the attacks on affirmative action about pushing minorities and women to the back of the bus. Those who oppose any and all affirmative action programs, regardless of the design of or need for such programs, are the same people who oppose civil rights protections for openly Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual persons. A victory for the right wing on affirmative action will strengthen their attacks on Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

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THEATER

Gay Comedian Tony Domenico Shines In Angel Feathers

Milwaukee — What began as an AIDS benefit Christmas Show, Angel Feathers features Tony Domenico in rare form at Funny Business Comedy Club, 639 W. Layton Avenue at 8pm on April 27, and 8 and 10:30pm April 28 and

Tony Domenico evolves into over a dozen characters, from Dr. Ruth to Pee Wee Herman, as a full time impersonator who has appeared on tour for the USO, Showtime, and is working on a Broadway show about the life of a comic. Tickets for this high energy and hilarious headliner are \$6 and \$8. To reserve your seats call Funny Business Comedy Club at (414)

Et toi, tu danses? in House of Bernarda Alba at Danceworks

Milwaukee - Federico Garcia Lorca's House of Bernarda Alba, an original ballet in three acts performed by Yves de Bouteiller's chamber company Et toi, tu danses premieres at Danceworks studio theater, 727 N. Milwaukee Street, April 21, 22 and 29 at 8pm and April 30 at 3pm.

Based on Lorca's 1936 Drama of Women in the Villages of Spain, Bernarda Alba explores desire violently thwarted by social forces, the status of women in maledominated Spain, but it also represents part of Lorca's larger project of restoring the human body to theater by forging a vision of theater drawn from dance.

House of Bernarda Alba promises an evening of emotional intensity and dazzling dance-theater. Tickets to this poetic and dramatic work are \$10 general admission/\$8 students and seniors. For more information call (414) 276-3191.

Also planned around the Bernarda Alba project, is Aesthetic Cross-Dressing: Federico Garcia Lorca, The House of Bernarda Alba, and the Relation between Word and Gesture will look at the processes involved in translating a written work into the vocabularies of music and dance, as well as, exploring the cultural and historical contexts. The panel discussion begins at 7pm on Monday, April 24 at the United Community Center, 1028 S. 9th Street. Admission is free and open to the

Theatre X Celebrates 25 with Silver Mask-erade

Milwaukee - Theatre X commemorates their 25th Anniversary with a night of fun and fashion as they host their second annual Masked Ball fund-raiser, Saturday, May 6 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago. This year's theme is Silver Mask-erade and attendees are encouraged to dress in silver wear, in addition to, wearing masks.

The evening will begin with cocktails and mask making

at 7pm. Following dinner, Wild Space Dance Company will present a runway style mask fashion show. Dancing to the Latin and jazz rhythms of Culturas will round out this evening of surprises and fun. The Theatre X Company will perform their 25 Years in 5 Minutes, depicting a chronological history of Theatre X performance highlights.

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READINGS

Women of Color Speak Out at City Hall

Milwaukee — Hear what has to be said about work and family, sex and relationships, love, life, and living, as women from our community come together at the first Women of Color Speak Out on Friday, April 28 at the City Hall Rotunda,

200 E. Wells Street, 5:30pm.

Sponsored by Milwaukee 9to5 and The Black Women's Leadership Institute, the Speak Out will begin with a social and opening address by Barbara Burke-Tatum, Executive Director of the Social Development Commission. followed by 20 Women of Color from the community who will share their stories, poems and verse.

The cover charge to this outstanding event is \$5. To register by April 26 call Sherri Jones, Coordinator, at (414) 272-

Gay Author Robert Gluck Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee - Woodland Pattern Book Center is pleased to present author Robert Gluck in a reading with novelist Kathy Acker as part of the National Literary Network Tour on Saturday, April 22 at 8pm at the Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust Street.

Robert Gluck's writing is distinguished by an intense focus on details and a fine and controlled prose style. Gluck's new novel, Margery Kempe, is a tale of romantic obsession and

loss of self.

Author of thirteen novels, Kathy Acker's versatility as a writer is evident as she moves from narrative storytelling post-modern critique. Often containing disturbing pornographic and violent imagery, daily experience and ordinary states of mind provide the particulars for narratives appropriated from a wide range of sources.

Tickets for the Gluck & Acker Reading are \$5 general admission/\$4 members. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. To reserve your seats call Woodland Pattern

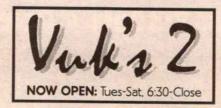
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Let Mrs. Fun's "No Ennui" Funk Your World

Milwaukee - Mrs. Fun the dynamic duo of hardcore jazzfunk and progressive pop are out again, (on CD that is) and







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The new release is No Ennui (ennui:n. 1. a feeling of weariness and discontent that comes from lack of occupation or interest.2.boredom), and Mrs. Fun's pulsating signature sound breaks through old boundaries with the hard-driving funk of Gossip to the twisted swing of Thelonious Monk's Epistrophy.

To really feel the Mrs. Fun groove — and understand why they've been voted Best Contemporary Jazz Group by WAMI three years in a row, opened for Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, and have headlined at the 40th Annual Arts Festival of Atlanta and Summerfest — you've got to see them live. They'll be having a CD Release party at Cafe Melange, 720 N. Old World 3rd Street on Friday, April 21. Call Cafe Melange (414) 291-9889 for more details.

Gay Country Music Singer Jeff Miller is Back

Madison — Geraldine's welcomes top national Gay country music singer Jeff Miller to the stage for two shows on Friday, April 28. The first show starts at 10pm.

Known for his high energy, dance-driven format, Miller's show is a blend of Top 40 2-Steps, line dances, waltzes, shuffles, swing and even a polkal A unique part of the Jeff Miller show is the way he adapts songs for his LesBiGay audiences. Sometimes its flipped pronouns or other subtle changes, but no matter what he does with lyrics Miller promises a show you'll never forget. Tickets are \$4 in advance/\$5 at the door. Call Geraldine's (608) 241-9335 for more info.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Celebrates 8 Fabulous Years

Milwaukee — An appreciative audience awarded the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus with a standing ovation at *The Gay Concert* as they departed from their traditional offering of song, and included bright costumes, choreography and brave songs.

The Park East Hotel was the sight of the WCCC's Eighth Anniversary banquet. The event celebrated chorus members Michael Rahm, Audrey "Ma" Mixdorf and Jay Reinke. Plan on seeing the Chorus at PrideFest '95 and their June 24 concert at Vogel Hall.

Kate Clinton Live at the Pabst

You have to be there!

By Carmen A. Murguia

If you're one of the few LesBiGay's who have only gotten a glimpse of Kate Clinton hosting In the Life or saw her live at the March on Washington (or like me), attended the WRONG prep school and missed out on having Ms. Clinton as your English teacher — then here is your opportunity to see her out and as beautiful as ever in the ornate setting of the Pabst Theater on Friday, April 21 at 7:30pm. Oh, so you think the tickets are a little pricey (\$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, respectively) for a night of comedy? Let me put it to you this way: 1. It's a fundraiser for LAMM's Education Fund which goes back into educating people about who we are. 2. After seeing Hilarity Clinton, you'll be glad she's on our side!

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Wisconsin's Cream City Chorus first all-Gay show at the PAC was a big crowd hit. Besides campy song, there IN STEP ▼ April 13-26,1995 ▼ Page 22

was a "fashion" show to raise money for their treasury. Photos by James Taylor

Film

"The Sum of Us"

David Stevens "Writes His Big One"

By Dale Reynolds

Writer/director David Stevens, 54, is an amalgam of many cultures: born in British mandate Palestine (Tiberius) in 1940 to a British father and a Dutch mother, he moved with his parents to several countries before the age of nine: Jordan, South Africa (Pietersmaritzburg, Baaldam, and Durban), Aden and Eritrea. His sisters were boarded in schools in England, but he went to a Catholic high school, Terra Sancta College, where he had a boyfriend. "My father wanted me to grow up fast, so from the age of nine on, every school holiday he'd put me on a plane wherever it was headed, and I'd travel with one suitcase, all by myself. I had a wonderful time going to Arabia, Africa, America, wherever.

With that background, he was bound to be a writer, "In 1972 I adopted Australia, after living very happily for six years in New Zealand." He lived in Melbourne, where he became a well-known writer and director. His most famous script was the co-authorship of the 1980 South African adventure, Breaker Morant (which was shot in southern Australia), and simultaneously, he directed A Town Like Alice, an Australian mini-series, which played well over here.

Now he resides on the tiny island of St. Martin, in the French West Indies (the other half of the island is the Netherland Antilles). "It's a tropical paradise, thirty minutes flight east of Puerto Rico. From my office window I can see three countries: Anguila, French St. Martin's, Dutch St. Martin's, and on a clear day, the island of Statia." He lives with his hunk/lover of 7 years, Loren Boothby. "I lived in Acapulco for a couple of years, but got fed up with the place. Then I bought a home in Massachusetts, but that lasted two hours into my first New England snowstorm. I fled south, where I discovered St. Martin's. It's a paradise with very little of the problems the other island cultures have. I love it here."

THE SUM OF US

Because he is an out Gay, Stevens decided to write about the relationship between a young Gay man who has a

supportive non-Gay father. It was somewhat based on the unspoken reality of his father's mother having spent a 40-year relationship with another woman, only to be separated at the end by both families. The play was The Sum of Us, which had a quite successful debut run five summers ago in Los Angeles (produced by Dorothy Lyman and directed by Jack Hofsiss). It was taken immediately to off-Broadway with a new cast (including Tony Goldwyn and Richard Venture) and ran a year. Then, as these things can happen, the director of the off-Broadway run, Kevin Dowling, finagled a berth as director of the Australian film version, which was shot in 1993.

The end result is a fine and rare film: charming, funny, sad; an honest look at what father/son relations could be when one of the participants is homosexual, but so rarely is. The producers landed the respected Aussia actor Jack Thompson to play the father and one of its strongest rising young stars, Russell Crowe, to play the Gay son. (Crowe fought like mad to get into the film; Tony Goldwyn, just as talented and sexy, wanted to reprise his role). In fact, of all the participants in the filming, only Stevens is Gay, which merely proves that talent will win out no matter what the subject matter, if only the participants will let go of fear: pay attention, Hollywood!

One of the marks of a good piece of art is how much interpretation it will sustain: A Shakespearian play or a Mozartian opera hold up well no matter where the director chooses to place their work. So too does Sum have a variety of interpretations allowable. In the L.A. stage production, with the mad Kenneth Mars and talented David Packer in the leads, there was a darker quality to the

father's love: a smothering of the young man's personality in order to make up for not having a mother. When it was produced in Calgary, Alberta, they "had an upbeat, gorgeous production which didn't play any of the darkness. Dowling did the same with New York, and since he directed the film, it showed up there." Stevens continues, "I don't have an opinion; I think it works both ways. What we have found is that audiences — straight or Gay — love the play; the interaction and love between the two men. One of the more interesting fights I had with the film's producers was that they switched the locale from Melbourne, which is a smaller, more laid-back city, to Sydney, which is larger and has more energy. They felt it had more romance. It wasn't until I saw a screening that I realized how right they were with the move. Simply put, there are more locations to shoot in Sydney."

THE CAST

Stevens called Jack Thompson the Paul Newman of Australia. He's not quite as sexy as our 70-year-old blue-eyed wonder, but he's talented and honest in the role. Russell Crowe, who is starting to climb the slippery slope of success, is another off-kilter sex symbol. As a non-Gay man, he admitted to the director that he imagined kissing Sharon Stone when he sucked-face with actor John Polson (Crowe had already been signed to shoot the dreadful Stone-starrer oater, The Quick & the Dead). Polson acknowledged being turned on by the thought that he was only one set of lips away from Stone, himself. So everybody was happy. Especially us, as the scene looks as though both men are as hot as for each other as we might be. In fact,



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some of the more erotic material in the make-out scene was trimmed, according to Stevens.

After the success of Sum assured him some profile, Stevens became involved with the late Alex Haley Roots in the TV Miniseries sequel, Queenie. "Alex died before he could write the book, so I took over, and Morrow sold 110,000 copies. I have another work about to be published - a novel about Lawrence of Arabia, The Waters of Babylon, which deals with his homosexuality, in great depth and detail.

I also wrote the sequel to the The Thorne Birds, which is now casting for its Australian shoot." Stevens also had a King Arthur miniseries he's planning, which is set in a dream time. While not Gay, exactly, it presumes a love triangle Arthur, Guenevere. between Lancelot. "No sex, just love."

THE WRITER

Stevens is a complicated man, who is working steadily in the business he loves. "I want to be the best I can be. It's a fairly difficult part, as I have to make a living." Among his heros, rather surprisingly, is the late Gay stage director, John Dexter. "He was the most important figure in my early life. He was the most ruthless man I ever met, but to me was generous; I worked for him for six months, and we became friends

within three months. He took me into my mind places I'd never been: taught me Brecht, which influenced Sum — I had John on my shoulder when I wrote the play. He was a profound mentor, teaching me that characters can talk to the audience; can step out of character. The most frivolous comedy is more interesting if there's some social consequence. Cop d'theatre. When the father has a stroke, and then speaks to the audience, I thought John would like that. In a sense, The Sum of Us is a summation of everything John Dexter taught me."

There is a dark cloud on his

Every Section of Australian Society is integrated except Tasmania.

professional past: the film version of "Kansas," a 1988 flop, which starred Matt Dillon and Andrew McCarthy: "if it did anything, it persuaded me I didn't want to direct any more. My training was in the theatre where the director's job used to be more creative rather than technical. And I wasn't ready for the ego-battles that Hollywood is used to. I don't have a killer instinct. It was a terrible experience for me. None of my experiences in film have been that happy. I don't speak that language, I'm afraid. And I've never been happier in my life than being a writer."

The Sum of Us debuted in the US and found its success here first. But as Stevens is quick to point out, "Australia is on the way to becoming quite a social democracy. Tasmania dreadfully excepted, where there's still some poofter-bashing, Australia, which used to be white-supremist, has begun a remarkable sea-change in its attitudes about "others." Since 1972, no one can be denied anything under the law because of sex, race, etc., including sexual-orientation. Every section of society is integrated. Before I moved here, I was told I'd be killed as an openly Gay man - it was untrue. I found that the more honest I was, the more I was accepted. Yes, there remain some violent homophobes, but most of population thought "what a relief that one was being honest" even back in the early

I am myself anywhere I am. I was working in South Carolina and I took some straight producers to a Gay disco— and they had a ball! And it was because they thought it a relief to be honest. I have sympathy for actors who are on a tightrope, who must protect themselves. It'll take only one to break the path, but that one must expose himself to the world. I really don't care, you see, what people think of me. In the world I've lived in the past 20-25 years of my life, I've gotten— and lost— some jobs because of my sexuality. So, I don't have the fears others have— I don't have as much at stake."

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Movie Buffs Will Love Murray's Encyclopedia of Gay/Lesbian Film

"Images in the Dark" Author in Milwaukee April 14

By Jamakaya

Images in the Dark: An Encyclopedia of Gay and Lesbian Film and Video (TLA Publications, \$19.95) is the book queer movie fans have been waiting for. It is the most comprehensive listing ever of 3,000 LesBiGay and Transgender-themed movies. It is illustrated profusely with hundreds of great movie stills and includes brief but incisive commentaries about the merits of each title.

Author Raymond Murray will be at AfterWords Bookstore Friday evening, April 14 at 7:30pm to show video clips from 45 different LesBiGay movies — "mostly the funnier, campier stuff," he promises — and to talk about Images in the Dark.

Murray's love affair with movies began at age 17 when he got a job as a theater usher in his native Philadelphia. He ushered, then became the projectionist at a repertory cinema which screened up to 400 movies a year.

"It got me very interested in film," he told In Step, "and then, more specifically, in Gay films. I remember the first summer I worked there I saw The Killing of Sister George, The Boys in the Band, Fellini's Satyricon...It was really eyeopening stuff."

Murray became the theater's manager and then a co-owner with other employees. In 1987, as the home video market boomed, Murray and his partners converted the theater into an alternative video store, specializing in foreign films, cult favorites and Gay and Lesbian movies. They now operate several such alternative stores.

Images in the Dark began as a modest in-store project but soon took on a life of its own.

"We wanted to compile titles for a little video booklet of Gay and Lesbian films our customers could rent," Murray explained. "Then, it started to mushroom. I thought maybe I should add the names of films that might not yet be on video and then realized there's so many Gay and Lesbian writers and directors and stars. Many of them only made straight films, but it's still interesting to know they were out there, so that was added on."

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...? In addition to Gay and Lesbian videos and films made by LesBiGay creative artists, Murray then expanded his research to include films with transgender/cross-dressing themes and those with a camp sensibility. He compiled filmographies of several Gay icons like Bette Davis, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand too.

"It started as a three-month project and ended up taking more than two years," Murray said. His years programming films at the theater gave him a good store of knowledge to begin with, but he identified more and more queer-related movies after poring through film magazines he'd been collecting since the 1970's and programs he'd picked up at Gay and Lesbian film fests around the country.

"All the while, I was getting plenty of input from people who'd call and say,

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The result is an incredible achievement, a 592-page book with 3,000 listings. While a number of books about Gay and Lesbian films have been published over the past ten years or so (most notably Vito Russo's Celluloid Closet which is itself being made into a documentary), Images in the Dark is by far the most comprehensive reference quide.

The first chapter on "Favorite Directors & Independent Filmmakers" includes biographical sketches and filmographies of everyone from Pedro Almodovar, Kenneth Anger and Dorothy Arzner to George Cukor, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Barbara Hammer and Derek Jarman to Merchant/Ivory, Marlon Riggs, John Schlesinger and Gus Van Sant.

FAVORITE STARS

The chapter on "Favorite Stars" (chosen because they are LesBiGay or because their work has special resonance to LesBiGay viewers) ranges from Tallulah Bankhead, Dirk Bogarde and Montgomery Clift through Marlene Dietrich, John Gielgud, Rock Hudson and Sal Mineo to Tony Perkins, Tyrone Power and Rudolph Valentino.

Murray sought permission from some stars who are currently working to include them in the book. He was pleasantly surprised that some, including the perennially closeted Richard Chamberlain, gave their consent while others, who had previously come out as Gay, such as Tom Hulce (Mozart in Amadeus) and Tim Curry (Frank N. Furter in Rocky Horror) declined.

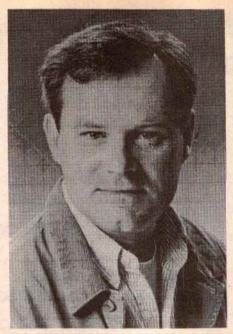
"I hope that once they see the book, some of these people will come around and ask to be included in later editions," said Murray. "It's not at all catty or invasive of people's private lives. The book really focuses on their careers and treats them respectfully as creative people. It's not at all sensational or meant to out them."

Does he think it will become easier for movie stars to come out?

"It's strange," Murray mused. "In England, so many — like Simon Callow, the late Graham Chapman, Rupert Everett, John Gielgud — can be out and it doesn't affect their careers. Rupert Everett still plays male leading roles and it doesn't seem to disturb anyone..."

"THE RIGHT DIRECTION"

"But in the US, it seems like another world. There doesn't seem to be much movement here. If Jodie Foster came out — it's almost too good to hope for — and she continued to play straight roles, it would have to shake up people's perceptions and be a real advance. But I don't know if that's going to happen any time soon."



Author Raymond Murray

VARIETY OF TITLES

Among the writers and musicians profiled in Images in the Dark are Truman Capote, Colette, Noel Coward, E.M. Forster, Tennessee Williams, Leonard Bernstein and Cole Porter.

A chapter "Of Queer Interest" includes dozens of movies of interest to both Gays and Lesbians like Tales of the City, Coming Out Under Fire and One Nation Under God. "Of Lesbian Interest" includes everything from Aileen Wuomos: The Selling of a Serial Killer to the romantic comedy Go Fish to the 1931 German classic Madchen in Uniform.

Entries in "Of Gay Male Interest" range from the erotic thriller Being at Home With Claude to La Cage aux Folles to Kiss of the Spider Woman and Young Soul Rebels. The chapter on Transgenderism includes films like The Crying Game, Orlando, Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, Paris is Burning and even the cross-dressing feminist saga The Ballad of Little Jo.

"Camp" entries range from Chopper Chicks in Zombietown to Mommie Dearest to Zorro: The Gay Blade. A final chapter on "Honorable and Dishonorable Mentions" includes films with secondary queer characters that may have either a positive or negative spin. The handy index at the very end divides all the subject matter into titles, directors, personalities and themes so you can find what you're looking for quickly.

Another advantage of Images in the Dark is that it includes movies produced through 1994, so very recent releases like Strawberry and Chocolate, The Sum of Us and Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter are included.

What does Murray think of the current surge of films by or about Gays and Lesbians?

"It's very exciting! Now, when you look at the movie listings, there's at least one Gay or Lesbian film playing theatrically at any given time — sometimes more — that's a great change."

"But I get a bit disturbed by the depictions within those films," Murray commented. "It's like: 'Well, we're gonna include these Gay and Lesbian characters but we're gonna de-sexualize them,' like Whoopi Goldberg in Boys on the Side or Tom Hanks and Antonio Banderas in Philadelphia. They're often suffering from unrequited love or they're not able to express their love openly. In that sense, it's not a full representation vet."

"Still," Murray said philosophically, "I guess it's a half-step in the right

Murray's appearance at AfterWords is free. There is limited seating, so arrive early. AfterWords is at 2710 N. Murray Avenue.



TV/Video

Watch
"In The Life"
April 20 and 28

New York, NY — The Spring episode of *In the Life* will be shown on Milwaukee's WMVS-TV Channel 10 at midnight, Thursday night April 20. Wisconsin Public Television will carry *In the Life* to other parts of the Badger State on Friday, April 28 at 11pm. Both stations should be contacted and encouraged to run the program at an earlier time.

Segments of the new show will include coverage of Outwrite, the fifth annual conference of Gay and Lesbian writers which took place in Boston in March. Angels in America playwright Tony Kushner and Lesbian novelist Ann Bannon are among those interviewed.



"In The Life's" spring episode (advance Milwaukee screening) will feature an interview with B.D. Wong of ABC's "All American Girl."

There's also a report about Women's Night, an annual fundraising event in Los Angeles which this year attracted the likes of Melissa Etheridge, Martina Navratilova and Lily Tomlin.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II is a preview of Arthur Dong's documentary Coming Out Under Fire, about Gays and Lesbians who served during the war. The creators of a new opera about the life and death of pioneering Gay politician Harvey Milk are interviewed, along with dancer Bill T.

Jones, who talks about his latest creation Still/Here. A discussion of the impact of AIDS on the Lesbian community is also scheduled.

The producers of *In the Life* were in Milwaukee April 11 to give an advance screening of the Spring episode, sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance. They plan on interviewing Gays and Lesbians in Milwaukee for a feature in an upcoming *In the Life* episode.

"Tales of the City" Wins Peabody Award

Athens, GA — The PBS miniseries Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City has been honored with a George Foster Peabody Award. The Peabodies, administered by the University of Georgia, are given for excellence in television programming.

Tales, a comedy/drama which traced the interactions of eight characters living in San Francisco in the 1970's, was cited for its "courageous depiction" of Gay life. It featured Olympia Dukakis, Donald Moffat, Laura Linney, Marcus D'Amico and Chloe Webb.

Because of its Gay theme, Tales was funded primarily by Britain's Channel Four, a major underwriter of independent and offbeat productions, and filmed mostly in England. Despite getting the highest ratings of any PBS show in many years, PBS decided not to help fund a sequel, a decision many believe was made because of homophobia and fear of right wing criticism.

"Tales was just a little too ahead of its time," said author Armistead Maupin. "We committed the unpardonable sin of allowing homosexuals to look like human beings."

"My So-Called Life" Gets Second Life on MTV

New York, NY — My So-Called Life, the critically acclaimed ABC drama about teenagers which may be canceled, is getting a second life with reruns of the first 19 episodes on MTV. The shows began running on Monday nights this month. ABC will use audience reaction to the MTV showings to judge whether the program should continue this fall.

My So-Called Life is worth saving, according to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), because it includes an ongoing Gay character, Rickie Vasquez, played by openly Gay actor Wilson Cruz, and has incorporated a number of Gay-themed storylines in its first season. For instance, in one episode, Rickie was kicked out of his house by his parents after they learn he is Gay. In another, the program focused on Rickie's first crush on another boy.

The show has received praise for its realistic depiction of the feelings and

crises experienced by teenagers and the high caliber acting of the main character, played by Claire Danes. Letters of support can be sent to Randi Cohen, ABC Productions, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Fifth Floor, Century City, CA 90067, (310) 557- 6901; and to MTV, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, (212) 258- 8000.

"Party of Five" on FOX Features Gay Teacher

Los Angeles, CA — One of TV's most inviting programs, according to GLAAD, is the new FOX series Party of Five, which includes the recurring character of Roth, a Gay teacher, played

by Mitchell Anderson.

Party of Five's March 15th episode involved Roth's efforts to adopt a child. He encounters resistance but ultimately brings home a new baby daughter, Tess. A highlight of the episode was an impassioned speech given by Bailey, one of the show's leading characters. Bailey stood up for Roth in an encounter with a skeptical social worker handling the adoption.

Party of Five occupies an important time slot, just after the highly rated Beverly Hills, 90210, where it can influence a large number of people who may still harbor stereotypes about Gays. But Party of Five is in danger of

cancellation.

Please write to Chase Carey, President, FOX Broadcasting, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, (310) 277-2211; and to Amy Lippman and Christopher Keyser, Executive Producers, Party of Five, at the same address and phone number. E-Mail: foxnet@delphi.com.

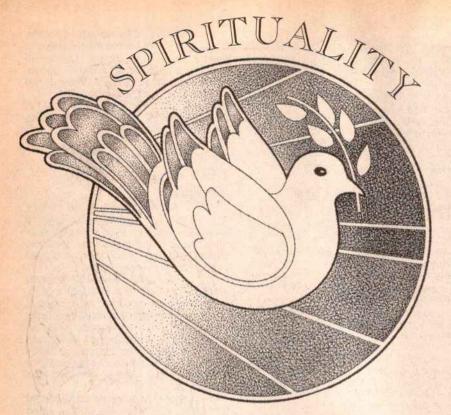
Calling All Lesbian Truck Drivers!

Los Angeles, CA — The Los Angeles-based producers of Wanderlust, a documentary that will explore the world of women truck drivers, are looking for Lesbians who are willing to share their experiences of life on the road. The person to contact is Jennifer Rothman at (213) 656-7042.

Video on Convicted Killer Aileen Wuornos Available

Los Angeles, CA — Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer, a documentary about the Lesbian facing execution for killing five men in Florida, is now available at video stores. The video shows Wuornos' exploitation by the media and by a fundamentalist zealot who adopted her and who may have contributed to the failure of her legal defense. The movie is on Orion Home Video.

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An Easter Message

Forgive & Come Back to the Church

By Fr. Robert Nicholas Hoeft, CM
For those of us who are Christians,
the Feast of the Resurrection (Easter), is
the most important day of the year. This
is the day when our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ overcame death and rose
from the grave. This holy day is
supposed to be celebrated with joy,
peace, and happiness. In fact, the first
week of Easter is celebrated with a
special Easter Mass for each day and
the next five Sundays are set aside to
celebrate the fact of the resurrection of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Catholic Christians have gone through 40 days of Lent, where we examine ourselves concerning things in our lives that should be changed. Lent, for us, has not been easy because we remember all the times that we have had to take being "slapped in the face" by people who do not understand us being Gay. It is not easy to forgive those who have discriminated against us, but we must try and as Jesus said, "We must forgive."

I know a man who came to me, I'll call him Joe, with a "real big problem." He was Gay and nobody knew it. Not his family, not his friends, not his coworkers. You see, Joe was Gay and homophobic! He lived completely in the

straight world and every chance he had he would, in his own words, "Faggot bash." To satisfy his hidden desires, he would go to places that are very dangerous (for example, public parks or men's rooms in hotels), to get some fulfillment. Joe had come to the realization that these chance encounters no longer satisfied his needs and he was so very hungry to find others like himself. Joe saw our ad in the In Step Magazine and came to me for help.

There have been people that I've met, since becoming a priest, that have told me, "Since the Church doesn't want me, I don't want the Church." At one time in their lives a person had told them that they were no longer wanted, so they just walked away. I've met some very special people in Gay Life who just won't come back to the Church because of what happened to them years ago. I would like to remind them that St. Paul tells us that when he was a child in the faith he played with childish things. But now that he is a mature person in the faith, he has put childish things away. It's time for us to put the hurt behind us and come back to God as mature Catholic Christians. Allow me, in my humble way, to apologize for all those priests and other clergymen who told you, "You're evil." I deeply apologize and ask you to forgive them with my penance, restitution, and self-denial.

The Feast of the Resurrection (Easter) is a time of great rejoicing with everything that we have. Our altars in our Churches are decorated with the best that we have, with beautiful flowers and the finest linens and vestments, we celebrate with the best incense and the

ringing of the richest bells. These are all well and good, but we must also clean our inner persona, like cleaning our houses, and come back to God and renew our relationship with him.

Father Hoeft is the Rector and Pastor of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Rite Catholic Church at 1311 West Lincoln Avenue, Milwaukee. See their full page ad in this issue for Holy Week services. You can call Father Hoeft for other more detailed information.



Rev. Mel White will appear in Green Bay and Milwaukee. Photo by Annalisa Kraft

Stranger at the Gate's Mel White

Author Appears in Milwaukee & Green Bay

Mel White, former ghost writer for Pat Robertson, Jerry Farwell and other such leaders of the religious right and now author of the controversial and best-selling Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay & Christian in America will appear at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar on Tuesday, April 25.

On May 4 White will be at UW-Green Bay. This appearance will be cosponsored by UWGB 10% Society, Office of Student Life, the Good Times Programming Board, UWGB Student Senate, and the Union Board.

In Milwaukee, he will first offer a program titled To Be Gay & Christian in America at 6:30pm. This talk and discussion will be held at the newly remodeled offices of the BESTD Clinic at 1240 East Brady Street. Later, Mel White will appear for "Meet the Author" at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar

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for an informal talk and reception at 8:30pm.

White, a minister of justice for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has written part autobiography and part personal manifesto in Stranger at the Gate. Beginning with his story as a devout Christian, father and preacher, White chronicles his struggles to overcome his homosexuality. When fundamentalist leaders began to increasingly turn to the "homosexual threat" as a rallying cry for raising money, White grew alarmed at their virulent anti-Gay rhetoric. Frustrated when his former colleagues refused to respond, let alone meet and discuss the issue with him, Mel White decided to appeal his case to the nation with Stranger at the Gate.

White has continued to anger many of his former fundamentalist friends. First in Strange, White provides a firsthand look at the workings of the religious right today. He begins by showing how they use their power initially to politicize their followers and then uses politics to spearhead fundraising efforts. In a new epilogue to the paperback edition, Mel White writes about how America must respond to the radical right's tactics. No longer on the defensive, White declares war with the

Christian fundamentalists have turned from winning souls to winning elections.

- Stranger at the Gate

To this end, White participated in a 22 day fast while in prison following an arrest for trespassing on property of Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network Studios in Virginia Beach, VA. His hunger strike ended on March 8 after Robertson visited White in jail and agreed to denounce anti-Gay

For further information concerning Mel White's Milwaukee appearance, please contact Carl M. Szatmary at AfterWords Bookstore, (414) 963-9089. For information on his Green Bay appearance, contact Don Schunke at (414) 465-

A History of Easter

The Christian festival of Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The spring holiday has its roots in the Jewish Passover, which commemorates Israel's deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, and in the Christian reinterpretation of its meaning after the crucifixion of Jesus during the Passover of AD c.30 and the proclamation of his resurrection three days later.

Early Christians observed Easter on the same day as Passover (14-15 Nisan, a date governed by a lunar calendar). In the 2nd century, the Christian celebration was transferred to the Sunday following the 14-15 Nisan, if that day fell on a weekday. Originally, the Christian Easter was a unitive celebration, but in the 4th century, Good Friday became a separate commemoration of the death of Christ, and Easter was thereafter devoted exclusively to the resurrection.

According to the **Venerable Bede**, the name Easter is derived from the pagan spring festival of the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, and many folk customs association with Easter (i.e. Easter eggs) are of pagan origin. Easter Day is currently determined as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after March 21

The Eastern Orthodox churches, however, follow the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar, so their celebration usually falls several weeks later than the Western Easter. Easter is preceded by the period of preparation called Lent.



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Bible Doesn't Condemn Homosexuality

Scholars Take a Closer Look

What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality by Daniel A. Helminiak, PhD Alamo Square Press Pb \$9.95 Reviewed By Carl Szatmary

In flagrant defiance to the many homophobic fundamentalist groups, Gay men and Lesbians, in increasing numbers, are exploring their spiritual natures. Unfortunately, for too long these fundamentalist groups have used the Bible as a weapon against the Gay community to achieve their agenda. Recently, Bible scholars, have reexamined the scriptures, taking a closer look at passages that have been routinely used to condemn homosexuality. Their finds, particularly Daniel A. Helminiak's What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality, may surprise a whole lot of people.

Already a run-away best-seller, What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality suggests that the Bible does not, in fact, take any direct stand on the morality of homosexuality. Helminiak proposes that a historical-critical approach must be taken in examining Biblical passages, an approach that places translations within the context of time in which it was written. That is, what did the teachings of the Bible mean "to the people who wrote it long ago." Helminiak illustrates how fundamentalists often use a "literal" reading that often reflects present day prejudices. He also shows how a thorough and consistent "literal reading" of the Bible might propose some rather uncomfortable positions on a variety of issues.

For example, several passages, including the whole epistle to Philemon, would support slavery. Other passages encourage people to gouge their eyes or cut off their hands as a remedy for temptation.

What the Bible Really Says is a surprisingly simple, easy to read yet indispensable guide for Gay men and Lesbians tired of the religious right's use of the Bible as a weapon. Lot's sin, for example, was not homosexuality but inhospitality, a very serious charge in a desert society. In Jude 7, it is sex between humans and angels (i.e. God's

messengers in the story of Sodom) that is condemned, not sex between two men. Finally, Helminiak points out that Lesbian sex is no where mentioned in the Bible.

In the list that follows this review, there are several titles that will be of further interest to Gay and Lesbian Christians, including prayer books and daily meditations. Yet Helminiak's What the Bible Really Says is the perfect little book to read and to share with family and friends. Highly recommended!

OTHER TITLES FOCUSING ON GAY SPIRITUALITY ISSUES

Christianity, Social Tolerance & Homosexuality, John Boswell, Univ. of Chicago Press, Pb \$18.95
Coming Out to God, Chris Glaser, Westminister Pb \$9.99
Coming Out Within: Stage of Spiritual Awakening, Craig O'Neill & Kathleen Ritter, HarperSanFrancisco Pb, \$10
Daring to Speak Love's Name, Elizabeth Stuart, Hamish Hamilton Pb, \$10
Freedom, Glorious Freedom, John J.

Freedom, Glorious Freedom, John J. McNeill, Beacon HC \$24
Gay Spirituality, Roger G. Lanpher, Unifed Pb \$9.95
Holy Homosexuals, Michael S. Piazza, Source of Hope Pb \$11.95

Jesus Acted Up, Robert Goss, Harper San Francisco Pb \$14 Jonathan Loved David, Tom Horner,

Westminister Press Pb \$12.95
Rescuing the Bible from
Fundamentalists, John Shelby Spong,

Harper San Francisco Pb \$11 **Taking a Chance on God,** John J.

McNeill, Beacon Pb \$13

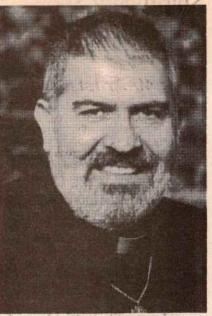
Word Is Out, Chris Glaser, Harper San Francisco Pb \$12

First Book Ever Written by an Openly Gay Christian

Reissued by Universal Fellowship Press

The Lord is my Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay by Rev. Troy Perry, the first book ever written by an openly Gay Christian, was re-issued this January.

Rev. Perry is the founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Preaching a simple message of God's love for Gays and Lesbians, Rev. Perry guided UFMCC as it grew into an



Rev. Troy Perry

international Christian denomination. There are now nearly 300 Metropolitan Community Churches in 16 countries.

The 25th anniversary edition of this revealing portrait of a Gay rights pioneer is published by Universal Fellowship Press, the publishing arm of UFMCC.

The Lord is My Shepherd describes the dramatic events leading to the creation of UFMCC in 1968, and the heroic struggles of the church in its early years.

It is Rev. Perry's autobiography, beginning with his childhood in Florida and Georgia. He reveals the development of his sexual identity, from his first sexual explorations to the passionate romances of a proud Gay man. He describes his struggle to follow God's call, even when his Pentecostal ministry and his heterosexual marriage were destroyed by officials condemned his sexual orientation. Throughout the book, he provides readable explanations of the Bible, including texts that have been misused to condemn homosexuality. The result is a lively and empowering book for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, as well as anyone interested in civil rights or spirituality.

For A Full Listing of
Wisconsin's Gay &
Lesbian Religious
Groups, see
"THE GUIDE"

Spirituality Show At Walker's Point Arts

Over 40 Artists

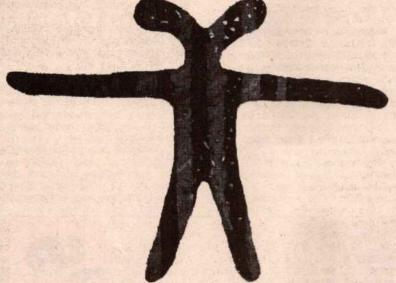
Milwaukee — Work by over 40 artists addressing the theme of spirituality will be on display at Walker's Point Center for the Arts, April 21 through May 27. Fiber, painting, prints and sculpture are some of the art forms used to express the artists conscious or subconscious relationship to spirituality in their lives and in their work.

The "Angel rage" and increased

interest in religion influenced the direction of this invitational show. Personal journeys to find meaning in our lives, our connection with nature and awareness of self are some of the concepts and questions addressed by the participating artists.

Several participating artists will be available to meet the public at a reception on Friday, April 21 from 6-9pm in conjunction with Gallery Night. The reception is free and open to the public.

On Sunday, April 23 at 2pm, a panel of experts on spirituality will address this topic on various levels through lively dialogue. The public is invited to hear the panel and participate in the discussion. A \$1 donation to attend the panel discussion is suggested.



Artist Jean Stamsta is one of 40 artists to participate in the Walker's Point Center for the Arts "Spirituality" show.

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"AIDS Caring Community"

Challenges All Faiths

By Rev. E. Ellwood Carey

The Wisconsin Conference of Churches is engaged in AIDS ministry through its AIDS Caring Community challenging each faith community in the state of Wisconsin to declare themselves to be safe, supportive, and caring. AIDS Caring Communities are those who provide all of their services from worship to fellowship to pastoral care to persons who are HIV positive, their families, partners and caregivers and does so without hesitation, reservation, or judgment.

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seek them out, but becomes pro-active through education declaring its openness and acceptance. It does not withhold support and understanding from someone based on their sexual orientation but views that as a personal matter, seeking instead to respond to persons on the basis of their physical, emotional, and spiritual need. For groups having questions about sexual orientation, the Wisconsin Conference of Churches has a task force on the subject and a video, Being Gay in the Church.

When a faith community has completed its study of HIV infections and its affect upon persons, it takes a vote of its membership to be intentional and public about its willingness to be open. After identifying persons who are trained and committed to provide understanding love and care to persons infected or affected with the HIV virus, it is recognized by the Wisconsin Conference of Churches' AIDS/HIV Ministry Task Force as an AIDS Caring Community.

The task force has employed me as Administrator of its program. Since last July, when I began this work, presentations have been made to clergy groups throughout the state. These contacts will continue into the next year.

Besides presentations made by

myself and members of the task force, a resource book is available from the Conference of Churches for \$25. Various training conferences and workshops are held to provide education and support to those involved or interested in AIDS ministry. A Pastoral Care Network is comprised of clergy throughout the state who have been trained and are ready to provide loving, supportive care.

The Reverend Jerry Folk is Executive Director of the Wisconsin Conference of Churches and the Reverend Dwight Bastian chairs the AIDS/HIV Ministry Task Force.

Any religious group wishing further information can call the Wisconsin Conference of Churches at (608) 244-0894. The Rev. E. Ellwood Carey is the Administrator of the AIDS Ministry of WCC.

Caring Bridges

Providing Holistic Health & Human Services to PWA's

By Rev. Ed Kilianski

Milwaukee — Caring Bridges, Inc. (CBI), founded in October, 1992, is a non-profit community based organization dedicated to collaboratively providing holistic health and human services to individuals infected with and/or affected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

CBI runs Joseph House, which offers affordable and independent housing for adults (18 years and older) with HIV disease. Joseph House is located near St. Joseph Hospital and has some immediate openings.

In addition, CBI continually seeks to

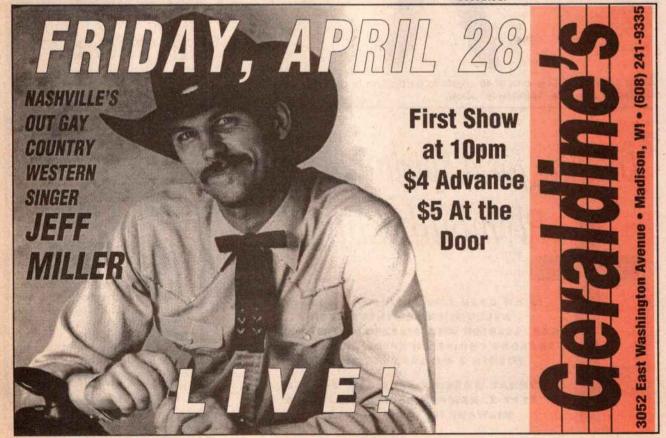
bridge the gap in available services, making possible a continuum of care from diagnosis through death for those served.

CBI provides the following services: Emotional Support, Home Care Support, Education, Bereavement Care, Spiritual Support, Housing, Memorial Services and Referrals.

CBI was founded through the combined efforts of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, the Order of St. Camillus, and SET Ministry, Inc.

On April 26 at 10:30am, an ecumenical group of ministers involved in AIDS ministry will gather to share their reflections, needs, hopes and concerns so that we might better serve the Milwaukee community.

For more information about Caring Bridges, Inc., Joseph House, or any other information contained herein, please contact our office at (414) 259-6334. Donations are always graciously accepted.



United Church of Christ

A Leader in Acceptance of Gays

By Rich Fluechtling

At the national level the United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination has been a leader on issues of human sexuality for thirty years. This leadership has been noticed by most all mainline churches and has influenced local UCC congregations to take progressive positions. Due to the structure of the UCC denomination, not all local churches are bound by national positions. Created in God's Image is a human sexuality study program developed by the national office which has one of its ten sections focused on sexual orientation.

UCC COALITION FOR LESBIAN & GAY CONCERNS

Much of the efforts around sexual orientation in the UCC are the result of the work of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC). This independent, but recognized interest group of the UCC has existed since 1972, evolving around the ordination of the first openly Gay man in California in 1972. The National Gathering is held every year, bringing together persons of many sexual orientations, both clergy and laity. The 1995 Gathering is June 26-29 in California.

A Wisconsin Chapter has been active for 8 years and was founded primarily through the efforts of heterosexual persons. Both the national and state organizations provide resources, speakers and advocacy for issues of importance to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual persons.

REGIONAL OPEN CHURCHES

The Open & Affirming program is now 10 years old and is in the process of making a formal statement of welcome. inclusion and support in all aspects of church life. At the present time, there are 150 local congregations which has made such statements. This includes churches in nearly all areas of the nation including three in Wisconsin: Plymouth UCC in Milwaukee (see separate article), and First Congregational UCC and Orchard Ridge UCC in Madison. In addition to these churches, there are many more which are supportive although they have not made the formal statement. At least two churches have had openly Gay or Lesbian ministers.

The Wisconsin Coalition has developed a good working relationship with the state denomination leadership.

Through this cooperation, a committee of the state board of directors was created in 1992 to accompany the dialogue around the churches response to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual persons and their families.

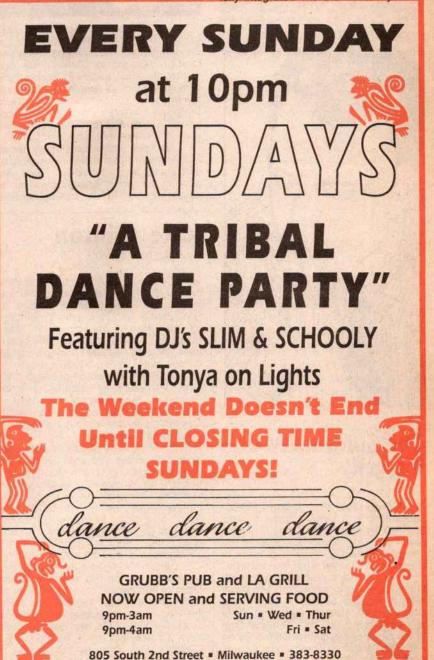
The Coalition is very interested in hearing from anyone who can share their story, help open a door for a speaker to a local group, wants to connect with other Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual person for family member, or may be able to join in this journey.

For more information about the Coalition, contact Rich Fluechtling at (608) 271-5599 or write UCCL/GC, c/o First Congregational UCC, 1609 University Avenue Madison, WI 53705

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Plymouth Church

Milwaukee — Plymouth Church, located near the UWM campus, is one of the 152 Open and Affirming United Church of Christ (UCC) churches in the United States. The members of Plymouth Church approved of the Open and Affirming declaration in 1991 to welcome Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals as active participants within the diverse community of the church. LesBiGay members are fully integrated into the life of Plymouth



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Church participating as church school instructors, board and committee members, choir members, deacons, musicians and community volunteers.

musicians and community volunteers.
Plymouth's Triangle Group, which includes those persons who understand themselves to be LesBiGay, explores Christian spiritual growth through discussion of current issues within the Church and society as a whole.

You don't have to be a member to attend Sunday services or the monthly Triangle meetings. Sunday services are held at 9:30am at 2717 East Hampshire Street. Please contact the Church office at (414) 964-1513 for the date of the monthly Triangle Group meeting.



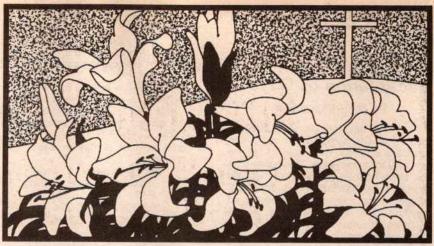
The Spirituality of Integrity

Milwaukee — Integrity/Metro Milwaukee is a newly formed chapter that has now had two meetings and a social gathering since its formation. We are an affirming group that is open to everyone, no matter what their lifestyle.

We meet every second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7pm. We begin with a worship service in St. Paul's Church, 914 East Knapp that lasts approximately a half hour. A social time in the parlor of the church follows, along with a short business meeting until about 9pm.

9pm.

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We are one of about 60 other groups around the US formed for the encouragement and nurturing of Gay and Lesbian persons in Christian life and community. Our spirituality comes forth in the belief that all people are created in the image of Christ and are loved and protected by Christ. We offer ourselves to the Church and to the world seeking unity and peace in the body of Christ.

We seek justice and dignity for all people, regardless of their likeness to or difference from ourselves. We are working for an end to oppression of people who are Gay and Lesbian and the

building of a world and a society as safer places in which to live.

We are a very new group and so far we have had about 30 people in attendance. Membership and regular attendance is not a requirement and we are a not-for-profit, open and affirming group that welcomes everyone who would like to come and be a part of our community.

For more information call (414) 282-6574 or (414) 276-6277 and leave a message. The Madison Integrity/Dignity combined group can be reached at (608) 836-8886.

Kate Clinton

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who has made mainstream breakthroughs. In an industry that has long been considered a hotbed of homophobia and misogyny symbolized by the sexist atmosphere in many mainstream clubs, stand up comedy has been shaken up by comedians like Clinton who says, "There's been an enormous sea of change of interest. It's from 25 years of organizing since Stonewall. But it's also that we have an administration that can say the words Gay and Lesbian without spitting up." (LA Times, July 1993)

Clinton's story begins in Syracuse, New York where she attended schools and went on to teach high school English. On a leave of absence from teaching, she went away to a writing program, got hooked and didn't look back. She began telling her stories out loud and got such a good response that one of her friends booked Clinton in a Syracuse club, and the rest is herstory.

Clinton has been out since the day she started performing in 1981. "Oooo great career move," as she is wont to quip-but she has no regrets. The then-lively women's alternative music scene and a network of Midwest coffeehouses gave Clinton key early support. As Clinton's work changed from "being in the lesbian community" to "about being a

lesbian in the world," she gradually expanded her circle.

A trip to the 1987 March on Washington gave Clinton new focus. "I went there thinking it was sort of a parade," she says, "I realized it was a march and it politicized me. I went to the AIDS quilt and it changed me completely. I was afraid of being really angry after that."

Clinton's material has changed from that of her coffeehouse days. Approximately 80% of her routines now focus on current issues. No stone is left unturned - O.J. Simpson, the President of Rutgers University, the contract with America ("I thought it was called the Constitution"), and a Mormon conference that exposed "the three biggest threats to democracy: feminism, homosexuality and... "she paused to indicate just how good this last one would be... critical thinking" she says sharply. Her humor is as universal as her appeal. After debuting her one-woman show Out Is In to sold out crowds in Los Angeles, she moved it to New York for a held-over 3 month run off-Broadway. This past February, an all-new Kate Clinton show titled Impure Thoughts, an evening "dedicated to Jocelyn Elders," made its

With four albums to her credit, a collection of humor due for release through Ballentine Books, Kate Clinton is in the prime of her life. Catch her or you'll be hearing, "You had to be there," alot

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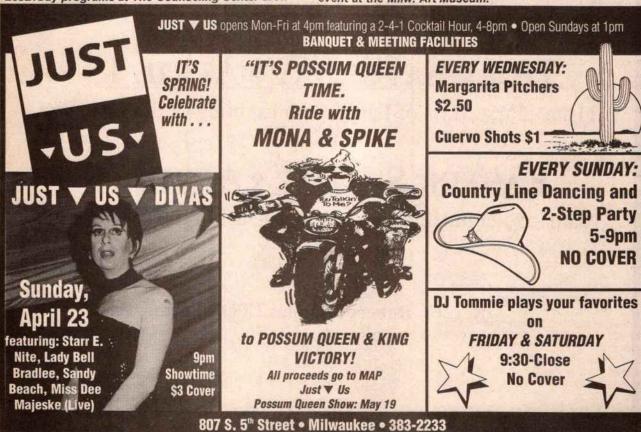
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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Don't forget you are all invited to the "Building Our Community" reception honoring little ole me on Sunday, April 30 from 2-4pm at Renaissance Place on the east side. The Cream City Foundation, ARCW, and Wisconsin Light are cosponsors and have arranged a pleasant afternoon including free beer and hors d'oeuvres. Best of all, it's FREE, and you won't be pestered for donations by the sponsors. I'll be "holding court" while they roast me, so please, feel free to come up and chat. (Please, no business!)

Sidney (Lisa Spencer) Johnson is back in town from Minneapolis and feeling well enough that he was able to perform one number at a benefit held for him at Renez on March 26. Through the tears and 14 performers, over \$400 was raised. The following weekend, nearly \$200 more was raised at a benefit at Just Us. It's nice to see the community give back some support to people like Lisa who have donated their talents to numerous causes in the past.

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The Marilyn Monroe look alike contest at C'est La Vie on March 24, for some reason, drew only a few contestants, even though there was a \$250 cash prize to the winner. Brittney won, but "the big drool" was over an audience member named Justin who the queens tried to convince to get on stage and strip. Demurely, he refused. He wouldn't let Jamie, our photographer use his picture for publication, but Jamie would love a private showing.

3 B's Bar hosted a variety talent fundraiser with live music, performers and raffles on March 25. Money raised was split between AIDS and Breast Cancer charities

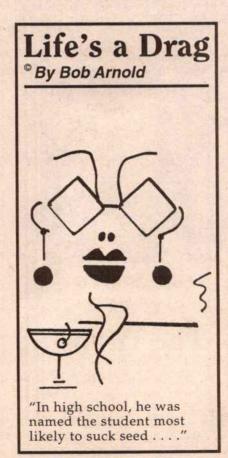
The Gay Concert by the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus was a campy affair and the audience loved the numbers. Our photographer commented to me, "What a refreshing change! I wasn't sure if I was at Comedy Central or the PAC" The concert also included a fashion show that helped raise some needed funds.

The second annual Country Dance Gala to benefit LesBiGay programs at the Counseling Center was a big hit with dancing, line dance instruction, raffles, merchandise and performances by various dance groups. NSGRA dance champs out of Minneapolis also performed and taught two-step lessons earlier that day at 3B's. Jamie reports that the Milwaukee Arts Museum, where the gala was held was filled with cowboys and cowgirls. I was the only person in the place with tennis shoes!" Just Us has jumped on the hay wagon

and now offers country and line dances on Saturdays from 5 to 9. Appleton surprised the city with a Milwaukee bar crawl that Saturday night so the bars were hoppin' more than usual.

The Tribal Dance Party at Dance is a little slow catching on but offers a promising rave style event, with two DJ's and a light man. Part of the problem may be that La Cage is closed on Sunday nights, so the main corner sign is not lit. and people may not think it's not open. In reality, Grubb's Pub is open and so is Dance. To get to Dance, take the gangway to the left of Grubb's entrance directly to Dance. The party starts at 10pm.

The seemingly never-ending project of In Step's move across the hall to new space is on-going. Unfortunately, we can't work on it all the time. We DO have to get the paper out, too! But the major project of the front office is basically completed. The rear office won't require anywhere near the same amount of work. We're now planning to be moved and settled by the first week of May.





Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Just Us (Milw): Dance to the Salsa Beat, 8pm-midnight. These will be held monthly, no cover. Registration table will be available for those interested in forming a Latino/a LesBiGay organization.

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.

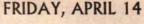
CAIR Research Conference: "Moving Science from the Journal to the Program," 3-4pm, 1249 North Franklin. FMI call (414) 287-4680.

I/D Madison: Maundy Thursday Seder. FMI call (608) 277-7671.

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.

The Titans



AfterWords (Milw): Author Raymond Murray screens his multi-media presentation on Queer Cinema. Murray is the author of the recently released Images in the Dark, 7:30pm, free. Sass (Green Bay): Chicago vocalist Judii Lowe, 10pm, \$3 Cover. St. Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Milw): Good Friday, 1pm Solemn Divine Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. Biking (Milw): Meet at 1pm at Lake Park Pavilion for 29-mile social ride. Call GAMMA at (414) 963-9833 if weather is questionable.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

I/D Madison: Easter Sunday Eucharist, 7:30, St. Francis House.

Allegre (Madison): 1st Annual Easter Bash, drink specials from noon-on. Raffles and prizes, hors d'oeuvres and chili.

Sass (Green Bay): Easter Edd Hunt, 5pm-?

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Bonnet Contest, Easter Sunday evening. 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.

Club 219 (Milw): Easter Bonnet Revue. Free "surprise" Easter egg to first 150

Dance (Milw): Tribal Dance Party every Sunday, 10pm-on, with 2 DJs. Ballgame (Milw): Easter, hors d'oeuvres.

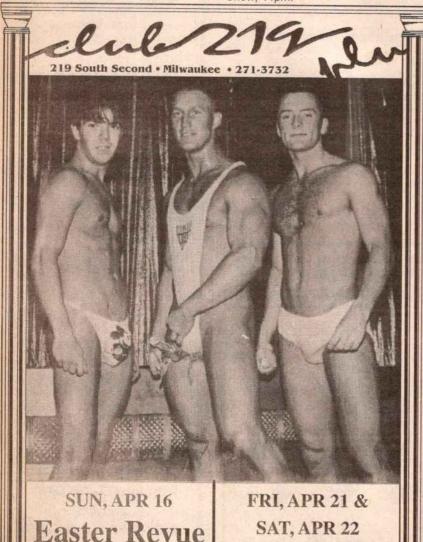
MONDAY, APRIL 17

Positive Voice (Green Bay): General Membership meeting, Brown Co. Public Library, 6:30pm, lower level auditorium. Guest speaker on buying a house.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Film Benefit Premiere (Milw): The Sum of Us at the Oriental, cosponsored by AfterWords, Wisconsin Light and In Step. All proceeds will benefit PrideFest. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door (if any left).

Sunday Night Out (Madison Radio): 6-8pm, WTSO AM 1070 features

Author John Burger.

Carroll College Campus Center (Waukesha): Dorothy Hajdys speaks about her son who was killed in the service for being Gay. Open to the public, 5pm, no admission fee. See "Group Notes" for more information. FMI (414) 239-7069.

Carroll College Campus Center (Waukesha): Gail Hand presents her humorous lecture on coming out of the closet. Open to the public, 7pm, no admission fee. See "Group Notes" for more information. FMI (414) 239-7069. SAGE/Milw: 7pm at the Milwaukee County Medical School's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) building at 1249 North Franklin Place. The discussion topic will be AIDS & the Older Gay and Lesbian. Refreshments will be served, free, open to the public.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 7-9pm.

LAMM Program (Milw): Anyone Can Buy a Home, 7pm, Just Us. Expert panels, Q&A, hors d'oeuvres at 6pm. No charge, all Lesbians welcome.

St. Camillus (Milw): Lecture/Discussion, 7-9pm (no fee). 3661 South KK, FMI (414) 481-3696.

Gay & Lesbian Health Care

Experience. This workshop will address the needs and challenges of providing sensitive and supportive health care services to Gay men and Lesbian women.

AfterWords (Milw): Co-founders of Daughters of Bilitis, the first American Lesbian national organization, will appear at 8pm. Both Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon are authors.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Kate Clinton Live (Milw): Pabst Theatre, 7:30pm. Tickets \$18 advance, \$20 at the door, Pabst Theatre Box Office (414) 286-3663. FMI and other ticket locations call LAMM at (414) 264-

Club 219 (Milw): The Titans.
3B's Bar (Milw): Designing Men retail

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Geraldine's (Madison): 2-day Scotch Double 8-ball pool tournament. See ad for details. Starts 11am Saturday. First 64 paid teams max, VNEA rules, 120% payback.
Conference for Older Lesbians
(Milw): A full day of workshops entitled
The Third Age Conference for Older
Lesbians Planning for Their Later
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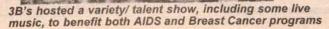
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the nation's oldest Lesbian organization, the Daughters of Bilitis). A Lesbian couple for over 40 years, they co-authored Lesbian/Woman in 1972. Conference fee is \$20 which includes a catered lunch with advance ticket purchase. For information call (414) 442-0433.

Club 219 (Milw): The Titans.
Rod's (Madison): Designing Men retail
display. Proceeds benefit Scheel

House.

Frontiers (Madison): Oscar Wilde Revisited, 8pm presentation. FMI call (608) 244-5531.

AfterWords (Milw): Artists Reception: Susan MacArevery, Lisa Uvena and Tracey Matabele. Reception 1-3pm, all artwork for sale. Refreshments, free and open to the public.

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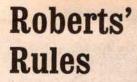
Geraldine's (Madison): Pool tournament continues. Top 16 teams return for finals.

GMDG (Milw): The Counseling Centers Gay Men's Discussion Group looks at the Ingredients of Successful

Relationships, 6-8pm, \$3 donation, FMI call (414) 271-2565.

Just Us (Milw): Diva's Show, 9pm, \$3

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By Shelly Roberts

Married. With Husbands.

Are we running out of Lesbians?

Is there a shortage?

Lately, I've had cause for concern.
Last week I was having lunch with an interesting woman. She was bright, talented, cute, prematurely (as it turned out) gray in an adorable fashion, and volunteering for something I was hoping soon to Chair. We were in the process of the usual "Hi-Who-are-you's." And had somehow (gosh, how did that happen?) managed to include zodiac signs, employment history, and (as it turned out) unfortunately, ages (Well, at least hers). Internally calculating the 12 year difference, and, remembering Roberts' First Rule of Future U-hauling, (With any more than a 10 year difference, they'll think of your nostalgia as antiques). I pretty much ruled out an afterlunch invitation to anything, and shifted to filling out the "Potential Friend" application.

"So, how's you're ailing grandmother?" I interrogated, noting with some wistfulness how much I approved of her answer. Just the right amount of caretaking, responsibility, and independence in her reply. Qualities I prize highly. Sigh. Oh, well.

"Uh, I saw you and Dierdre the

other day, are you... uh?"

"Just playing. She knows my situation."

"Situation?" Oh-oh. What's this "situation" thing? Another chapter of the never-ending Lesbian soap opera?

"Well, you see. My real situation is kind of stalled at the moment. But, I'm sure, only temporarily. I'm in love with this married woman..."

Oh, no. Not again.

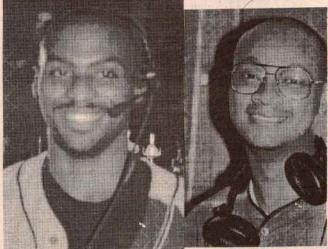
That makes three women I have heard this story from this month. "I'm in love with a married woman. And we will be going off into the sunset just as soon as a) hubby grants an amicable divorce with lots of alimony and an even division of property and assets, b) they settle just a few, tiny details about custody of the children, and/or c) she actually tells him that she's leaving..."

Oh, yeah, sure.

One of the women is still waiting after two years. The other laid down an ultimatum she has no intention of living up to. Do the words: "... an affair to



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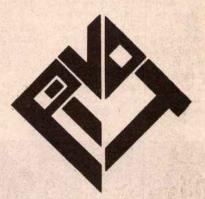
Renez hosted a benefit show for Sidney Johnson (Lisa Spencer) (top photo) and raised over \$400. Photos by Jeff Butler

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remember," ring any bells?

I repeat my question: Are we running out of Lesbians? Aren't there enough already-declared, practicing, female, homo-orientationals running around to meet the demand?

A long time ago I speculated that in the property settlement over what to call ourselves, the guys got the term that means happy. And we got the one that means, "Joan Crawford is after your wife." It got a big laugh. But, hey, things have changed from the 70's when zillions of Lesbians found out that they didn't have to stay with whatzizname after they'd seen GiGi. Those were glorious years. Woman meets woman. Woman falls in love with woman. Both women leave Hector and Homer and the farm to take off in a rusting VW bus for Oregon to bake bread and read chapters of Patience and Sarah aloud to each other, between chopping logs and rough hewing planks for the cabin.

By now, it seemed to me, we had pretty much freed the wives. I didn't think there were any left in the ranks who didn't want to be there, that we'd gotten all the ones who only needed the love of

a good woman to break free.

Hey, guess I was wrong. Guess we have pretty much used up our supply of available, desirable single Lesbian women. There is, of course, our predisposition to couple, uncouple, and

recouple within thirty-six, thirty-seven seconds flat from the time one of us first utters the fateful phrase, "Honey, do you have to chew your gum like that?" Which means that at any given time there are not a lot of us available to those of us who are available at any given time. It has been scientifically calculated by the Bureau of Lesbian Statistics that the average time span between Lesbian relationships is approximately a minus 3.746 minutes. Which does make the pickin's kinda slim, it seems.

So apparently we are having to

recruit from the outside again.

Also, unfortunately, if my tiny, unprojectable sample is any kind of accurate, we seem to have used up the good, desirable, available married ladies too. You know, the ones who came willingly. And stayed. Now we are left with the ones who are clear that they aren't Lesbians, they just happened to fall in love with a woman. (As though that weren't the actual Oxford English definition.") Only for them it isn't a phase.

Isn't it fun to rediscover some of the old myths... and realize there might be some truth in them. Wait till you hear what's happening with Butch/Femme!

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The every Sunday night Tribal Dance party at Dance Dance features 2 DJ's as well as a lighting tech. La Cage is closed that night, so you have to use the separate Dance entrance to the left of Grubb's Pub.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

How to Survive the Myths of Gay Dating

If you're one of those wide-eyes men who still believes in the concept of Mr. Right... someone who dreams of that sensitive, intelligent, **Undergear Catalog** model who loves only you and doesn't have an attitude problem... who's looking for a man with a reasonable amount of body piercings and steady employment... who still longs for the "Abs of Steel Stud" who can fulfill all your sexual needs and then whip-up a gourmet seven course meal for you and twenty of your closest friend, I've got three words for you.

GET REAL, HONEY.

Mr. Right does not exist, it's a myth, sort of like the Tooth Fairy. But at least the Tooth Fairy leaves money under your pillow, Mr. Wrong will probably only leave the wrapper from a Trojan. The truth is, most men can tell after even just a few minutes together that a man isn't their type. After an hour or so, you're libel to realize that he's nobody else's type either. Here are twenty things you can to do to pass the time when a date is going terribly wrong.

 Unravel a loose thread from your napkin, make a lasso and try to rope a breadstick from the next table or better yet, try to lasso the cute busboy.

2. While he's jabbering away about Gay rights, quietly imagine what would happen if Pizza Hut actually baked Rush Limbaugh into the crust of one of their deep dish pizzas, then topped it with turkey, baloney and bullshit and delivered it to Newt Gingrich. Would he actually eat it or would he go out to eat at Cracker Barrel instead?

3. Tell him, in your mind, you separate sex from love. And as far as you're concerned, right now they're in completely different time zones and you'll be catching the next available flight to catch up.

4. Borrow his cellular phone, make a call to a 1-900 line, or try to book him as a guest on the Jenny Jones Show.

5. Silently add up the number of times he manages to say "I" or "me" in the same sentence and multiply by 1,000. If this amount is greater than a number that would represent the size of Madonnas' ego, run screaming into the night.

Ask the person at the next table to guess the age at which your date will start losing his hair.

7. Try not to laugh out loud when he tell you he thinks Keanu Reeves is

actually a very good actor.

8. While out for dinner, crawl under the table and tie his shoelaces together with a wad of angel hair pasta as thick as an undersea telephone cable.

9. Answer all his questions with one

syllable words or grunts.

10. Remove condoms from your pocket and blow them up to make obscene balloon animals and pass them out to strangers on the street.

11. Try to figure out who would win in a fight, Martha Stewart or Bob Villa.

12. Fantasize about Brad Pitt. When he asks what you're thinking about, tell him you're fantasizing about the "Gimp" scene in Pulp Fiction.

13. Offer to introduce him to your ex-lover because they really deserve one

another.

14. Offer to spray paint his butt black, since black makes everything look

15. If he asks you to spend the night at his place, politely say that you're not about to lay your head on the same drool stained pillow used by his ex-lovers and bed partners.

16. Use the following phrase in every sentence, "I feel trapped and need

to see other people."

17. Tell him you want to have nail polish declared an element and added to the Periodic table in the square right next to sequins

18. Get real mad at him for something he said or didn't say... then punish him by not speaking to him the rest of the night.

19. Try to convince him you're a hairdresser, prove it by marking your territory with Final Net.

20. If he claimed in his personal ad

that he is hung, announce a surprise inspection. Then threaten to publish the results in the next issue of In Step.

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Ask Billy Holliday

Dear Billy:

I have a wonderful lover. He's 26 and adorable. We've had a wonderful relationship on all levels for the past eleven months and I've never been happier. The problem is that recently he started inviting his German Shepard into bed during sex. At first I thought it was strange but harmless, now I don't know. What should I do?

- RS, NYC, NY You could try to teach an old dog new tricks. Woof, woof, woof. I've known one or two German Shepards in my time and they are not all baaa-d. As for your boyfriend, you've got to wonder what he's thinking about; I've heard of puppy love, but this is doggone weird. Don't let him pull the wool over your eyes honey; and don't be sheepish. Get that dog outta bed and back on the floor. Of course dogs are pretty loyal; they do what you tell them to do; follow you slavishly; and lick everything. Hmmmm.

I'm a sixteen year old high school student who is crazy about his French teacher. He is about 30 years old and I know he lives alone. Can I get into trouble if I show up at his apartment?

- Todd, Riverside, IL No, but he can. There's not much you can do to disguise the intention for showing up at his home — except for a metal cup. Honey, I know how you feel. I knew that my high school biology teacher was Gay and boy, did I want to go visit him - to find out if I was. (I mean, who doubted it, but a girl's got to be sure. Otherwise you just don't know how to handle Sadie Hawkins Day.) But I didn't, which is just as well. My advice to you is to chill out. Make every excuse to talk to him at school. Join the French club. Ask for some help after class. But don't risk his life for your comfort. Wait until college when you have greater latitude in student/ teacher relationships. My biology teacher lost his job.

Dear Billy:

What's more important, love or money? I have a job opportunity that will take me out of the country and away from a terrific guy I've been with for three years. I would love for him to go with me, but he has a career of his own. Help! What should I do?

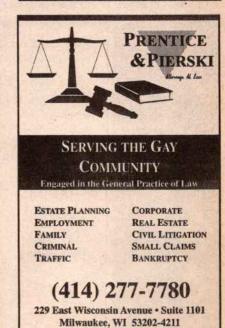
 BJ, Sacramento, CA Honey, there are terrific guys all over the world. Some of them are more terrific than others. (I think, for instance, of Germans, if you measure terrific in a sort of dangling participle sort of way.) Now if this job opportunity means that in

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the long term you are more rich or more powerful (imagine both!), then this guy better be one or both of the above. If not, I would get it all written down in the fine print in the divorce contract. I you are going for the money and the poser potential, who needs him if he don't already got? Go! Go! Go! Get more! Go farther! Screw 'em all! And don't forget to come back with a hint of an accent. The boys will all be drooling and the current Mr. Right may just turn out to be all wrong.

Remember these little words of wisdom: When career means advantage, take it; when it means ad nauseum, take him.

Photo by James Taylor

Dear Billy:

Do you consider yourself a size queen?

- MM, Port Jefferson, LI

It depends... What size?

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

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Appleton surprised Milwaukee with a bar crawl, and we managed to catch up with some of them during their stop at the Triangle.



Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

Dangerous Liaisons

So, it's spring. The trees are coming back to life, grass is growing, birds are back, and people are falling in love.

I've seen the soft-focus, slow motion, romance flowing about me like an unstoppable river of schmaltz. What have I to say about it?

Nothing. Everything. Like many in my single situation, I'm tired of feeling ambivalent about love. Sometimes I want a relationship more than I can say. At other times I hate the very concept.

I either idealize the notion, or I fear the restrictions it would impose on my

During my idealization, I see the relationship ending up as a "perfect" suburban marriage where love is perfect, my life is an idyll, and nothing can go wrong

I change my mind when fear shows me the problems that a relationship can wreak in my life. Sometimes, I fear that I would let my career and dreams fall by the wayside. My friends would slowly ebb away, and I would give up who I am just to be "loved."

I have no idea how to reconcile myself between these two ideas.

If it isn't that, I'm put off after watching how my friends exist within their relationships. I know only one couple that is relatively "happy." The rest of them fight like weasels, cheat on each other, and lie about the smallest things to their lover.

I'd rather remain single than have to deal with a psychotic passive/ aggressive relationship. It's just not my idea of fun.

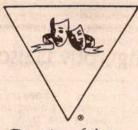
Like others in my predicament, who have been single for a year or more, I sometimes feel like a mutant since I rarely get a relationship off the ground. I often wonder if I've done or said something so radically wrong that I will never have a chance at love again.

There's a type of amnesia that occurs after you've broken up with someone. I'm tired of not knowing or remembering what it was like to be loved.

My single friends and I whine and

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Entertainer of the Year

Wisconsin Entertainer of the Year Sunday, May 7, 10pm The New Bar (Madison)

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Photos by Ted Ketterhagen



I believe full heartedly that with the amount of talent here in Wisconsin, we will have some of the most creative & original female impersonators on stage Sunday, May 7 competing to be Wisconsin's first "Entertainer of the Year."



In preparing for EOY, the lists go on and on. Here at the Hotel Washington, everyone is busy preparing for what hopes to be a stellar evening!"



We have had inquiries from around the state. Whether you are a contestant or guest we hope to see you on Sunday, May 7."

-- Divine

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kvetch about it, and we have no idea what to do. Why is it that we are seemingly denied what we want most in life?

I also wonder how we'll all turn out.
We're all relatively young yet, so there
hasn't been a chance for time to
completely jade and embitter us. But I've

seen what can happen.

After a decade or so of dating they become battle scarred men and women who look around like a wounded animal. They're skittish, and always concentrating on putting their best face forward. They don't enjoy life that much anymore because their existence revolves around finding a mate. It's no longer fun. It's an obsession.



Special Author Appearance:

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I guess we just endure and continue to keep trying. We'll have to take a risk once and a while and open ourselves to the potential hurt. No, it isn't fun, but the other option is celibacy and longing.

We'll be honest, direct, and do our best not to play the same games most people use. We will focus on being ourselves, no matter what people think of us, because we want to be loved for who we are, not who we pretend to be. And maybe, just maybe, we'll have a chance at what we want most.

But, we'll still hate the slow motion romantic couples no matter what.

Jock Shorts

SSBL Update

APPLEMAN ELECTED TREASURER OF NAAGA

Joe Appleman, Milwaukee SSBL Softball Commissioner, was elected Treasurer of NAAGA, the national Governing Board of G/L Softball at the last meeting held in Seattle. The national body coordinates the activities of 28 cities that have softball leagues and hold regional or national tournaments in addition to the World Series which will be held in Seattle this August.

PLAYERS URGED TO SIGN UP

New players can call the SSBL Hotline (414) 454-9126 to learn about teams that need their talents. All levels of players are welcome. Any individual that would like to enter a team in the league this year can call this number also.

PLAY TO START ON APRIL 29TH

The League announced that a minitournament on April 29 will be the opening games for the 1995 season. Fans are urged to back their teams and root them on during this opening weekend. Games are played at Sijon Field located at California and KK Avenues in Bayview. Games start at 12 noon each Saturday and continue until the schedule is completed.

LEAGUE TO HAVE SEVERAL NEW TEAMS IN '95

At least 2 and probably 3 new teams will join the SSBL in 1995, sponsors have indicated. Teams have until April 19th to pay entrance fees to the league. At the deadline the schedule will be finalized and distributed to all teams, new and old.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIC COMMITTEE

Plans for a 32 team tournament in Milwaukee on Memorial Day Weekend are steaming along. Teams from Canada, Detroit, Cleveland, and Columbus are among the new teams expected this year. The Committee expects upwards of 400 players to be involved, with projections to as high as 550, when all 32 team slots have been filled.





Annual Womyn's Survival of the Fittest II

To Be Held at Hales Corners County Park

Milwaukee - On Saturday, May 20 at 11am, the Annual Womyn's Survival of the Fittest II will be held at Hales Corners County Park.
Teams of 10 womyn will compete in

Flag Football, Volleyball, and 3-on-3

Basketball.

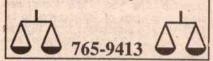
The cost of the event is \$15 and includes the 1995 Survival t-shirt, beer. pizza and soda. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Spectators pay a \$6 fee which includes beer, pizza and soda.

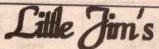
For more information registration form call the survival hotline at (414) 941-6460. Forms are also available at Fannies, Just Us and the LAMM office. Deadline is May 10. You may sign up as an individual or a team.

Thomas E. Martin

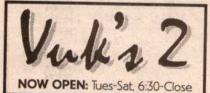
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WTSO AM 1070 (Madison): Gina Ogdon, author of "Women Who Love

Sex," 6-8pm.

SAGE/Milw: Join SAGE for the Theater X production of Bent. SAGE has a block of tickets and will provide a post theater party to meet the cast Reservations are required, \$7 tickets. Call (414) 271-0374.

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Black Mr. & Miss WI Pageant (Milw): Mass Pageant Productions presents at the Wisconsin Hotel Ballroom, 5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Pageant. For applications call (414) 271-8333. For tickets call (414) 264-4132.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Club 219 (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 9pm-12am.

Mel White Appearances (Milw): Author of Stranger at the Gate will be at the BESTD Clinic from 6:30-8pm for a book signing and talk "To Be Gay &

Christian in America," 2nd floor meeting room. White then goes to AfterWords for an informal gathering beginning at 8:30pm. Both events are free.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Sass (Green Bay): Ms. Gay WI-USA Vickee and guests, 10:30pm, no cover. Geraldine's (Madison): Nashville's out-Gay C/W singer Jeff Miller sings live, 2 shows, first at 10pm. \$5 Cover. Pivot (Appleton): Turnabout '95 - Big Hair, Big Fun. 10pm, \$10 tables, no cover, Benefits Fox Valley AIDS Project. Staffers do the show, volunteer guest bartenders and waiters. Take Back the Night March (Green Bay): contact Positive Voice for

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

information.

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Rollerskating Party, Rola Rena Rink, 731 Morris Avenue. Gather at front entrance at 7pm. \$2.50 skate rental included.

Za's (Green Bay): '95 Miss Emerald City-USA pageant. \$250 cash first place. 9:30pm. An official WI-USA Preliminary.

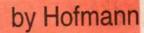
Castaways MC (Milw): Beer Bust/ Rummage Sale at 1100 Club. 11am-6pm. Percentage of proceeds to MAP Food Pantry

Madison Gay Video Club: Double feature El Sacerdote and Rawhide.

8pm, FMI call (414) 244-8675 eves.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Bowling Extravaganza (Little Chute): A Commitment '95 Fundraiser, "There Is a Solution," Village Lanes. 10pm coffee and fellowship, noon pot luck (BYO dish or donation), sloppy joes provided, 1pm bowling. Silent Auction, donations welcome. Non-alcohol/drug



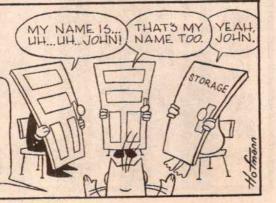




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The evening served as a benefit for the newly developed sports programs created by The Hetrick-Martin Institute: Home of the Harvey Milk School, an organization which provides social, educational and advocacy services for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual youth.

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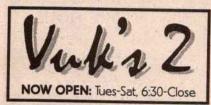
Special guest moderator, Dick Schaap, the sports correspondent for ABC News "Weekend World News" and host of ESPN's "The Sports Reporters." Schaap's twenty-ninth book, Gay Olympian: The Life & Death of Dr. Thomas Waddell, will be published in 1996. Dr. Thomas Waddell was an Olympic decathlete who died of AIDS.

Panelists included Irak Berkow, New York Times sports columnist; Michael Goff, Editor & President of OUT magazine; Jay Hill, executive director of the 1994 Gay Games; Mariah Burton Nelson, author and expert on feminism and sports; Dr. Carole A. Oglesby, author and a member of the Sports Psychology Advisory Committee and US Olympic Committee.

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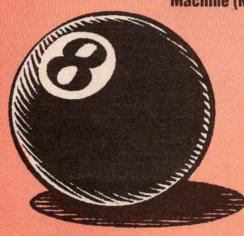
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Kenosha/Waukegan Area: Professional, good looking, 30's, GWM, I/S/O, who needs honest, neat, fun roomie. Will be moving to area soon. Please write Box 13, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

(Editor's Note — What the heck does ISO mean? Into Safe Only, Into Smokers Only, Into Sex Only, In Search Of? Special it out for goodness sake, don't be so cheap!)

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Housing

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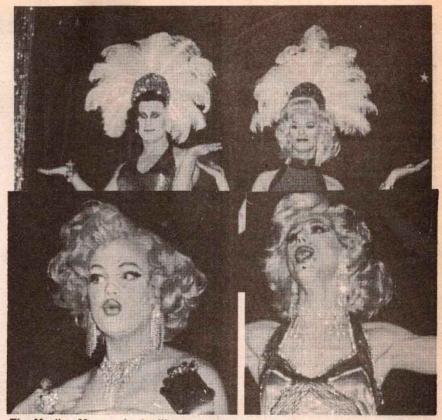
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The Marilyn Monroe look alike contest at C'est La Vie.

Looks kind of obvious that both contestants performed
"Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend." Photos by James Taylor







3B's country dance party provided lessons the afternoon of the Counseling Center's Country Gala, and afterwords, a little bit more country to wrap up the evening.

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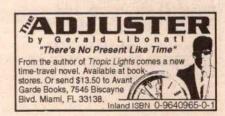
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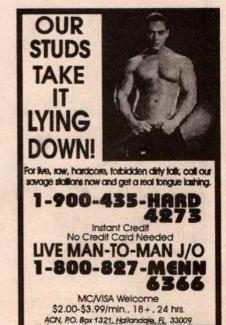
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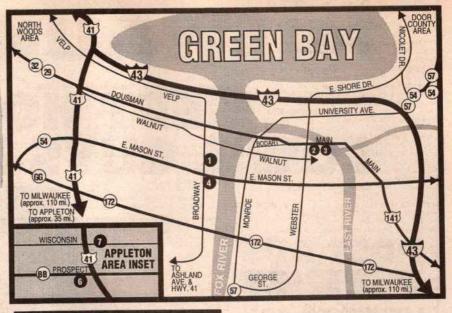
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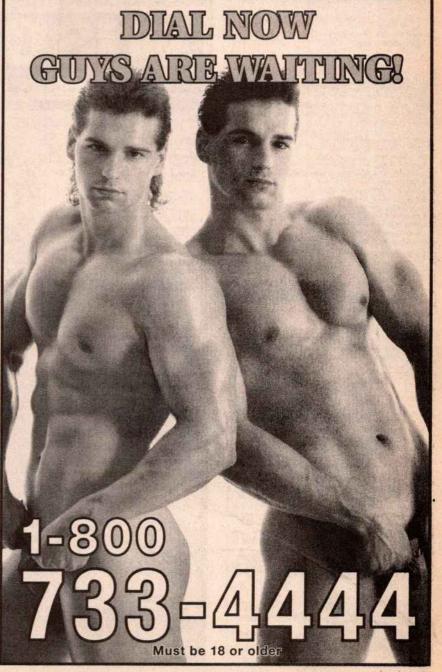
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PO Box 93421, 53203	342-3836
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Caring Bridges (Wholistic Health & Service for	PWAs
10101 W Wisconsin, 53226	259-6334
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Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support &	
discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202	271-2565
Cream City Chorus P. O. Box 1488, 53201	344-9222
Cream City Foundation (CCF)	344-3222
2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201	265-0880
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(G/L Square Dancing Club)	E04 4050
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Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro	
Milw.(GLEEMM) Larry	384-9695
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Lutherans Concerned	270 0000
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MAP Spiritual Care	273-1991
PO Box 92505, 53202 Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Churc	
UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1421	332-9995
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833 W. Wisconsin Ave	271-1340
St Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Anglic	an Rite)
1311 W Lincoln, 53215	643-9313
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1342 N Astor	273-5257
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130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617

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hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202	272-2144
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Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group	
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Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV	342-4333
testing,condoms) 4311 W Vliet, 53208 Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)	342-4333
HIV/AIDS Service Organization	
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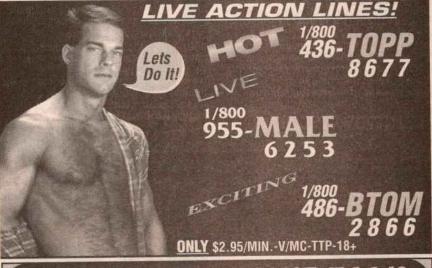
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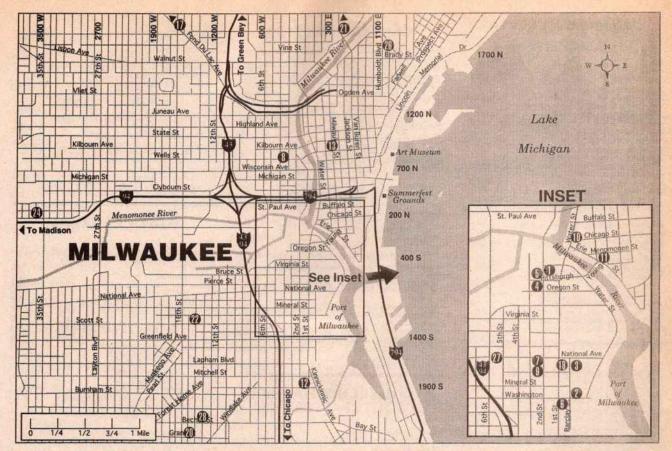
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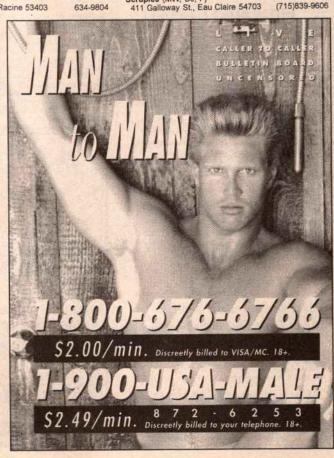
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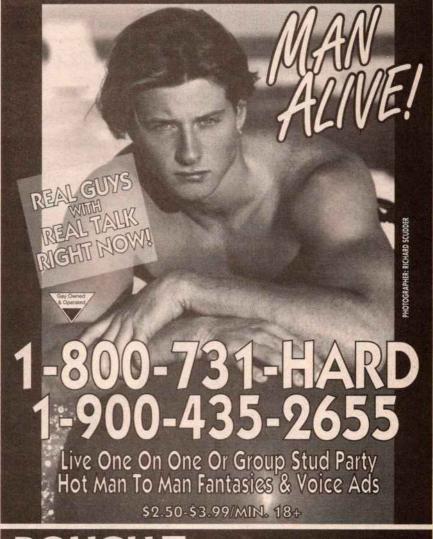
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Hurley COLLEGE STUDENT: 19 5'6, 145. brn/brn. like music and movies, non smoker/drinker new at this ly a message-#37495

Milwaukee BEAR DADDY: Brian, 36 5'9 185, must hairy chest, iso a new facet to my life, iso bear daddy 40-45 in the greatlike to be outdoors, nature, movies to reading to dining, trying new things iso some wild sizzling nites, give a call- #37541

Milwaukee HAIRY ARABS wanted by GWM, 38, very hairy orally excellent, give it a try- =37564

Milwaukee NEW TO SCENE bi male, 47 164, iso younger GWM, top bottom int in b and d and french, to show me the ropes- #37577

Marquette GREG 28, looking to meet men 18-35 if ur interested give me a call-#37646

Sheboygan SKY DIVER: Eric, 20 Bi WM, major in criminal justice 5'8 140, blnd/blu, like sky diving, and riding a horse, if ur bi or gay 18-22 and have a keen sense of adventure! #37712

Madison PEOPLE WATCHER: Nick 22 5'10. It brn/blu, just moved here dont know too many people, like to get to know in the area like hiking being outside, theatre, like all kinds of music, like to hang out, if ur interested give me a call-**±37723**

Oak Creek NEW TO LIFESTYLE: TJ new to lifestyle and very curious, like to meet a man up to 40, to experiment with- and teach me the ropes- =37821

Milwaukee THEATRE Plymouth FISHINIG AND CAMPING:

John, looking for some big theatre, community auys to do some fishin' theatre, profil, looking and for a long term rel, like to camping give find some good friends, best friend and lover, me a call-±37931

Milwaukee INTO SHAVING: 5'5, short brn hair gogtee, into shaving and fun kink, like bia nipples- must be discreetnice body and masculine looks- #37965

Milwaukee GM 21 6'2. 190, blk/brn mustache. smoker int are like volleyball, pool, swim, have a good time, go to bars and have a great time, iso a serious rel, lka for someone fairly attr. #37975

±19866

Madison

heatre, music

into bars iso

call- =38079

dancing, not really

someone career

oriented give me a

ARTS: Robert GWM, 32, Milwaukee 6', 190, med brn/hzl, like LET'S EXPERIMENT: GM working out, music, into 34 5'11 attr. like to find theatre, arts, musical

someone to have fun with. vers like to experiment call me- #38156

Green Bay FEMALE

IMPERSONATOR: Gay

to party have fun times,

female impersonator/

plus- butch and

short men-

±38099

alone together snuggling,

entertainer, long hair is a

Indian Male, 30 5'9 130 like

Sheboygan GWM 20 5'8 140 blnd/blu iso 18-20 GWM into dining out. movies, travelling or whatever give me a call-#38203

SE WI BI OR GAY MEN: Terry 30 iso bi or gay men in the SE Wi area, like outdoors, 18-40 like to talk to me or get together give me a call- #38237

Milwaukee AGGRESSIVE MEN: John, 48, 5'9, 160, passive btm, iso men that are aggressive, if ur interested, give me a call-

Madison JEFF GWM, 26, 5'2, 120 lt bnr/blu, iso GWM 21-30 who has a var of interests like biking, long walks, night on the town iso friendship poss long term relcall and leave a personal

=38262 NICK, 22 5'10, just moved here like quiet nights at home, message in my box. #38285

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Milwaukee BLOND
WEIGHTLIFTER: Tim, East
Side, 23 5'4, 130, It
blnd/grn, slightly hairy like
wtlfting, like to dance, plays
movies, avant garde
independent, open minded
and have a good sense of
humor, \$238315

Brown Deer LOOKING FOR LEATHERMEN:

Brent, looking for masc leather top men , well end'd novice iso slave training and kicking back W/S looking for guys for afternoon fun-BM HM guys extremely muscular a plus- #38404

Kenosha BIWM 40 and 21 iso bi or gay men 18-25 like heavy metal concerts, social drinking-give us a call- #38414

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

Milwaukee GWM, 24, STUDENT lkg for same 18-25, 150-200 5'9 6'2 190, lkg to have fun and exciting times, new to scene-\$\pi 36412\$

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- #36419

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,
\$\pi_36589\$

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 #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,
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, #36781

R Dr. ManFinder

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PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE: Attn Black men

gdlkg fit bi WM 6'2 185 iso mature prof'l gay bi BM 40-45 for occasional private get togethers: \$\pi 36794\$

Lake Geneva OUTDOOR
SPORTS: GWM, 5'11,
250, brn/brn, looking for
friends in the area, I enjoy
alot of outdoor sports, like
gardening swimming and
I'm int in meeting - give me a
call- \$\pi 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- \$\pi 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- #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-\$26994

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 plus\$\pi 37128\$

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 plusm35328

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 also24839

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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