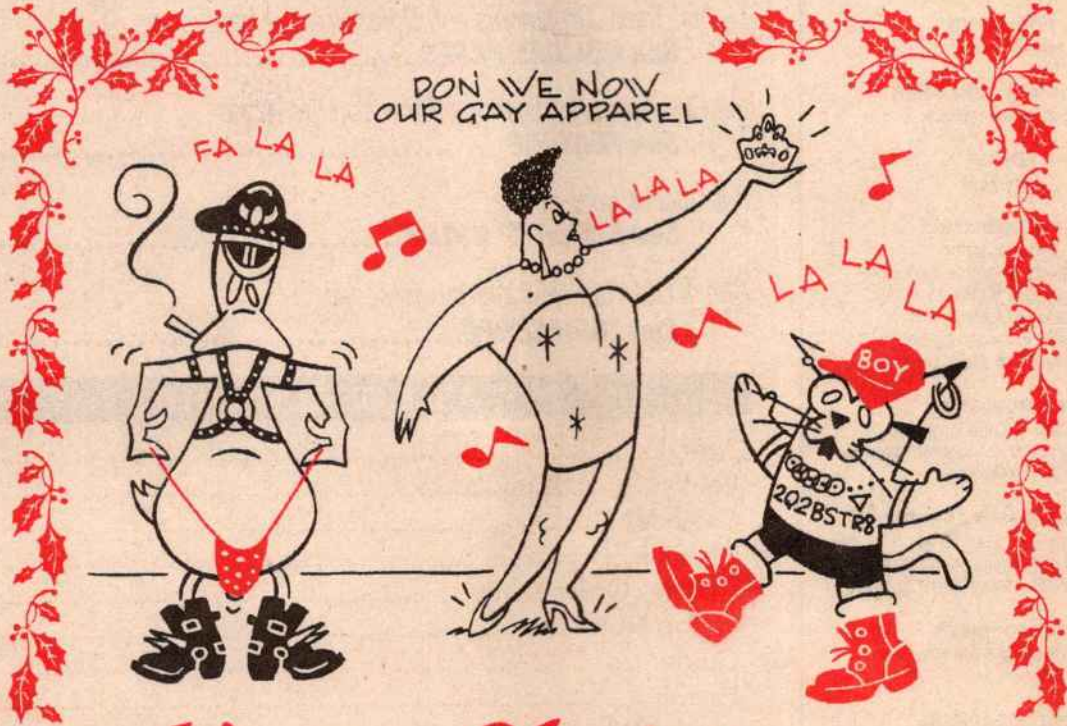


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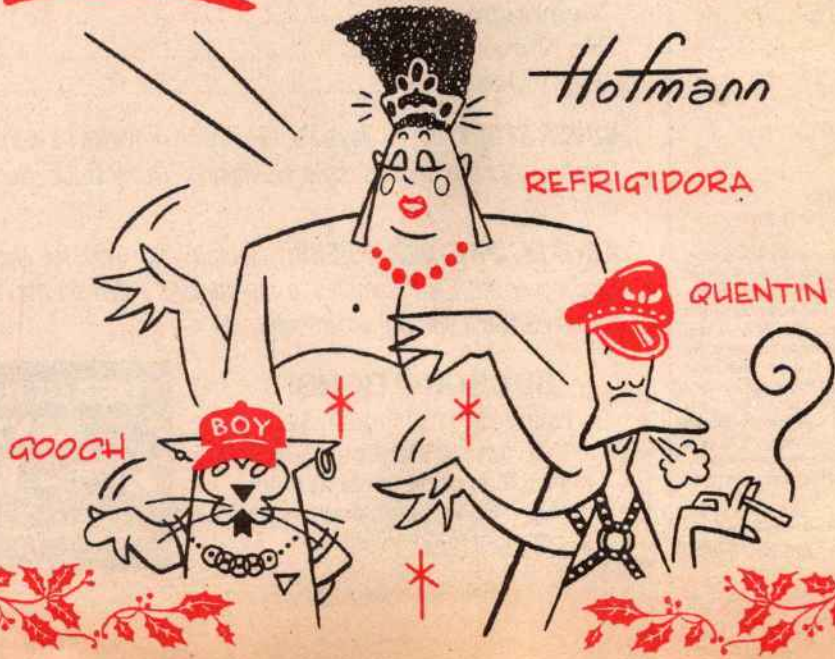
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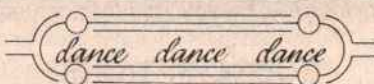
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NEWS

HE SAID, SHE SAID - Correspondence Between Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Ralph Ovadal of Wisconsin Christians United

Baldwin Responds Deftly to Homophobe's Invitation to Debate

The following letters were exchanged between Ralph Ovadal, an anti-Gay crusader, and State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, an "out" Lesbian legislator.

Ovadal included a copy of his letter to Baldwin in a fundraising appeal addressed to "Dear Christian." In it, he wrote: "The homosexual movement truly has initiated a quiet, deadly war on America and everything this nation once stood for. They are confident they have now gained the upper hand and have only to mop up the little resistance which remains to their perverse agenda...The eventual goal of WCU [Wisconsin Christians United] is to get legislation introduced to repeal the gains which the homosexuals have made in the last decade and to eventually recriminalize homosexuality...Please get involved in this battle in some way. Why would you not? Why would any of us want to be remembered as the generation who surrendered our beloved America to Queer Nation? Please do something, anything to turn back the "gay" tide about to wash over our land. It is my prayer that you will join with me to ensure that 1996 will be the year the homosexual movement in Wisconsin was forced to abandon their dreams of conquest..."

Ralph Ovadal and his group, Wisconsin Christians United, can be reached at (608) 328-4841 (Fax: 329-6258). The address is P.O. Box 771, Monroe, WI 53566.

NOVEMBER 27 OVADAL TO BALDWIN

Dear Rep. Baldwin,

As you are well aware, my organization, Wisconsin Christians United, has been intensifying our efforts against the agenda of the homosexual movement, an agenda which you spearhead. You are the outspoken leader of the "gay" movement in Wisconsin, and I am perhaps the most active opponent of that movement. It strikes me that it could be a most beneficial and interesting thing for us to engage in a series of public debates around the state, debates pertaining to the subject of homosexuality.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the cause you champion and the lifestyle you flaunt both violate the very precepts this nation was founded upon and meant to be forever governed by, the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God. These are the laws the Constitution was written to carry into practicable application for the governance of our nation. Since your actions and lifestyle place you in violation of the oath you took to uphold and support the US Constitution as well as the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, I would suggest you consider stepping down from the office you now hold.

In closing, Rep. Baldwin, let me say this: I know it is fashionable for you and your peers to claim that individuals like myself "hate" homosexuals. This is nothing

short of a lie. What we hate is the lifestyle you promote, a lifestyle which brings nothing but harm to our nation and stirs the wrath of the God we are under. As for you and others like you, it is my hope and prayer that you will consider the warning and the promise given to homosexuals in I Corinthians 6:9-11 and that you will be "washed...sanctified...and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I will be waiting to hear if you are willing to defend your position on homosexuality in a public debate.

Sincerely,
Ralph Ovadal, Director, WCU

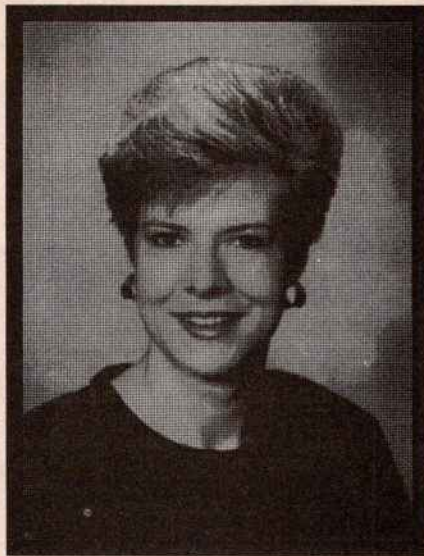
DECEMBER 5 BALDWIN TO OVADAL

Dear Mr. Ovadal:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 27, 1995. In that letter you ask me to consider participating in a series of debates with you, around the state, on the issue of homosexuality. You present that challenge, in part, because you perceive me to be "the outspoken leader of the 'gay' movement in Wisconsin."

While I would certainly be proud to have earned the title you bestow upon me, the truth is that I am not the leader of the "gay" movement in Wisconsin. To claim such a title would not do justice to the many courageous men and women who have devoted their time and energy to the efforts to end violence against Gays

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin



and Lesbians; to secure equal treatment under the law regardless of sexual orientation; and to achieve legal protection for their loved ones. Rather, I am a public official who has decided to be truthful about my sexual orientation. In light of that rather simple fact, I am frequently called upon by the media to state my opinion on issues concerning Gays and Lesbians.

You speak, in your letter, of the "lifestyle" I flaunt. Let me tell you a little about that "lifestyle" which you claim violates the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God. I work typically six or seven days per week, usually well in excess of eight hours per day. As you know, I represent approximately 50,000 constituents in the State Assembly. I try, as best I can, to respond to their inquiries, concerns and requests for assistance from state government. I serve on five Assembly Committees. The public policy issues that I prioritize include the following: public safety (criminal justice), fair taxation, access to health care, prevention of poverty, services to persons with disabilities, education, and protection of civil rights. When I'm not working, I have recently been tending to the health care needs of my 89-year-old grandmother. That, Mr. Ovadal, is my "lifestyle." I suspect that it is more similar than it is dissimilar to yours.

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STATE Briefs

Friends Establish Fund for Recuperating Kitty Barber

Milwaukee — Friends of Lesbian activist Kitty Barber, who is at Madison's University Hospital recovering from multiple gunshot wounds, have begun a fund in her behalf. Checks can be made out to The Kitty Barber Fund and sent to PO Box 617, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Barber's condition has been upgraded to "fair" and she is no longer in the Intensive Care Unit.

Barber was shot December 1 by law enforcement officials in Dane County after she reportedly led them on a high speed chase from E. Washington Avenue in Madison about 16 miles north to the junction of Highways 19 and CV. There, at a Super America station, Barber reportedly emerged from her minivan, put a gun to her head and then aimed it at police and sheriff's deputies, who opened fire. Authorities have ruled the shooting "justifiable."

Barber, a longtime activist in Milwaukee's Lesbian community, had reportedly been despondent over recent relationship break-ups. Fellow law students at the University of Wisconsin said Barber had expressed frustration with law school and may have fallen behind in her studies.

Repeated calls to Barber's closest friends, including her former partner Karen Gotzler who is apparently acting as her Power of Health or Attorney, were not returned to *In Step*, so further clarification or details were difficult to come by.



Kitty Barber

As of *In Step*'s deadline, the District Attorney had not formally charged Barber with any crimes, but sources have told *In Step* that criminal charges against Barber are inevitable.

The Milwaukee women who have established the fund for Barber were not yet sure how the money would be used, whether for medical or legal expenses, but expressed the view that it was an appropriate way to show Barber that her many friends would not abandon her.

"Countering the Right Wing" Conference Set for February 10

Madison — The Wisconsin Community Fund and the Institute for Wisconsin's Future are sponsoring a day-long conference on February 10 called *Sex, Lies, Stereotypes and Profit: Countering the Right Wing in Wisconsin*. Because Gays and Lesbians are one of the primary targets of right wing groups, the conference is expected to be beneficial for Gay and Lesbian activists.

The conference is designed to bring together policy makers, grassroots activists, union members and academics to examine the growing power of conservatism in Wisconsin and to develop strategies that can effectively confront and defeat right wing campaigns at the state and local level.

Topics to be discussed include: sexuality and gender issues; public assistance; crime; race; the environment; workplace issues; and education reform.

David Newby, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, will present an overview of right wing policy initiatives; State Rep. Rebecca Young will talk about the current legislative landscape; Joanne Ricca will talk about right wing think tanks; Dennis Dresang of the University of Wisconsin will speak on the ambivalent political culture of Wisconsin, represented by John Birch and Bob LaFollette.

The keynote address will be delivered by Loretta J. Ross, National Program Research Director for the Center for Democratic Renewal. Ross directs projects addressing human rights education and Klan and neo-Nazi activities.

The *Countering the Right Wing* conference will run from 8:30am to 5pm on Saturday, February 10. It will be held at the Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street in Madison. The conference fee is \$25 per person.

For reservations, call the Wisconsin Community Fund at (608) 251-6834 in Madison or the Institute for Wisconsin's Future at (414) 963-8936 in Milwaukee.

(HE SAID/SHE SAID Continued from Page 4)

Perhaps by your reference to "lifestyle" you mean only to focus on the fact that I have been **honest** with the public about my sexual orientation. Would you think it more honorable for me to lie and deceive the public?

In your letter you asked me to resign from office. May I remind you, that the voters of my district (the vast majority of whom are heterosexual) elected me. They elected me with strong majorities in both 1992 and 1994, with full knowledge of my sexual orientation.

Concurrent to mailing your letter to me, you mailed a fundraising letter to your Wisconsin Christians United mailing list. In that fundraising letter you state: "...the **least** we do when we aggressively confront this issue is to cause the homosexualists to divert resources from offensive action into defensive action..." (emphasis original). Your fundraising letter reveals the true reason you have asked for a series of debates. Mr. Ovadal, I have no interest in assisting you making a name for yourself, in raising funds for your organization, or in diverting the energy of Gay men, Lesbians and our allies away from the effort to secure equal treatment under the law and end the violence directed toward us.

You may wish to contact Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights or PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) in order to secure a debate partner. I am too busy representing my constituents in the State Legislature to debate you at this time.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baldwin, State Representative
78th Assembly District

P.S. If you wish to reprint this letter, I would respectfully request that you do so in its entirety. I have had occasion to view some of your literature and was distressed to notice that you have misquoted me. I believe that you are sincere in your beliefs, despite our vigorous disagreement. If you truly believe in what you are saying and doing, then surely there is no need for you to distort my words in order to make your point.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Murder Of Lesbian Activists Seen as "Wake-Up Call"

Washington, DC — Calling the murder of two Lesbian activists a "wake-up call" to the nation about anti-Gay and Lesbian violence, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has called on Attorney General Janet Reno to monitor the investigation and offer federal protection to Gay activists in states which are facing anti-Gay initiatives.

In Medford, Oregon, Roxanne Ellis, 54, and Michelle Abdill, 42, were reported missing December 4. Four days later, the bodies of Ellis and Abdill were found in the back of their pick-up truck. They had been bound, gagged and shot in the head.

On December 13, tipped off by the suspect's mother, police in Stockton, California apprehended 27-year-old Robert James Acremant and charged him with the murders. Acquaintances of Acremant said they believed the crime was a botched robbery attempt, but friends of the victims said the possibility that the killings were motivated by hatred against Gays and Lesbians had to be fully investigated.

"Clearly, in Oregon and elsewhere, where anti-Gay initiatives happen, so does violence and discrimination," Scot Nakagawa, field organizer with NGLTF commented. "We urge law enforcement to investigate to the fullest extent any possible bias aspects related to this incident. We may not know all the details of this case right now, but one thing we do know is that in communities that battle anti-Gay initiatives, violence against Lesbians and Gays increases."

In 1992 and 1994, the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) mounted unsuccessful statewide anti-Gay initiative campaigns to roll back civil rights for LesBiGay people. During that time, OCA efforts resulted in 27 new city or county-wide anti-Gay laws, including in Medford, the site of the murders, as well as Jackson County. Local organizations reported a dramatic increase in anti-Gay violence, including the fire-bombing of the home of Hattie Mae Cohen, a Lesbian, which resulted in her death as well as the death of Brian Mock, a Gay man.

The NGLTF letter to Reno recounted this and other hate crime incidents and said: "We strongly urge you to consider the possibility of having local FBI or other federal offices in states with anti-Gay and Lesbian initiatives or legislation be on alert for increased violence and civil rights violations against our communities."

Hawaiian Panel Recommends Same-Gender Marriage

Honolulu, HI — In an historic first, a Hawaii state government-appointed commission, specifically charged with studying the freedom to marry that is denied to same-gender couples, forwarded a report to the state legislature recommending that Hawaii's marriage laws be amended to "allow two people regardless of their gender to marry."

The report was issued by the Hawaii Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law, whose members were appointed by the governor. The commission was created by the legislature in June, 1994 to determine how best to address the ways in which same-gender couples are affected by not being able to marry.

"After months of intense research and witness testimony, a government body has finally concluded that there is no legitimate reason for the state to continue refusing civil marriage li-

censes to same-gender couples who want to make the commitment of marriage," said Rich Tafel of the Log Cabin Republicans, one of broad range of groups organized together as the National Freedom to Marry Coalition.

The commission was created in reaction to a landmark lawsuit challenging the denial of civil marriage licenses to same-gender couples. In May, 1993, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that the "same-gender restriction" on marriage appears to violate the state constitution, specifically, the section that forbids gender-based bias. The court held that unless the state can identify a "compelling" justification for discriminating, it must stop.

The case, *Baehr v. Lewin*, is now before the lower court, where the couples are represented by attorneys with the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. If a decision favorable to the plaintiffs is delivered and sustained on appeal, Hawaii could become the first state in the union to legalize civil marriage between same-gender couples.

Anti-Gay Extremists Exploit Congressional Hearings

Washington, DC — The long-awaited hearings on the alleged influence of Gays in America's public schools took place December 5 and 6. To disguise the homophobic nature of the investigation, which had been orchestrated by the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, the hearings were titled "Parents, Schools and Values."

Many of the speakers did, in fact, express dire warnings about the lack of values and the supposed homosexual infiltration of schools. They testified against sex education and AIDS prevention programs, suggesting that these programs encouraged young people to act out sexually. They decried diversity programs as smokescreens for allowing homosexuals to be allowed in to "recruit" children.

"While they certainly might have been worse had there not been a public outcry, these hearings nonetheless provided a taxpayer-funded platform for religious political extremists seeking to impose their divisive agenda on everyone," said David Zingale of the Human Rights Campaign.

But the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee also heard compelling testimony in support of Gay and Lesbian students. Mary Griffith told the heart-wrenching story of the suicide of her son Bobby, who was Gay. Ann Simon, a high school teacher from Massachusetts, spoke of the harassment she has witnessed against Gay students.

In written testimony, a Wisconsinite named Jamie Nabozny spoke of enduring four years of constant harassment by schoolmates in his Ashland school while school officials did nothing. Nabozny, who had to move to Minneapolis to complete his education, is suing the Ashland school district. (See the text of *Nabozny's testimony in this News section.*)

The subcommittee took no action on the testimony delivered, and a number of committee members expressed skepticism about the federal government interfering in any way with diversity and sex and AIDS education programs developed by local school districts.

AIDS Activists: More Leadership Needed From Clinton

Washington, DC — About 200 people, including AIDS advocates, health workers, researchers and people with AIDS, attended the first-ever White House Conference on AIDS December 6. President Clinton spoke out against homophobia and vowed not to destroy the federal safety net, including Medicaid, on which people with AIDS rely.

Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin attended the White House Conference and gave **In Step** his assessment.

"It was highly successful, a historic step forward with regard to AIDS public policy. It was the first White House conference ever, with 200 front-line activists talking to President Clinton for several hours. Everyone there hoped for a stiffening of Clinton's resolve to protect the safety net, primarily Medicaid."

"One of the messages that we sent," said Nelson, "is that we simply cannot afford any further retrenchment on health care issues. The whole AIDS health care service system is collapsing. We're seeing that in Milwaukee with the closing of Doyne Hospital and the cut-off of General Assistance funds. The infrastructure is beginning to collapse. The last thing we need is for the President to negotiate away essential health supports at the federal level."

"The other message we sent was 'Thank you, President Clinton. We recognize you've done more on AIDS than any of your predecessors, but we still need much more leadership from you on AIDS issues. We need leadership to lift the federal ban on needle exchanges. We need leadership to lift the stigma on AIDS in general, and we need more funds for AIDS research.'"

Clinton acknowledged that the massive cuts in the Medicaid budget proposed by the GOP majorities in Congress would

drive "a stake in the heart of our effort to guarantee dignity to the people with AIDS in this country." He said: "I do not want to wait until every single family has somebody die before we have a good policy."

Responding to a participant's reference to AIDS-related discrimination, the President said: "We can't let our bigotry — or, to use his word — we can't let our homophobia blind us to our obligation."

CDC AIDS Prevention Ads (Finally) Target Gay Men

Atlanta, GA — Amid troubling new evidence of the toll AIDS continues to take on America's young adults, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have released a new series of public service announcements aimed at young people, especially people of color, urging them to take responsibility in protecting themselves from HIV infection. Among the ads is the first ever to target Gay men.

"This new campaign is welcome and long overdue," said a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). "For too long, government and health establishments have refused to use television to speak directly and affirmatively to Gays, even while HIV has ravaged Gay teenagers."

In one 30-second spot called *Men — Talk About It*, a young couple exchange such banter as: "We have to talk about sex," "There's no reason to be scared" and "If you don't practice safe sex, and I do, then we're not made for each other, honey."

In announcing the new campaign, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala said: "While our AIDS prevention efforts have succeeded in stabilizing or even reducing the rate of infection among older Americans, they are not having the same kind of effect among young adults."

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A frame from the new CDC public service ads on AIDS.

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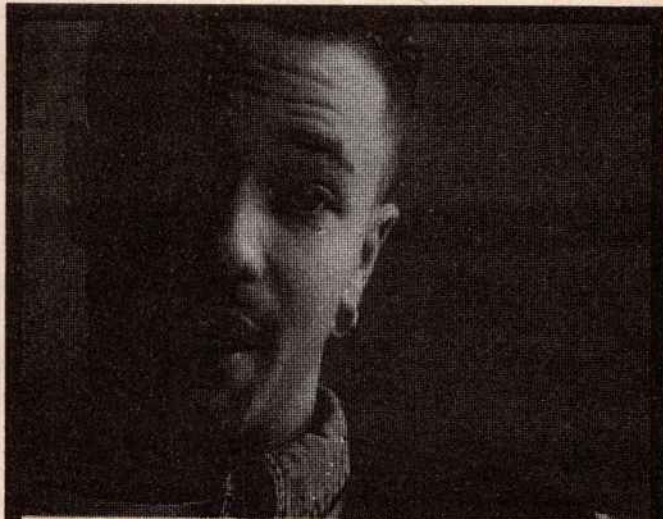
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Shalala cited a new study by the National Institutes of Health showing that AIDS cases have increased much more rapidly among younger individuals, born in 1960 or later, than among older Americans.

"What we have is a generation in jeopardy," said Shalala. "And it is up to us to take action now to reverse these troubling trends before we wipe out a new generation of leadership for this country."

GLAAD is asking supporters of AIDS education in the Gay community to call the CDC's National AIDS Hotline to voice support for the new Gay spots. The number is (800) 342-AIDS.

Black Gay/Lesbian Conference in Dallas February 15-19

Los Angeles, CA — Best-selling author E. Lynn Harris will give the first reading from his new book, *And This Too Shall Pass*, at the National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference February 15-19, 1996 in Dallas, Texas.

The reading is one of several exciting events scheduled for the 9th Annual Conference of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. Also at the conference, Dr. Sylvia Rhue, Dee Mosbacher and Frances Reid will screen their new film, *All God's Children*, a documentary response to the Radical Right's homophobic efforts to exploit black churches.

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Other invited guests include Harvard Professor and author Cornel West and former Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

Each year, the conference brings together more than 1,000 participants from across the country in the nation's largest gathering of African American Lesbians and Gays to address critical issues affecting their communities. This year's conference theme, *Black Lesbians and Gays: Continuing the Struggle*, celebrates the lives, legacies and ongoing work of African American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

Conference topics will include men's and women's issues, personal development, grassroots activism, HIV/AIDS, spirituality, young adult issues, leadership and public policy. Highlights include the Annual Awards Banquet and Dance and the AIDS Memorial Service.

For further information and registration materials, call the Leadership Forum at (213) 964-7820. Or write to the Leadership Forum at 1219 S. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Producers Protest NC-17 Rating for Lesbian Film

Los Angeles, CA — October Films, producers and distributors of the new movie *When Night is Falling*, a Lesbian love story, have rejected the NC-17 rating stamped on their film by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and are marketing it to theaters unrated.

The NC-17 rating restricts viewership to adults over 17, limiting the film's distribution and prospects for financial success. The new rating also carries a popular stigma (from an affiliation with soft-core pornography) that is likely to keep people away.

When Night is Falling focuses on a theology professor, whose chance meeting with a circus performer leads to romance. The film includes two love-making scenes that are no more graphic than similar heterosexual scenes routinely included in "R" and even "PG-13" rated movies.

"It is our strong belief that if these two scenes had involved heterosexual love-making, we would have received the less restrictive R rating," said Amir Malin of October Films. "It is very unfortunate and quite ominous that the MPAA has opted to take this course with its rating decision."

When Night is Falling has opened around the country in major markets to generally good reviews. It is directed by

Patricia Rozema, whose previous film work includes the quirky *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing*.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation suggests that letters of protest be sent to the MPAA. Write to: The Motion Picture Association of America, Classification and Rating Administration, 14144 Ventura Blvd., Suite 210, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. Call (202) 293-1966.

Also on the Newswire...

Philadelphia, PA — The Philadelphia Gay News reports that the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has approved requests by Independence Blue Cross and Pennsylvania Blue Shield to provide domestic partners coverage. Domestic partnership benefits will soon be available to about one million of the insurance companies' subscribers, enrolled in 8,000 employer groups nationwide.

Washington, DC — Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) has become the latest sponsor of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, making him the 160th legislator to sign on in support of the bill. ENDA, as it is called, will outlaw employment discrimination based on sexual orientation throughout the country.

New York, NY — Lesbian writer Marilyn Hacker has been named the winner of the 1995 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize, a prestigious award that carries with it a grant of \$10,000. She won for her collection *Winter Numbers*, which was judged to be "most outstanding."

Alexandria, VA — The National Federation of Republican Women has issued repeated apologies after receiving complaints about a vendor at its recent national convention. The vendor sold bumper stickers that said: "The miracle of AIDS turned fruits into vegetables" and "Roosevelt — a chicken in every pot/ Clinton — a fag in every foxhole." Another sticker said: "Work — the white thing to do."

Washington, DC — Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO), a longtime ally of the Gay and Lesbian community, has announced that she will retire after this, her twelfth term in office. During her tenure, she voted against involvement in the Vietnam War, supported a range of civil rights legislation, and was a champion of women's rights and Gay and Lesbian rights, earning consistent grades of 100% for her voting record on Gay and AIDS-related issues.

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Wisconsin Youth Tells Congress of Anti-Gay Abuse in His High School

Parents Say: "No Family Should Go Through This..."

At the recent hearings investigating the alleged influence of homosexuals in America's public schools, the House Economic and Employment Subcommittee on Oversight and investigations received testimony from a Wisconsinite, Jamie Nabozny, who endured four years of anti-Gay taunting and violence in his school in Ashland. Nabozny, with the help of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, is suing the Ashland School District for failing to protect him and denying him his right to an education.

Following is the text of the testimony submitted by Nabozny and his parents to the House Subcommittee on December 5.

JAMIE NABOZNY

My name is Jamie Nabozny, and I thank you for this opportunity to address this committee. As a high school student in Wisconsin, I suffered over four years of anti-Gay violence from some of my classmates. The school officials took no actions, sending the message to the other students that beating me up was okay. I hope this hearing will send a different message across America, so fewer kids are getting hurt out there. If the hearing truly addresses teaching values, then there should be a focus on the most important value: respect for others.

I went through over four years of daily verbal and physical abuse, including having pencils thrown at me, books knocked out of my hands, my chair being pulled out from under me, and being spit on. Often the physical abuse got really bad. In seventh grade, after a teacher left the classroom, two boys wrestled me to the floor and acted out a rape on me, while the rest of the class watched and laughed. In ninth grade, two boys knocked me to the floor and urinated on me. In tenth grade, about ten boys trapped me in a hallway and one kicked me in the stomach so bad that I had to go into the hospital later.

My parents kept calling and meeting with the school officials but the response was that if I was Gay that I should expect this kind of treatment. The school took no meaningful actions against the boys who were harassing me, which sent the message that it was okay to keep harassing me. The school was teaching the values that disrespect for others is okay, and that violence is okay.

Instead of disciplining the kids beating me up, the school started to treat me like I was the problem. They moved me into separate classes, even though I wasn't the problem. Eventually, they separated me even more and moved me into a special education class, even though I wasn't the problem. When kids on the bus wouldn't stop throwing things at me and spitting on me, the school changed my assigned seat to the front of the bus where

I had to sit with the elementary school children, even though I was 16 years old and even though I wasn't the problem.

When I could no longer use the student bathrooms because I would always get beaten up in there, I was forced to use a separate bathroom in the home economics classroom, even though I wasn't the problem. Instead of teaching the value of respect for others, the school taught that if you are different you are the problem, and you are the one that has to be separated out and hide.

Well, the values of disrespect and violence got through to the other students, and they got through to me. I attempted suicide three times when I was a teenager, and I was hospitalized each time. I couldn't take it any longer by the eleventh grade, so I dropped out of school at age 16, and I moved to Minneapolis to escape. I had to give up my wonderful family, I had to give up my high school education to get a GED, and I had to give up my teenage years.

What happened to me is now a legal case being appealed by Lambda Legal Defense. One of the things I sued for is the right to get my diploma and to go to the graduation ceremony that I was never able to attend. Can you imagine having to sue a school just for the right to attend your high school graduation?

I hope that these hearings on schools and values will focus on teaching respect for others, so that other young people are not forced to leave their families and homes, lose their educations, and lose their childhoods. I hope that these hearings will send the message that it is not okay to ruin people's lives simply because they are Gay.

CAROL & ROBERT NABOZNY

Thank you for this opportunity to address this committee.

We are the parents of Jamie Nabozny, who suffered over four years of harassment and physical assaults at his public school in our town in Wisconsin. Jamie suffered this abuse simply because he is Gay. We hope that this hearing, called "Parents, Schools and Values," will address the kinds of violence our son suf-

fered and that children across this country suffer in public schools. Our fear is that some of the hearing testimony will actually contribute to the very atmosphere that promoted the abuse our son suffered and that allowed the abuse to go unaddressed for over four years.

This Committee needs to understand what our son went through. For four-and-a-half years our son was repeatedly beaten up, kicked and pushed around, spat and urinated on, and one day his classmates wrestled him to the floor and acted out a rape on him, in front of the rest of the class.

All these things happened even though we kept calling the school and having meetings with school officials. Do parents have to go to school with their children eight hours a day just to make sure they are safe? Our son has had to sue and then appeal through Lambda Legal Defense simply to show that school officials should have responded to our complaints. By failing to do so, the school sent the message that it was acceptable to beat our son up because he is Gay.

Based on all he went through, Jamie was forced to drop out of school. As his parents, it was the hardest thing we ever had to do when we let him leave home at age 16 to go to a big city where he could finish his education. He has made us very proud, but no son or daughter, no family in this country should go through something like this as a result of our schools' sending the message that being gay is bad.

Unfortunately, the violence won't stop until we change the message to the students in our schools. We fear that these hearings will send the same message that the school sent to the students who beat up our son. If you allow that message into our schools, more children will suffer this way and lose what should be the happiest times of their lives. More families will have to break up as children cannot survive living in their hometowns.



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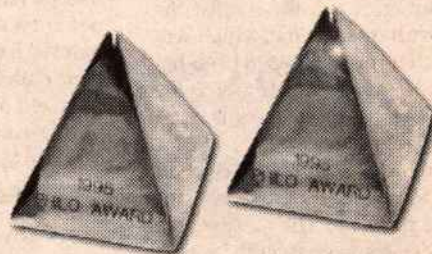
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Group Notes

New Gay Fathers Group Starting in January

Milwaukee — In recognition of the large number of Gay men who have fathered and who parent children, a new support/discussion group is beginning on Milwaukee's east side. This bi-weekly group will provide a friendly and supportive environment in which Gay fathers can meet, socialize, explore issues and share individual experience, strength and hope with others.

Beginning Monday, January 8, the group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7:30 to 9pm in the meeting facilities on the second floor of the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street. (Use east side entrance door.) The group is open to all interested Gay fathers.

For further information, call Tim at (414) 372-8008.

Frontiers Hosts Christmas, New Year's Parties

Madison — Frontiers, the Gay/Bisexual men's outreach group in Madison, is planning parties and an Open House over the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

On Christmas Eve at 4:30pm there will be decorating of outdoor evergreens followed by the reading — indoors — of a one act play written especially for the occasion. At 6:30, revelers will enjoy a potluck supper and continued merry-making. Then on Christmas Day, there will be an Open House with a potluck, "wassailing and grogging, singing and merry elving." For location, call Dave at (608) 241-2500.

At the New Year's Day Open House, those attending can enjoy a buffet and light beverages along with music, card playing and the TV "Bowl" games. The Open House lasts from 1 to 5pm. For location and further information, call Gene at (608) 831-4711.

January Our Space: "Treat Today as a Gift"

Milwaukee — The topic of the January Our Space, a support and discussion group for Lesbians held at Milwaukee's Counseling Center, is "Treat Today As a Gift." The facilitator will be Mary Karegeannes, MSW.

Karegeannes' presentation will be a "back to basics" approach to enhancing daily life. The aim is to get women to realize the importance of living in the present, staying balanced and the impact this approach has on all areas of life — relationships, school, work and play.

Our Space will meet on Sunday, January 16 from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. A \$3 donation is requested. For more information on the Counseling Center's Women's Support Group program, call (414) 271-2565.

"Women in Trades" Calendar Raises Funds for Jobs Program

Madison — The 1996 *Women in the Trades* calendar is a celebration of the "We Can Do It!" attitude of so many women who pursue their work in non-traditional occupations. Each page of the 11' x 17' calendar features a picture of a Madison-area woman working in her chosen trade along with quotes of women talking about themselves and their jobs.

The 1996 *Women in the Trades Calendar* was produced through a major volunteer effort of tradeswomen and advocates in Wisconsin. All proceeds from its sale support programs which help women to explore, enter and stay in the skilled trades.

The 1996 *Women in the Trades* calendars are available for \$10 each, plus shipping and handling, from Employment Options, Inc., 2095 Winnebago Street, Madison, WI 53704. Volume dis-

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counts are available. For more information on the calendar or pre-apprenticeship training or tradeswomen support groups, call Employment Options at (608) 244-5181.

SAGE/Milwaukee to Assist Shut-Ins

Milwaukee — The Board of Directors of Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE)/Milwaukee has announced that SAGE will offer its first service-oriented program to members in the near future: a telephone reassurance program consisting of a daily telephone call by volunteers to members who are shut in or who live alone and wish to be contacted daily. Accordingly, SAGE is planning to hire, on a part time basis, a person to recruit, train and supervise volunteer callers. Experience in social services or program development preferred for this position.

Persons interested in applying should send their resume to: SAGE, P.O. Box 92482, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

"Fundraising for Non-Profits" Workshop in Madison January 8

Madison — As part of its *Surviving the Nineties Workshop Series for Non-Profits*, the Wisconsin Community Fund will host a daylong workshop on "Fundraising From Individuals" on Monday, January 8 from 9am to 4pm.

The workshop will address these key issues for non-profit agencies: why raising money from individuals makes sense; how to ask for money and get it; "tricks of the trade" and overcoming fears; the "whys" and "hows" of Board involvement in fundraising; how to identify prospects and design a major donor campaign; and how to develop a diversified fundraising plan.

The workshop will be facilitated by Kim Klein, publisher and co-editor of the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal* and author of *Fundraising for Social Change*. Klein does extensive training on fundraising for non-profit groups nationwide. Workshop space is limited and will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. The workshop fee is \$40 per individual, or \$70 for two people from the same organization.

For further information, call the Wisconsin Community Fund at (608) 251-6834 or (414) 449-0600.

BESTD Clinic Elects New Directors, Officers

Milwaukee — Four directors were elected by the volunteers of the BESTD Clinic and took office at the annual meeting on December 4th. Seated for three-year terms were Pat Cline, Helen Ann Quint and Ralph Resenhoeft, with Bruce Daly taking a one-year term.

Officers for 1996 are: Ross Walker, President; Pat Cline, Vice-President; Jerry Warzyn, Secretary; Ralph Resenhoeft, Financial Secretary; Erv Uecker, Treasurer; and Mary Rita Hurley, member of the Executive Committee.

The BESTD Clinic Board of Directors also honored retiring directors Jeff Buckles, Karen Hogan and Bob Schmidt with appreciation and a BESTD watch. A fourth director, Ty McKenzie Barnes, left the Board this fall to take up residence in California.

Aurora Health Care also presented the BESTD Clinic with the 1995 Partner in Care Award for Community Leadership in Collaborative HIV Care. The award was accepted on behalf of the clinic by President Ross Walker.

Auto, Quilt-Making Classes at Atwood Community Center

Madison — It's back by popular demand! The Atwood Community Center will sponsor a repeat of the two session Women's Auto Class in January.

The class, presented by ace mechanic Nan Mortenson, is designed to give women the basics about how a car operates, caring for a car, empowering women to feel strong when dealing with mechanics, and answering questions women may be afraid to ask. The Women's Auto Class will be held Thursday, January 11 from 7-9pm and Saturday, January 13 from 1-3pm at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Avenue. Price for the class is a sliding scale of \$35-25.

The Atwood Center is also offering a Quilt-Making Series in January. The class is for anyone who wants to learn how to make a quilt or explore new quilt-making skills. It is geared toward beginner and intermediate sewers. Sewing machine techniques will be emphasized.

The Quilt-Making class will meet on Tuesdays — January 16 and 23, and February 6, 13 and 20 — from 7 to 8:30pm at the Atwood Community Center. Sliding scale fee is based on ability to pay. A \$25 donation is requested.

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St. Camillus AIDS Ministry Invites Volunteers

Milwaukee — The St. Camillus AIDS Ministry has developed an Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver's Program. The IVCP will represent an interfaith mix of congregations from throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Volunteer caregivers are persons of any age who seek personal spiritual fulfillment by giving of themselves to people with HIV/AIDS in need of assistance.

The most common kinds of help given by volunteers include: transportation, shopping, respite care, light house-keeping, personal care, assistance in paying bills and managing finances, and meal preparation.

The volunteers in this program will assist persons in need and their families without any restriction of age, gender, race, income, sexual orientation or denominational affiliation; nor will they subject the people they serve to evangelization.

Interested congregations and faith communities are invited to send a letter of interest to the St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, Attn: Brother Stephen Braddock, 10101 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

Gays in NE Wisconsin Trying to Organize

Laona — Robert Foley and Alex Aull, operators of Alexander's Guest House and Laona Hostel in Laona in Forest County, recently sent **In Step** a letter declaring their interest in establishing a Gay social/activities group in their area of northern Wisconsin.

Alexander's Guest House and Laona Hostel will serve as the contact point and meeting site, with overnight accommodations for those not living in the area and wanting to participate.

Activities suggested so far are cross-country skiing (skis, poles and boots are

available for a small fee), hiking, camping and picnics — weather permitting.

An initial organizational meeting will be scheduled in the near future, and anyone interested in attending should write or call. Call (715) 674-2615. Or write: Laona AYH Hostel, P.O. Box 325, 5397 Beech Street, Hwy. 8, Laona, WI 54541.

Madison's Integrity/Dignity Sets January Services

Madison — Integrity/Dignity of Madison, the organization of LesBiGay Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, will

continue to hold its Eucharist services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in January (and through June) at 7:30pm at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue.

On January 14, preceding the service at 6pm will be a discussion of the group becoming an AIDS Caring Community. The January 14 and 26 services will be followed by a social hour.

For more information on Integrity/Dignity/Madison, call (608) 836-8886.

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For information about enrolling in this trial, please call Jacque Kaczinski, R.N. at the WCRC office at 414-225-1578.

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Letters

"Thank You" to MAP

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the previous articles expressing dissatisfaction with Milwaukee AIDS Project services. I regret being unable to attend the forums and was disturbed by Mr. [Richard] Miller's recent letter [In Step, December 7-20, 1995]. Losing a loved one to AIDS is traumatic enough without having his anguish compounded by his experience with MAP. My heart goes out to this man for his loss. MAP, as with any organization, could stand room for improvement and they have made it clear they intend to do so.

I became a client of MAP in March of this year after being rushed to the hospital with what we thought was exhaustion and pneumonia. Over the next few days, I learned I had pneumocystis carini pneumonia, Kaposi's Sarcoma and a T-cell count of 22 — full-blown AIDS. I was put in contact with MAP by a friend and my first contact was with Kaye Tucker, Intake Specialist. She was kind and understanding and had me assigned to a case manager within a week. On two separate occasions, she spent more than an hour counseling me, as I was near hysteria at first.

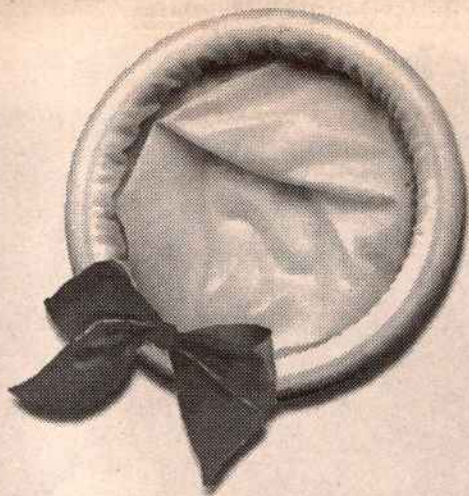
My case manager, Mike Stenz, has been a life-saver and a god-send. I can't thank him enough for all he's done. After my discussions with Kaye, he put me in touch with a psychotherapist for regular counseling. He informed me of many services and information I would need in the future. When the time came to stop working, he coached me in filling out forms for SSI and SSDI and told me what to expect. He's visited me in the hospital on his own time and is always "there to talk" if I need it. Any message I've left has been returned within 24 hours. He may not have the answers to every question I pose, but he does his best to put me in touch with people who do. His level of service amazes me considering his total case load.

Phil Rosenkranz in the legal department has also been very helpful with information and assistance concerning wrapping up my business affairs and necessary legal documents. His knowledge has saved me money and unnecessary trips to other sources.

I would like to say a public "Thank You" to these people and hope that they are models for MAP personnel in the future.

Blake Hudson
Milwaukee

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Profiles

Will Fellows to Publish Book on "Gay Farm Boys"

"Farm Boys" Slide Show in Milwaukee January 8

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — A Wisconsin farm boy himself, Will Fellows is going to have his book, **Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men From the Rural Midwest**, published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 1996.

In creating this collection of life stories, Fellows interviewed more than 70 men throughout the Midwest, many of whom also contributed photographs. Using a generous selection of these images, Fellows has produced a slide-illustrated talk that presents an engaging overview of the Midwestern "Gay farm boy" experience during this century.

For those who'd like a first sneak peak at the contents of **Farm Boys**, Fellows will present his slideshow/talk at Milwaukee's First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street, on Monday, January 8 at 7:15pm. It's free and open to the public.

Fellows, 38, was born and raised on a dairy farm in south-central Wisconsin in Rock County, near Evansville. He attended the University of Wisconsin and UW-Platteville and ultimately obtained a Masters degree in Nutrition from Cornell University.

In the mid-1980's he came back to Wisconsin, first to Madison, and then in 1993 to Milwaukee where he works as a

nutritionist for the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association.

"I found my work agreeable enough," Fellows told **In Step** of his job as a nutritionist, "but not as creatively satisfying as I'd like."

"PERSONAL RESONANCE"

While still in Madison, Fellows became determined to work on a project involving Gay and Lesbian history in some way. Citing its "personal appeal and resonance," he eventually decided to explore the lives of Gay men, who, like himself, were raised on farms in the Midwest.

"I thought, not only would it be interesting to look at the life experiences — especially the growing-up experiences — of Gay men raised on farms, but how they feel as Gay men today and how their rural roots have influenced their lives."

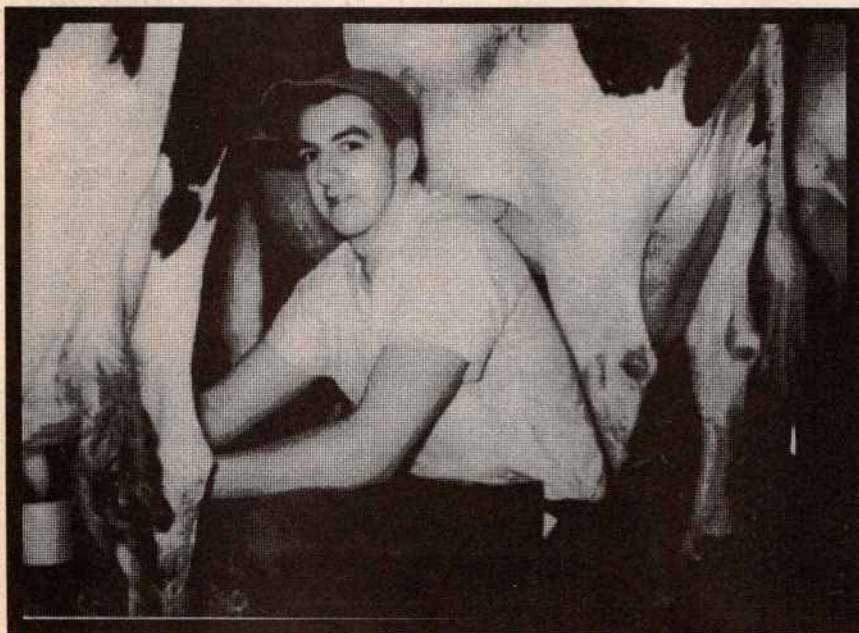
With the assistance of grants from the New Harvest, Cream City and other foundations, Fellows began his project in the spring of 1992. First, he took out ads in Midwestern Gay papers (including **In Step**) seeking individuals to interview. He then conducted 75 interviews with Gay farm boys who shared their life stories. The oldest was born in 1909, the youngest, in the 1960's.

Of those 75 interviews, 50 were completely transcribed and, of those 50, Fellows chose 25 he felt to be "most substantive and representative" of the Gay Midwestern farm boy experience. He discarded the question/answer format and broke down the interviews so they will appear as first person narratives in the book — one chapter for each farm boy.

Fellows began sending his manuscript to publishers in late 1994, and the University of Wisconsin Press agreed to publish it in 1996. They were no doubt attracted by the thoroughness of Fellows' work along with the contribution **Farm Boys** makes to multiple areas of academic and popular interest: to regional/local history; to the field of oral history (first person accounts); and to the growing field of Gay and Lesbian history.

"I hope it contributes in that way," Fellows commented modestly. "I also hope Gay men raised on farms will see their lives reflected in the stories. I hope they find it as gratifying as I have felt working on it."

For more information on the **Farm Boys** slideshow January 8, call Bronze at (414) 456-9085 or Shirley at 265-4049. The free show is sponsored by Interweave, a Unitarian Universalist group that promotes dialogue and understanding among people of diverse sexual, affectional and gender orientations.



David Foster, Wisconsin Farm Boy, 1964

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By Marvin Liebman

In the Name of God

The Danger of Far Right Religious Preachings

The world was shocked by the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an ultra-religious right-wing Jew. He murdered "in the name of God" and under the preachings of fundamentalist rabbis whose interpretation of God's word gave him the license to kill.

I was neither shocked nor surprised. There has always existed in Israel — as it exists in Iran, in Bosnia, in Ireland, in the United States and throughout the world — extreme religious fundamentalism that calls for death for the unbelievers who stray from their view of God's teaching. In 1947, I worked with the Irgun, the armed underground of the right-wing Zionist Revisionists, whose basic philosophy rested on the certainty that God had decreed that a Jewish nation should exist on both sides of the Jordan River. Anyone who gives away even a handful of Israeli soil, for whatever reason, does so at his peril. The Revisionists have become the extreme right of the Likud Party in Israel. Their inflammatory rhetoric led to the assassination of Rabin and will result in more killings "in the name of God."

Extremist clergymen and politics. Sound familiar?

The United States is certainly not immune from violence based on the rhetoric of religious leaders. While hate-based violence against Lesbians and Gays is a decades-old epidemic, it may at last prove capable of provoking an overdue nationwide debate — both moral and political. As in Israel today, the scrutiny of right-wing religious groups' role in fanning such violence is a good place for that debate to start.

P-FLAG'S CAMPAIGN

The linkage between anti-Gay religious rhetoric and acts of violence is complex, and begs exploration. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a national organization that wants to expose the connection between hate rhetoric and anti-Gay violence. Recently, P-FLAG produced two 30-second public service TV spots which take aim at just this combination. Further justification of its focus comes from a recent *Newsweek* magazine poll showing that

21% of all Americans, and 43% of evangelical Christians, believe that the Gay rights movement is "an incarnation of Satan." Taking this belief to its logical conclusion, Lesbians and Gays become Satan's agents on earth and must be eradicated "in the name of God."

One of P-FLAG's TV advertisements portrays a teenage girl contemplating suicide with a handgun; the other, a young man being beaten to death by a gang of thugs shouting anti-Gay slurs. The victim's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, appears at the end of the TV spot saying that the FBI had declared that the murder of her 27-year-old son was a hate crime, "a Gay bashing." In a final blow, Mrs. Rodriguez was fired from her job when her involvement in the P-FLAG campaign became public.

In the ads, the voices of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson are heard over the film's soundtrack. Robertson is heard saying: "Homosexuality is an abomination...many of those people involved with Adolf Hitler were Satanists; many of them were homosexuals. The two things seem to go together." Falwell simply says: "God hates homosexuality."

Syndicated bigots like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, whose Christian Coalition has become the major power-broker in the Republican Party, liberally intersperse their sermons with inflammatory anti-Gay tirades. Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) has threatened to take legal action against any station running the P-FLAG ads, effectively keeping them off the air.

RHETORIC SPURS VIOLENCE

While criticism of Falwell, Robertson and their politically religious clones exists, they largely escape scrutiny for their role in inspiring hate crimes "in the name of God." Rev. Mel White was on the right track with his jailhouse hunger strike this spring when he was arrested trying to prevail on Robertson at his CBN headquarters in Virginia. But that protest went largely ignored in the national media as well as in much of the Gay press itself.

"Christian" and "family values" hucksters constantly bemoan the influence of TV and Hollywood portrayals of

violence. Let the anti-Gay religious leaders listen to their own inflammatory rhetoric. Let them understand the violence that can stem from their sanctimonious sermons on Satan and homosexuality. If their followers could muster just a fraction of their outrage at Hollywood in opposition to anti-Gay violence, the epidemic of hate violence might gain much of the attention it deserves.

With the proper resources, attaching a stigma to incendiary religious rhetoric becomes quick work. Falwell and Robertson implicate themselves. P-FLAG's ads showing some of their rhetoric deftly make the case that their own words provide the climate in which such acts of violence might proliferate and gain religious sanction.

The case against anti-Gay violence can take many tacks. Yet, for too long, the sheer abundance of other pressing issues on the desks of Gay political leaders has allowed attention to the issue to lapse. With its far-reaching ravages, hate violence against Gays cannot continue to slip from the spotlight. The murder of Rabin in Israel has once again awakened people of conscience around the world to the fact that far-right religious preachings eventually can lead to bloodshed. Perhaps Gays in America can awaken our fellow citizens to a similar and equally simple conclusion.

In this month of Christian celebration, we call on Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and all the other professional "Christians" — in the name of their professed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ — to preach love, not hate; peace, not violence; and, above all, the Golden Rule.



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The retreat, scheduled for December 29-31, is open to anyone living with HIV/AIDS without regard to race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or age. There is no fee required for participation, but enrollment is limited, so reservations are requested.

At the retreat, guided meditation, re-framing of emotional resistance, group sharing, trance journeying, bodywork, music and ritual are woven into an holistic exploration of tools for healing which participants can integrate into their daily lives.

Participants will explore their feelings about HIV in their lives and what HIV means to them. Sharing in a ritual of grieving and a journey of healing, it is hoped participants will find a renewed

strength and commitment to live fully now and experience healing from within.

For further information, to receive a brochure, or to make a reservation, call the Office for HIV/AIDS Ministry at (414) 481-3696.

Also on the AIDS Front...

Washington, DC — A study published in the *Journal of Urology* reports that in an analysis of more than 100 semen samples taken from 16 HIV-infected men over a two-year period, live and infectious virus was detected 22% of the time. The findings, by Dr. Ann Collier of the University of Washington in Seattle, dramatize the high risk of unprotected sex with someone who is HIV-positive.

"People who are sexually active should be aware that HIV could be in the semen at any time, and that means people should be cautious all the time," Collier told the *New York Times*.

Washington, DC - A study conducted by the National Cancer Institute reveals that one in every 92 American men between the ages of 27 and 39 are HIV-infected. The statistics for African American men in that age group are even

more grim: one in 33 has HIV. Since identifying the disease in 1981, more than a half million Americans have contracted HIV and more than 311,000 have died of AIDS complications.

Atlanta, GA — Dr. Helene Gayle, a scientist who has studied the impact of AIDS on women and children, has been appointed to replace Dr. James Curran as chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's AIDS division. The Division of HIV/AIDS was recently reorganized to incorporate other sexually transmitted diseases as well as TB.

Dr. Curran was one of the first scientists to investigate AIDS when reports of the disease began to surface in 1981. He specialized in the area ever since. Curran left the CDC to take a position at Emory University.

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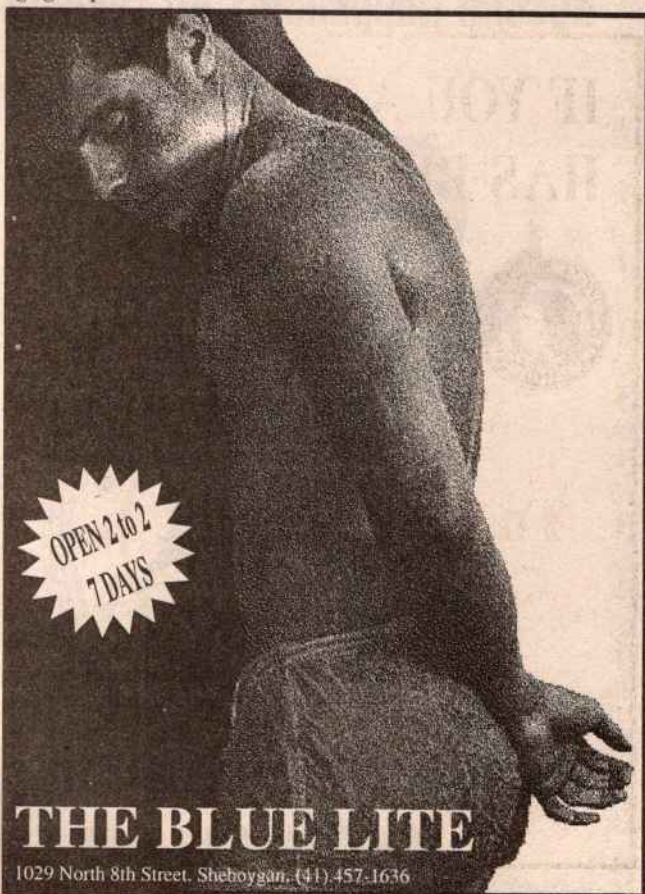
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Memoriams

Michael James Hinderer

August 19, 1968 - December 10, 1995

Michael James Hinderer, a pioneer in AIDS prevention education in Wisconsin's Deaf community, passed away from AIDS-related complications at his south side Milwaukee home Sunday, December 10. He was 27. With him were his partner of five years, Bob Plahmer, and their dog, PJ.

Michael was born and grew up in Chicago. He attended the Illinois School for the Deaf and then Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. He moved to Milwaukee in the summer of 1990.

Michael learned he was HIV-positive at age 17 during his first semester at Gallaudet.

In recent years, he worked with the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and other groups, organizing AIDS prevention outreach to the Deaf community. He was featured in an ad for the BESTD Clinic, encouraging deaf people to get tested for HIV.

"If there was a group that wanted to hear about AIDS and they had hearing-impaired people, Michael was there,"

MAP Prevention Educator Laura Lutz recalled.

"Michael was driven," his case manager at MAP, Sarah Berg, commented. "He dedicated years to making sure the Deaf community knew what was going on with HIV/AIDS."

"He was also enormously supportive of people in the Deaf community who were HIV-positive, teaching them to question doctors and caregivers, urging them to stand up for what they needed."

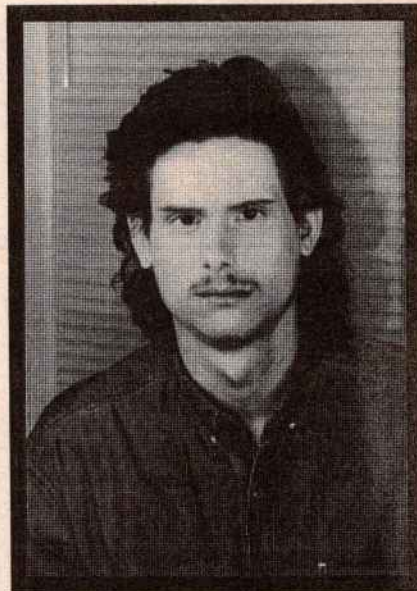
"With Michael's death, there is a huge void," said Berg. "We really need someone to carry on, someone who has sign language ability and his knowledge of the Deaf community and HIV/AIDS."

Michael is survived by his partner, Bob, PJ, his sisters Theresa and Nicole, his brother Daniel and his mother Nancy. He is further survived by many friends in the Deaf community and the Gay and Lesbian community.

A memorial service was held December 14 in the Prasser-Klecza Bay View Chapel on S. Howell Avenue. It was presided over by Rev. Lew Broyles of the

Michael James Hinderer

Photo: Wells Ink



Metropolitan Community Church. The service ended with the playing of Barbra Streisand's version of "Over the Rainbow."

Following is a poem Michael wrote:

Darkness,
Searching for the light,
with every tries I make seems
like I have to cry.
It isn't seem right.
With my closing eyes,
all of my pain stay in my heart,
and my mind wandering with fake high.
Every paths blocking with no pride.
Darkness,
filling with tears and fears,
which I've caused in my life.
With every help of yours made my eyes
open
I have seen the light
and my pain fades away.
Lightness,
filling with pride and hope.

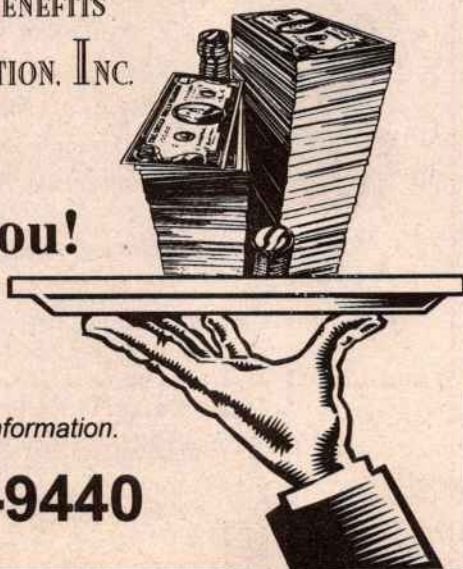
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Trees & Ornaments

Ancient, pre-Christian holiday festivals used greenery, lights and flame to symbolize life and warmth in the midst of the cold and dark of winter. Of course, most people will agree that the most splendid symbol of a modern Christmas

is the evergreen tree, brilliantly decorated with strings of multicolored lights.

The Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews, among other peoples, also used evergreens and wreaths as symbols of life. Tuetic and Scandinavian people of northern Europe decorated houses and

barns with evergreens at the new year to scare away demons.

The modern Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany during the Middle Ages. In the same room as the tree, Germans kept a Christmas pyramid made

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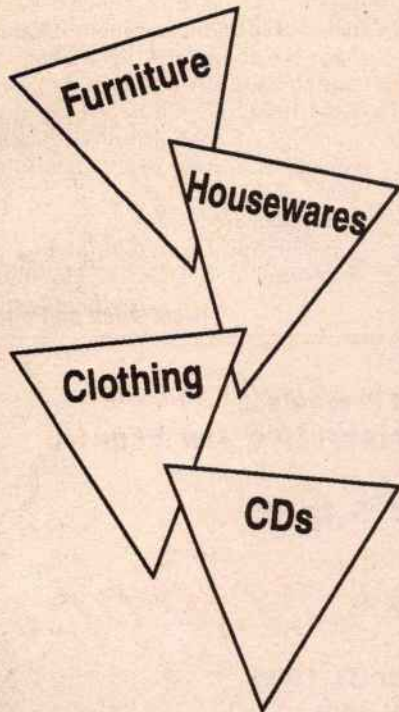
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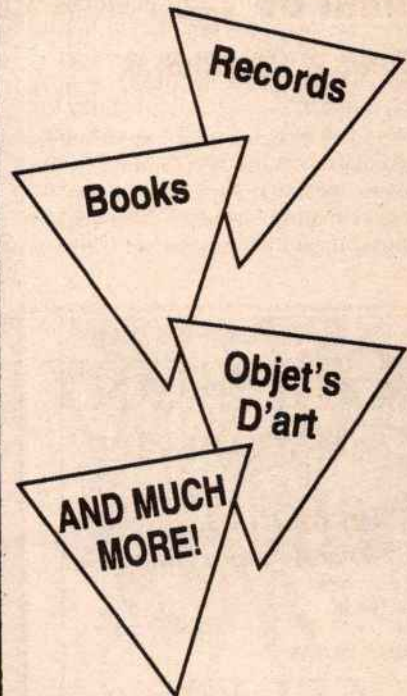
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of wood, with shelves to hold figurines. The pyramid was also decorated with evergreens, candles and a star. By the 16th century, the pyramid and the tree had merged, becoming the Christmas tree so popular today.

The Christmas tree was introduced in England early in the 19th century. The trees were decorated with candles, candies, paper chains, and fancy cakes that were hung from the branches with ribbons.

German settlers brought the Christmas tree custom to the American colonies in the 17th century. By the 19th century its use was quite widespread. Trees also became popular in Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Holland. In China and Japan, Christmas trees were first introduced by Christian missionaries in the 19th and 20th centuries. There they were decorated with intricate paper designs.

Bavaria is credited with inventing and producing the first blown glass Christmas tree ornament in the 1700's.

If you're searching for new Christmas ornaments, why not consider buying ones that make a donation to local and national AIDS organizations. **Designing Men** is selling the AIDS Ribbon Ornament for \$9.95. A portion of the proceeds benefit BESTD Clinic, MAP, and St. Camillus AIDS Ministry. The clear glass ornament houses a red AIDS Ribbon. Designing Men is located at 1200 South First Street in Milwaukee.

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Thank You, and Happy Holidays from All of Us at In Step!

It's been a year of challenges and transitions for **In Step**, with Ron Geiman, the magazine's Founder and Publisher/Editor, retiring this past summer and a new crew taking over the keyboards.

Ron will be spending the holidays at home, surrounded by friends and loved ones. He sends his love to you, and we will continue to forward all your cards and greetings to him there.

We are committed to carrying on Ron's vision for **In Step**: presenting accurate news, thought-provoking and rib-tickling columnists, entertainment and arts features, "queertoons," photo coverage of LesBiGay events and parties around Wisconsin, the Calendar of Events, our ever-expanding Guide to Gay Wisconsin, and much more.

We want to publicly thank Ron for the example of excellence and dedication he has set and for his vote of confidence in asking us to continue **In Step** as it enters its 12th year of continuous publication.

We extend a big "THANK YOU" to all of our advertisers — businesses, groups and individuals — whose support has enabled **In Step** to improve and expand. We appreciate too all those businesses and organizations who serve as distribution points for **In Step** and those of you who subscribe. And, of course we wouldn't be anywhere without our readers who make the whole effort worthwhile.

On behalf of Ron and the whole staff, we wish you all a joyful and safe holiday season. We'll be on hiatus until our next deadline January 15th.

Happy New Year, everyone!



Jamakaya,
Editor

Annabelle Havlicek,
Associate Publisher

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Street is selling Judy Garland's Ruby Slipper ornaments at a cost of \$10.95. \$2 goes to American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). Stop and have lunch (Mon-Fri 11am-2pm) or Brunch on Sunday (9:30am-1:30pm).

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LIGHTS

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Last Minute Gifts

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I'm speaking to all those last minute gift shoppers out there... you know who you are. Well, magnets may be just the thing you're looking for.

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Arts

Get Punchy at Dale Gutzman's "Holiday Punch '95"

Milwaukee — It's that time of year again! Amid the myriad of Scrooges and the plethora of holiday pageants, Dale Gutzman is presenting his annual *Holiday Punch '95* December 28-31 at Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center in Milwaukee.

An off-the-wall look at the hype and hypertension of the holiday season, *Holiday Punch* was created by Gutzman for the Skylight Theatre over 15 years ago and has grown in popularity and hilarity ever since.

Don't miss Gutzman's crazy holiday tradition, with its outstanding, multi-talented cast including David Flores, Tami Rentmeester, Carl Chadek, Diane Sotski, Braden Moran and more. Wonder! — at Gutzman and company caught in a bad Christmas pageant. Gasp! — at news stories of the year turned into mini-musicals. See — *The Bridges of Milwaukee County*. Hear — holiday favorites as you've never heard them before and will most likely never hear them again!

For show times and tickets to *Holiday Punch '95*, call the Performing Arts Center Box Office at (414) 273-7206.

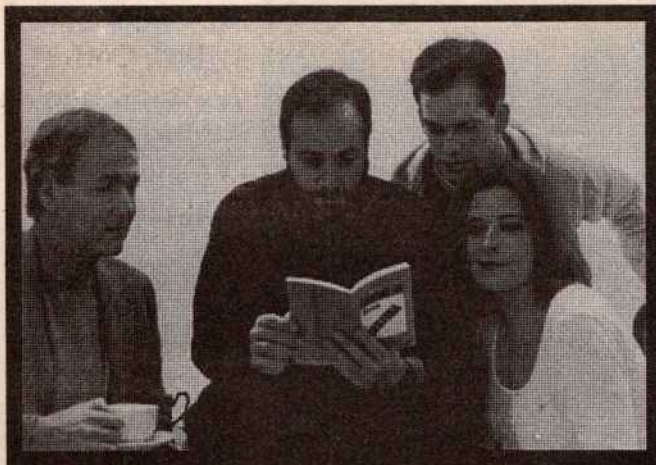
Boulevard Ensemble Stages Comedy "Wenceslas Square"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's premiere studio theatre, continues its 10th anniversary season by presenting Larry Shue's rarely staged play *Wenceslas Square* from December 20 through January 14 at the intimate Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic.

Shue, author of the popular comedies *The Nerd* and *The Foreigner*, worked as an actor and playwright at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater before his tragic death in a plane crash ten years ago. Less raucous than his other plays, *Wenceslas Square* is a wistful and thoughtful comedy about a professor's troubled return to Czechoslovakia to update a book about the Czech arts scene and political repression. The fates of many friends depend on the decision to publish or not to publish the book.

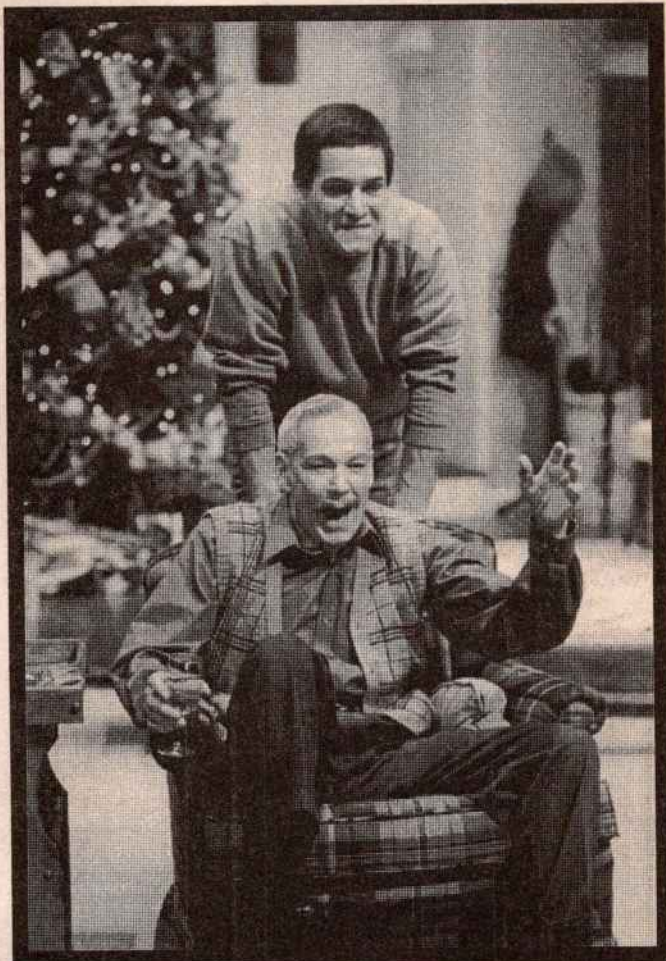
The cast includes Jim Gallagher as the author, Pamela Brown, who portrays six different characters, Joseph Weber and William Clifford.

For show times and tickets, call (414) 672-6019.



Jim Gallagher, William Clifford, Joseph Weber and Pamela Brown star in the Boulevard Ensemble's production of *Wenceslas Square*.

David Cecsarini and Clayton Corzatte (seated) perform in the Milwaukee Rep's Powerhouse Theater production of *Season's Greetings*, running through January 7. Photo: Jay Westhauser



Yuletide Farce "Seasons Greetings" Runs Through January 7

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Repertory Theater is presenting Alan Ayckbourn's yuletide farce *Seasons Greetings* through January 7 in the Powerhouse Theater, 108 E. Wells Street.

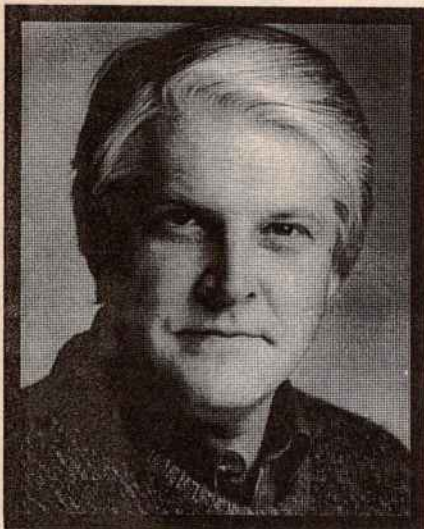
In *Season's Greetings*, there's a bit of vinegar in the egg nog as a quirky British family makes a desperate attempt to capture the spirit of the season. A booby-trapped Christmas tree, stolen kisses under the mistletoe, and Uncle Bernard's homemade puppet show all make for merry mayhem in this non-traditional Christmas story.

The production is directed by the Milwaukee Rep's Artistic Director, Nagle Jackson. The cast includes David Cecsarini (of the Next Act Theater) in his Milwaukee Rep debut, Clayton Corzatte, Catherine Lynn Davis, William Dick, Laura Gordon and Rep vet Rose Pickering.

Tickets to this spirited romp range from \$8-\$28 and can be purchased from the Milwaukee Rep Box Office at 108 E. Wells Street, or by phone at (414) 224-9490.

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Tickets Still Available for "Eve of Entertainment"



Kenneth Albers MC's December 31's *Eve of Entertainment*, benefiting the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

le, Chris Flieller, Marilyn White, Barbara Kerr, the Donna Kummer Trio and BoyGirlBoyGirl. The MC will be Ken Albers, Assistant Artistic Director of the Milwaukee Rep.

Showtime is 8pm at the Stiemke Theatre in the Milwaukee Center. After the show, the cast will join the audience for a reception with hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Milwaukee Rep Box Office. Call (414) 224-9490.

Cedarburg Hosts Antique Show in January

Cedarburg — Historic Cedarburg is looking forward to taking a break from the winter cold with its 8th annual *Cure for Cabin Fever Antique Show*, scheduled for the afternoons of January 13 and 14.

Collectors have learned to expect the unique and rare from the 22 Midwest dealers gathered at this nationally acclaimed show. Furniture ranges from formal period and tall case clocks to country cupboards in original paint. Accessories include the full spectrum of sugar buckets and pantry boxes, candle sconces, early lighting, quilts, patterned glass, brass and pewter. Original folk art is also presented.

The show is held in the heart of Cedarburg's Historic District at the Community Center, W63 N641 Washington Avenue. Visitors can also enjoy Cedarburg's old stone houses, churches, woolen mills, cozy restaurants and the last covered bridge remaining in Wisconsin. In addition to the show, Cedarburg boasts 18 antique shops of its own.

Cedarburg is located about 20 minutes north of Milwaukee. The *Cure for Cabin Fever Antique Show* is sponsored by the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce. For further information, call the Cedarburg Visitor Center at (800) CDR-BURG.

"Girls! Girls! Girls! Live on Stage, Totally Rude"

Milwaukee — Live Bait Milwaukee presents the Milwaukee premiere of the outrageous comedy, *Girls! Girls! Girls! Live on Stage, Totally Rude*.

Milwaukee — *An Eve of Entertainment*, a New Year's Eve benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, is not yet sold out. The hottest ticket in town features two hours of entertainment by Milwaukee's most talented performers from the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Skylight Theater, Dale Gutzman Productions, Milwaukee Musical Theater, Bay View Players and Playwright Studio Theater.

The evening will feature Reggie Kirschner, Michael Neville,

Veteran theater director Robert Soffian returns to Milwaukee to direct what is likely to be one of the most memorable productions of the year. Choreography will be done by gender illusionist and hometown favorite BJ Daniels.

Girls! Girls! Girls! was written and developed by Sharon Evans, Artistic Director and playwright at Chicago's Live Bait Theater. It is the most successful and longest-running show in Live Bait's history. Evans penned the play in response to the 1990 censorship and funding controversy at the National Endowment for the Arts. The play contrasts the world of a blue collar strip joint with the snobby, elitist perspective of a performance art student.

Performances of *Girls! Girls! Girls! Live on Stage, Totally Rude* begin January 26 at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 907 W. National Avenue. For tickets and further information, call Live Bait at (414) 332-4882.

Milwaukee Symphony Presents "A Classic Viennese New Year"

Milwaukee — The stylish elegance of traditional old Vienna will be recaptured when the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) presents its year-end program, *A Classic Viennese New Year*, featuring some of the most beautiful music from the city of great composers.

Conducted by Sergiu Commisiona, the performances will feature the MSO solo debut of new Concertmaster Frank Almond, called by New York Newsday "a virtuoso tried and true." The program will include favorite waltzes by Johann Strauss Jr., Richard Strauss's Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*, and Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*. Almond will be featured in Mozart's *Adagio in E Major* and *Rondo in C Major*.

The performances will be held December 29, 30 and 31 in Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call (414) 273-7206.

Queer Comic Jason Stuart Plays the Funny Bone in Green Bay



Jason Stuart brings his queer comedy to the Funny Bone in Green Bay in January.

Green Bay — Jason Stuart, a stand-up comic who came out to the nation when he kissed Geraldo Rivera on Rivera's show in 1993, will display his comic artistry at the Funny Bone comedy club in Green Bay January 17-21. He is the first Gay comedian to play the club.

Stuart's career has taken off since coming out. Before that, he was a struggling comic who relied on jokes about being a dork when it came to dating women. "It's hard to explain lying all the

time about your personal feelings," Stuart told the **Phoenix Gazette**. "It's such a state of denial. Now, the show's much better. [Coming out's] been amazing. It's been a gift."

Instead of dork jokes, Stuart is now more likely to open his show with a spirited "I'm so Gay right now. I'm so Gay and so out, I could just redecorate this whole room by looking at it."

His appearance on Comedy Central's *Out There in Hollywood* with fellow queer comics **Scott Thompson** and **Lea DeLaria** won Stuart critical raves. He's appeared on *Murder, She Wrote* and *The John Larroquette Show* and just finished shooting *Gay TV: The Movie*.

For showtimes and tickets to Stuart's Green Bay gig, call (414) 498-2663.

"Aimee, Lord, Aimee" at Waterloo's Mode Theatre

Waterloo — The extraordinary **Jinx Davis** plays the even more extraordinary evangelist and faith healer **Aimee Semple McPherson** in the premiere of the original one-woman play *Aimee, Lord, Aimee* at the Mode Theatre in Waterloo, Wisconsin in January and February.

McPherson was a charismatic spiritual leader and an inveterate huckster who reached the heights of celebrity in the 1920's. Part Barnum & Bailey, part Mary Magdalene, she was considered above all else to be a brilliant actress.

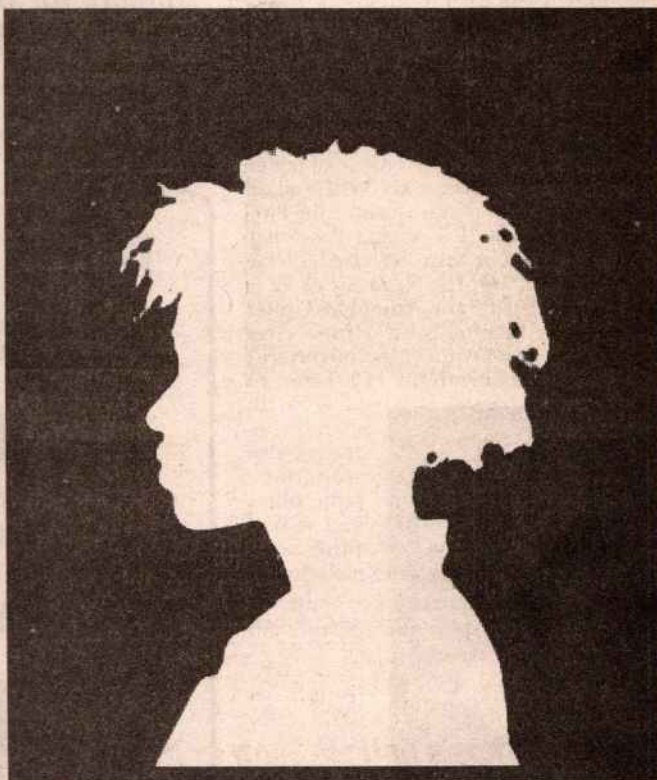
At the height of her fame, McPherson orchestrated her disappearance to escape with her lover. She returned with a kidnapping yarn that led to a scandalous courtroom drama, which captured the imagination of the country and turned religion and pop culture inside out.

Decades later, in a time of increasing fundamentalism, there's a need to understand such phenomena. Jinx Davis revives the words and spirit of Aimee Semple McPherson to see

what we can learn about her, and about ourselves and the times we live in.

Performances are at 8pm on Saturdays, January 13, 20 and 27 and February 3 and 24. There is one Friday night performance February 16. For tickets and directions to the Mode Theatre, call (800) 280-9632.

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Untitled Head, a gelatin silver print by Jim Lee of Chicago, is currently on display along with many other excellent works at the Madison Arts Center in the exhibit titled *New Photography From Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois*. Photo: Jim Lee

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God" with its full chorus are also standouts. Nine other seasonal tunes are included.

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Calls For...

Latina and Latino Artists Wanted

Milwaukee — In Spanish-speaking cultures around the globe, art is as vital to life as food. In honor of the holidays, **Orgullo Latino/Latin Pride** (Milwaukee's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Social Group) is back from a long hiatus and will kick-off its presence in the community with a fundraising celebration.

Visual and performance artists, actors, dancers, poets, musicians and comedians are urged to contact Carmen Murguía at (414) 276-8546 to volunteer time and talent for a celebration of the Latino/a community.

Actors for Albee's "Seascape"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble is seeking actors and actresses of all ages and ranges for the third produc-

tion of its 1995-96 season, Edward Albee's *Seascape*.

Auditions for the four character production will be held at the Boulevard Theater January 6 and 7. Auditioners should present a one-minute comic or classical monologue. Appointments are required. Call (414) 672-6019.

Singers for the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Symphony Chorus will audition singers in all voice parts from 5-8pm Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12 at Ascen-

sion Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Boulevard. All singers are expected to sight-read. Prepared material is optional and an accompanist will be provided.

Accepted singers will be admitted to the chorus for the remainder of the 1995-96 season with the **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**. To schedule an audition appointment, or for further information, call Glen Klotz at (414) 764-1905.

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Books

The Best Gay & Lesbian Fiction of 1995

By Carl M. Szatmary

As has been the case throughout the '90's, this past year has seen yet another bumper crop of impressive Gay and Lesbian titles ranging from wonderfully eccentric and extraordinary anthologies, distinctive and compelling works of fiction, and an increasingly diverse range of nonfiction titles.

Gay readers saw the triumphant, virtual "epic" return of two of the most popular Gay novelists of the 1980's: Ethan Mordden and Felice Picano. Mordden's trilogy of deftly comic novels, *Buddies, I've A Feeling We're Not In Kansas Anymore* and *Everybody Loves You*, chronicling Gay life in the city, have never lost their popularity. In *How Long Has This Been Going On?* (Villard, \$25.00), Mordden traces the birth of the Gay movement across the panoramic American landscape through the eyes and the lives of a rich and diverse group of characters.

As a founding member of the legendary Violet Quill Club and also as author of a stunningly disparate body of work, from the best-selling thriller *The Lure* to *The New Joy Of Gay Sex*, Felice Picano has remained a major, if occasionally controversial figure in Gay literature. In his self-described "Gay American epic" *Like People In History*, (Viking, \$23.95), Picano traces the lives and loves of two men, their lives intertwined, over four decades.

Some of the most fresh and innovative work of Gay fiction came from a host of new and upcoming Gay writers of fiction. The most stunning debut novel of 1995, or in recent memory for that matter was Scott Heim's spare, haunting *Mysterious Skin* (HarperCollins, \$20.00). In this harrowing account of the extraordinary ways that people choose to interpret memory, two boys must face the incidents

of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of their little league coach.

Equally stunning was Jim Grimsley's extraordinarily eloquent, astonishingly lyrical *Dream Boy* (Algonquin, \$18.95). Another novel from the not so nurturing heartland, *Dream Boy* chronicles the joys and pains of teenage sexuality and love. Surely this is a novel not to be missed.

Ever popular comic writer Robert Rodi returned in '95 with his fourth hilarious farce, *Drag Queen* (Dutton, \$21.95). Replete with improbable characters and even less likely situations, *Drag Queen* is a laugh-out-loud, roller-coaster of a romp.

Matthew Rettenmund's delicious, provocatively covered *Boy Culture* (St. Martin's Press, \$19.95) is a sexy and surprisingly romantic Gay love triangle. Perhaps a bit old-fashioned at heart, *Boy Culture* is a marvelously touching portrait of Gay love and lust in the '90s.

Perhaps the most innovative works of fiction are Peter Cashorali's *Fairy Tales* (HarperCollins, \$18.00) and Howard Cruse's graphic novel, *Stuck Rubber Baby* (Paradox Fiction, \$24.95).

With Hans Christian Andersen and the Brothers Grimm, among many others as inspiration, Cashorali has with grace and wit, quite artfully contemporized classic folk and fairy tales to provide Gay men with stories that touch their lives. Ranging from an especially poignant Ugly Duckling, a movie-mad Hansel, and a Rumpelstiltskin with a riddle about HIV, *Fairy Tales* is the perfect bed-time read.

Best known for his popular Wendell comic strip, Cruse in *Stuck Rubber Baby* explores the coming out and coming of age of a young Gay man in the South during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's. Engaging and lucid, Cruse effectively utilizes both words and pictures to capture the confusion, anger and growth of his protagonist.

Also deserving of special mention are Todd D. Brown's delightful coming-of-age novel, *Entries From A Hot Pink Notebook* (Washington Square Press, \$10.00), Christopher Bram's wry, melodramatic *Father Of Frankenstein* (Dutton, \$19.95) and Lars Eighner's sexy thriller *Pawn To Queen Four* (St. Martin's Press, \$21.95).

Still the question remains: When is Armistead Maupin going to publish another novel - inquiring minds want to know!

LESBIAN FICTION TITLES

1995 will be remembered as the year that Lesbian writers finally found a real niche in the world of mainstream publishing, with an unprecedented roster of novels by some of the biggest names in Lesbian fiction writing for such leading mainstream publishers as Bantam, Random House and Simon & Schuster.

The year began with the eagerly awaited and much debated novel from Jeanette Winterson, *Art And Lies* (Knopf, \$22.00). The always interesting, invariably controversial Winterson here brought together three apparently disparate figures on a high-speed train hurtling throughout centuries. Passionate, beguilingly symbolic and maddeningly confusing, *Art And Lies* is a dazzling work of fiction.

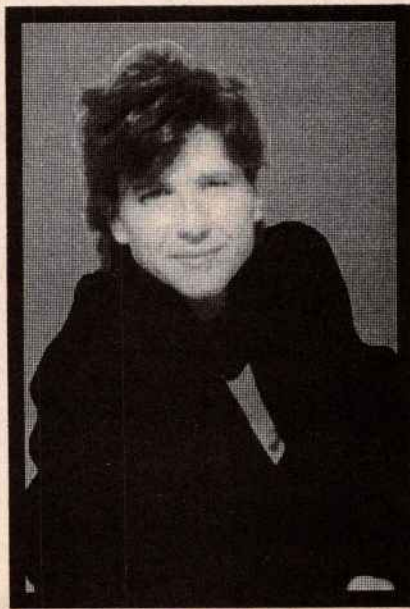
Equally controversial is *Claire Of The Moon's* Nicole Conn. In *Passion's Shadow* (Simon & Schuster, \$22.00), Conn focuses on the volatile relationships of a mother and daughter, both heterosexual, and the strong and strong-willed Lesbian who loves them both.

Rita Mae Brown is perhaps the most widely known, most versatile, and most beloved of all Lesbian writers. Rita and the ever incorrigible Sneaky Pie Brown

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Felice Picano, author of *Like People in History: A Gay American Epic*. Photo: Gene Bagnato



Nicole Conn, author of *Passion's Shadow*

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have released their latest Mrs. Murphy mystery, *Pay Dirt* (Bantam, \$21.95) just in time for the holidays!

The ever-popular Sarah Schulman, perhaps the most original of any Lesbian writer today, returns this fall with the quirky, touching *Rat Bohemia* (Dutton \$19.95). At turns funny and deeply moving, *Rat Bohemia* is a novel of contemporary Gay New York. At its center is a most unlikely, yet utterly likable protagonist, Rita Mae Weems, a rat killer and gosh-darnit, proud of it. With friends Killer, a career plant-waterer, and David, an HIV-positive writer, Rita explores the ways Gay men and Lesbians form their own, often alternative families.

Lisa Alther is the best-selling author of such popular mainstream titles as *Kinflicks*, *Original Sin* and *Bedrock*. In *Five Minutes in Heaven* (Dutton, \$22.95), Alther has written a powerful Lesbian love story, a story that challenges notions of love, sex and the meaning of life.

From Naiad comes *Paxton Court* (\$21.95), the third novel from Diane Salvatore, the popular author of *Love*, *Zena Beth* and *Benediction*. Paxton Court is a picturesque cul-de-sac in Lakeside Leisure, a sleepy retirement community in Florida. Or rather sleepy only until residents find out that their newest neighbors are Gay and Lesbian couples. Insightful, erotic and wickedly funny.

Just as wickedly funny is the third entry in Mabel Maney's delightful Nancy Clue mystery series: *A Ghost In The Closet* (Cleis Press, \$10.95). Here teamed up with the ever-so Gay Hardly Boys, Frank and Joe, Nancy helps solve the case of the missing Hardly parents. Romance, thrills, excitement and Red Herrings abound in this delightfully Gay satire of favorite girlhood and boyhood reading.

The many loyal mystery readers will welcome new titles from several of the most beloved Lesbian mystery writers writing today. From Lambda Literary Award-winning Ellen Hart comes her sixth Jane Lawless adventure, *Faint Praise* (Seal Press, \$20.95). Another Lambda Award-winner, Elizabeth Pincus, has just brought out her third Nell Fury mystery, *The Hangdog Hustle* (Spinsters Ink, \$9.95). The ever indomitable Stoner McTavish is back in her fourth adventure in Sarah Dreher's *Bad Company* (New Victoria, \$10.95).

Yet perhaps the most unusual book this fall, the most unusual book for some time really, is an erotic murder mystery in verse by an Australian writer, Dorothy Porter. *The Monkey's Mask* (Arcade, \$19.95) is sexy, exciting, funny and the most surprising book you are likely to run across in a long while. A great book to read aloud!

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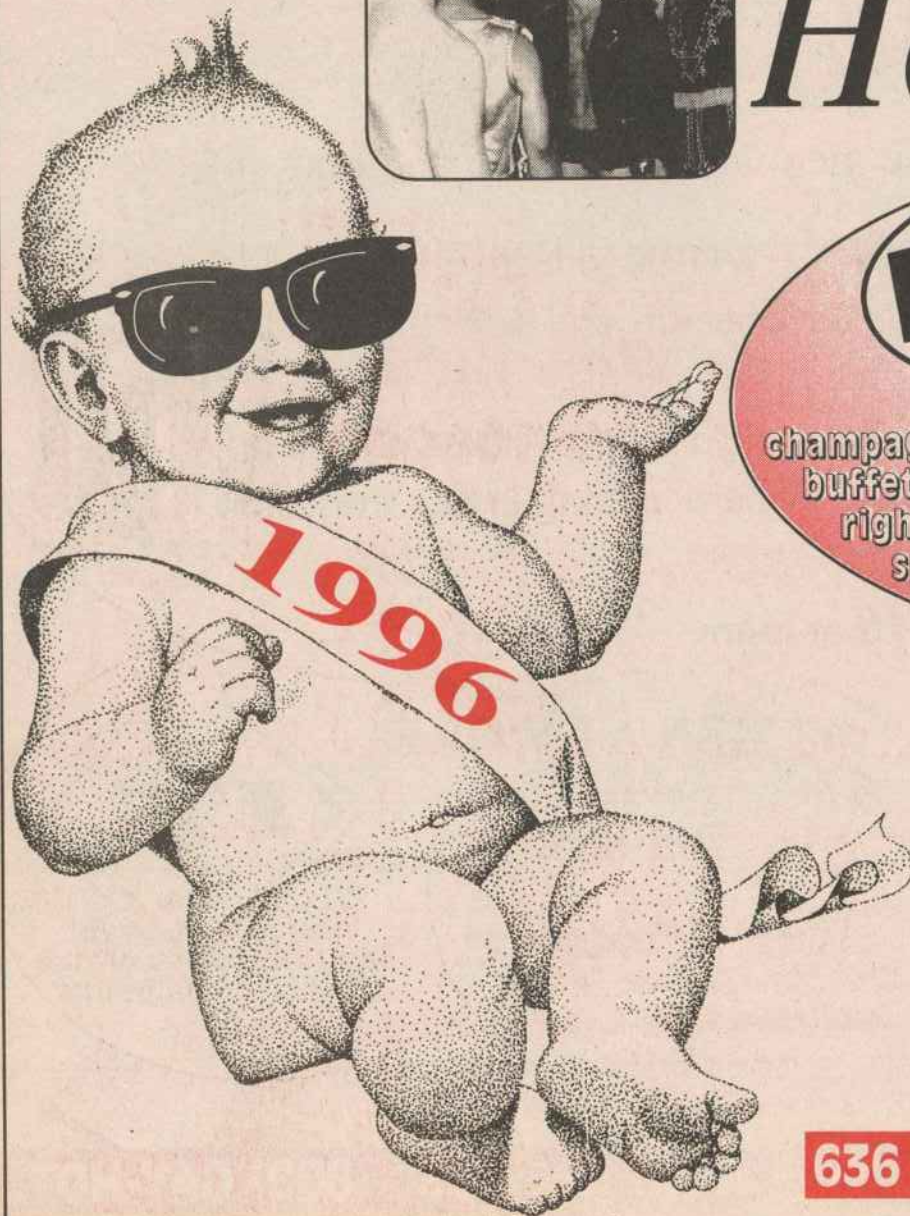
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TV/Video

TCM Airs Gangster Movie Festival in January

Atlanta, GA — Turner Classic Movies (TCM) has an offer viewers can't refuse — a month-long film festival with some of the best pictures from one of Hollywood's most popular genres: the Gangster film. TCM has jokingly dubbed the festival "The Small-Time Yella Rat Squealer with a Weakness for Whiskey and Blondes Who Fingered His No-Good Chump Sidekick and Went Home in a Pine Overcoat" Film Festival.

Beginning January 2, TCM will salute the men who packed gats and rubbed out rats by presenting nearly 60 of the greatest crime films, from the earliest hits with James Cagney (*Public Enemy*, 1931), Edward G. Robinson (*Little Caesar*, 1930) and Humphrey Bogart (*The Petrified Forest*, 1936) to more unusual fare featuring lady racketeers, gun molls and musical mobsters.

Other titles include *High Sierra* (1941) with Bogie and Ida Lupino, *G-Men* (1935) and *White Heat* (1950) with Cagney, *Marked Woman* (1937) with Bette Davis, *Out of the Past* (1947) with Robert Mitchum, *Lady Scarface* (1941) with Judith Anderson and *The Killing* (1956) with Sterling Hayden.

TCM's *Gangsters, Inc. Festival* consists of nine all-night marathons, premiering Tuesdays and Fridays at 8pm CST throughout the entire month of January. The movies will be hosted by well-known gangster character actor Frank Vincent, who has appeared in *Goodfellas*, *Raging Bull* and *Casino*.

Tough guy James Cagney double-crosses Humphrey Bogart in *Angels With Dirty Faces*, one of a series of great gangster films airing on TCM beginning in January. Photo: Turner Entertainment Co.



"Strawberry & Chocolate" Now on Video

New York, NY — *Strawberry and Chocolate*, the award-winning Cuban film about a Gay man's friendship with a straight college student he tries to pick up, is now available on home video.

The movie focuses on the relationship between the flamboyant Gay intellectual Diego (Jorge Perugorria) and David, the handsome but ideologically rigid member of the Communist Youth League. David, offended by Diego's come-on and shocked by his vocal disparagement of Communism, eventually becomes a friend, learning valuable lessons from the Gay rebel.

Strawberry and Chocolate was nominated for an Oscar as Best Foreign Film. It was directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea and was



Jorge Perugorria as the Gay rebel Diego participates in the underground economy in the Gay-friendly film *Strawberry and Chocolate*, now on home video. Photo: Miramax Films



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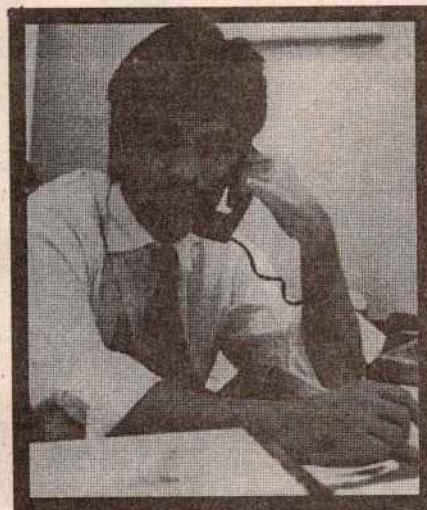
a breakthrough film, being the first Gay-oriented film ever to receive support from the notoriously homophobic Cuban government. Ask for it at your local video store.

"In the Life" on Wisconsin Public TV January 2

New York, NY — The December episode of the Gay/Lesbian newsmagazine show *In the Life* was delayed for broadcast and will be seen on Wisconsin Public TV stations Tuesday, January 2 at 11pm.

The show features several interesting segments, one an interview with President Clinton's advisor George Stephanopoulos on Gay and Lesbian issues. Another focuses on how Gays and Lesbians celebrate the holidays, both with their biological and their chosen families.

An extended segment focuses on Gays and Lesbians within Catholic institutions. Host Katherine Linton interviews Gay students at Notre Dame University where they have engaged in a



struggle with the administration over official recognition of their group. Also interviewed is Professor Linda Plagman, a Lesbian who teaches at Cardinal Stritch College.

A segment on Gay cartooning features Jennifer Camper and Howard Cruse, and *In the Life* visits the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington to explore the Gay aspects of Nazi persecution.

Clinton advisor George Stephanopoulos is interviewed on *In the Life*

Channel Surfing...

San Francisco, CA — *Out for a Change: Addressing Homophobia in Women's Sports* is an educational video suitable for high school or college classrooms and libraries. The broadcast-quality video "exposes the devastating emotional impact homophobia has on all women athletes" and "clearly shows that homophobia is a political tool used to retain straight male control over the multi-billion dollar sports industry." An accompanying curriculum is also available. Contact: Woman Vision, 3145 Geary Blvd., Box 421, San Francisco, CA 94118. Call (415) 346-2336.

San Francisco, CA — A special report issued by the Public Media Center, *The Impact of Homophobia and Other Social Biases on AIDS*, documents the mass media's failed response to the AIDS epidemic, particularly where Gays are concerned. The new report concludes that "until the issue of homophobia is properly and adequately addressed in America, our nation is unlikely to generate an objective, focused response to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS." To obtain a copy of the report, send \$5 to Public Media Center, 466 Green Street, San Francisco, CA 94133. Or call: (415) 536-3313.

Feature

Gay Travel Magazines Approach Gay Travel Differently

Peruse "Out & About," "Our World" and "The Guide"

By Wayne Hoffman

The Gay travel industry is taking off like a Concorde. Guesthouses, beaches and even cruise ships now cater to Gay and Lesbian travelers. As the number of destinations and vacationers increases, publications spring up to cover the burgeoning Gay travel market. But what makes Gay travel distinctive?

"Sometimes being Gay is very important to the decisions we make about travel, and sometimes it's entirely irrelevant," says Billy Kolber, Editor of the Gay travel newsletter **Out & About**.

While places like San Francisco, Key West and Provincetown have long been known as Gay destinations, Gay travelers are increasingly opting for less Gay-specific vacation spots, he says.

"We see virtually the entire world as potential destinations for Gay travelers," says Kolber. "There are very few places that Gay people don't travel to either for business or pleasure. We see covering that world as our mission."

Out & About publishes its 16-page, two-color newsletter ten times a year, out of New York. In addition to feature stories about travel spots, the magazine rates guesthouses and restaurants around the

Russia and Eastern Europe have become popular destinations for the Gay and Lesbian community. Photo: Our World



world. And not all of those venues are Gay.

"The majority of hotels that we write about are not exclusively gay places, but

places where a Gay couple or single person could feel comfortable not having to hide their sexual orientation," says Kolber, noting that **Out & About** isn't a Gay travel magazine per se. "We really think of ourselves as a mainstream travel publication with a Gay perspective."

But perhaps **Out & About** is closer to a Gay travel version of **Consumer Reports**. Launched in 1992, **Out & About** accepts no advertising, and is entirely supported by its 8,000 subscribers.

"We felt that the Gay travel information that was available to women and men traveling prior to our inception was very much advertiser-driven — not only advertiser-biased, but it also tended to cover destinations that had Gay travel advertisers as a way to lure those travel advertisers," says Kolber. "We felt that the only way to cover Gay travel objectively was to start a publication that didn't accept advertisers."

"OUR WORLD"

Wayne Whiston, Editor of **Our World**, has heard this complaint for years, but he still doesn't buy it. His publication is advertiser-supported, and he doesn't think this compromises the magazine's integrity.



Happy guys atop a snow mass in Aspen, Colorado. Photo: Our World

"I think it's a red herring," says Whiston, noting that he has covered venues that have never advertised, and vice versa. "People say since you have advertisers, you can't be objective, but I think that's nonsense."

Whiston, like Kolbert, includes non-Gay establishments in his magazine. With a circulation of 28,000, Florida-based *Our World* is now one of the largest — and toniest — Gay travel publications on the market.

"We sort of wanted to be like *Conde Nast*," says Whiston, who has tried to re-

define Gay travel in a more classy and less sexual way in the eight years he has edited *Our World*. "We didn't want to geared toward sex trips where everybody travels just to meet somebody. Gay travel has changed so much, and the bulk of Gay travelers are couples. A lot of people who travel now are not going for Gay bars."

But clearly, a large number of travelers are still looking for Gay bars and taking "sex trips." For those readers, Boston-based *The Guide* stands out as the least mainstream of the travel publications.

"For travel information, we try to cover the explicitly Gay angle of cities, and it's surprising to me that sometimes so-called Gay travel information spends a lot of time covering information you could get from the *Michelin Guide* or *Fodor's*," says *Guide* Editor French Wall. "We don't do that. We want you to know where the sauna is in town and where the cruisy area would be and where the guesthouses are that are specifically geared toward Gay travelers. All that other information is available elsewhere."

"THE GUIDE"

Sex is central to *The Guide* and its travel information. In fact, as Wall describes, *The Guide* isn't just a travel magazine, as its non-travel articles and columns make evident.

"It's a Gay and sexual liberation publication, and we use travel to increase our distribution and revenue to support the editorial message," says Wall. With a circulation of 31,000, this tactic seems to be working.

Each monthly issue of *The Guide* includes news on entertainment, politics and sex in addition to a handful of travel features, and nearly two dozen maps of gay venues in cities around the world. While it lacks the comprehensive rigor of a *Spartacus* guide and the journalistic objectivity of its competitors, *The Guide* is upfront with its biases and blunt with its travel advice, and its listings are extensive enough at least to get travelers started in a new city.

If Kolber and Whiston disagree about the impact of advertising on credible reporting, Wall actively embraces the advertiser bias in bias in *The Guide*.

"We're overtly trying to promote advertisers," Wall says. "When we do travel articles and features, we try to make sure the information is all accurate and useful to readers and in no way misleading, but our goal if we do feature a city is to promote it as well as the people advertising."

The Guide not only accepts ads from guesthouses and bars, but also from bathhouses and phone sex lines — which *Our World* explicitly refuses to do. *The Guide*, which began in 1980 as a men's bar rag, doesn't court a large Lesbian audience; the other magazines, however, aim to serve both Gay men and Lesbians. While even a few years ago this would have meant covering two distinct sets of travel itineraries, today the Gay and Lesbian travel markets overlap as much as they diverge, notes Whiston. Key West and Provincetown have long been known as

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Gay male resorts, for example, but increasingly, they are becoming popular Lesbian destinations as well.

GAY TRAVEL TRENDS

Out & About also covers Lesbian spots, including women-only venues and mixed venues where Lesbians are welcome. "Because so much of what we write about is places where Gay people can feel comfortable, there is a large overlap between men and women," says Kolber, adding that his subscriber base is 20% women.

Whether the trends in Gay travel really are toward Gay couples instead of singles, mixed venues instead of exclusive ones, and museums instead of saunas, one trend is evident just from looking at the magazines' featured trips: the Azores, Quebec, Sydney. Gay travel is getting expensive, no longer limited to run-down cabins by the dunes in Provincetown. Gay travel now runs to five-star hotels in chic locales.


"Things have certainly gotten more upscale, there's no doubt about it," says Whiston, who has seen significant changes since his magazine's inception. Not only are the trips more luxurious, he says, but more people are looking for "exotic adventure holidays" in places like Nepal, which were a rarity ten years ago.

Just in the last decade, Gay travel has grown from a limited endeavor into a major international industry. As Whiston concludes: "It's a whole new ball of wax, really."



Charter yacht sailing is becoming increasingly popular with Gay men and Lesbians.
Photo: *Our World*

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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

HO HO HO. Only a few days until Christmas. I know a lot of you want to send me lots and lots of gifts so if you don't have the address, it's 225 South 2nd St. I did leave a special request with Santa, and if things go well the guy from Nebraska in the Lee Jeans commercial should be laying next to me Christmas morning wearing only white briefs.

OKOK, I admit it, I am only two gifts closer to my goal and yes, I bought (more like charged) a bunch of new stuff for me. Its not like it was MY fault or anything. I'll get to that a little bit later.

My photo shoot schedule started with a long overdue trip to Green Bay, Saturday December 2nd. The event: Mr. Gay WI USofA. I did the check-in thing at the hotel and arrived at Za's about 15 minutes into the Pageant. These things usually run late so I never sweat it if I'm not right on time. I did manage to get there in time for swim suit competition. There were 9 guys lined up on stage. Eight of the guys had very skimpy, very sexy swim suits on and one guy had on a diver's suit. I guess that would be considered swim wear. After that came the talent portion of the pageant. At this point it was obvious how difficult it must be to judge these events, all of the performances were great. Although there were 9 contestants, only 3 could walk away with a title.

With a perfect score, Kyle Ean walked away with the Mr. Gay WI USofA

title. First runner-up was Mark Madison and second runner-up, Tommy. The show's hostess was the very cocktailed and always entertaining Sage LaRue. There was something about her and "puttin' windows where they don't belong," but I didn't get the whole story. Somebody will have to fill me in on that one.

After the show came a bit of dancing and, of course, an after-hours party hosted by another Wisconsin celebrity, Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Jeff Jennings. I stayed there until about 4am and finally went back to the hotel.

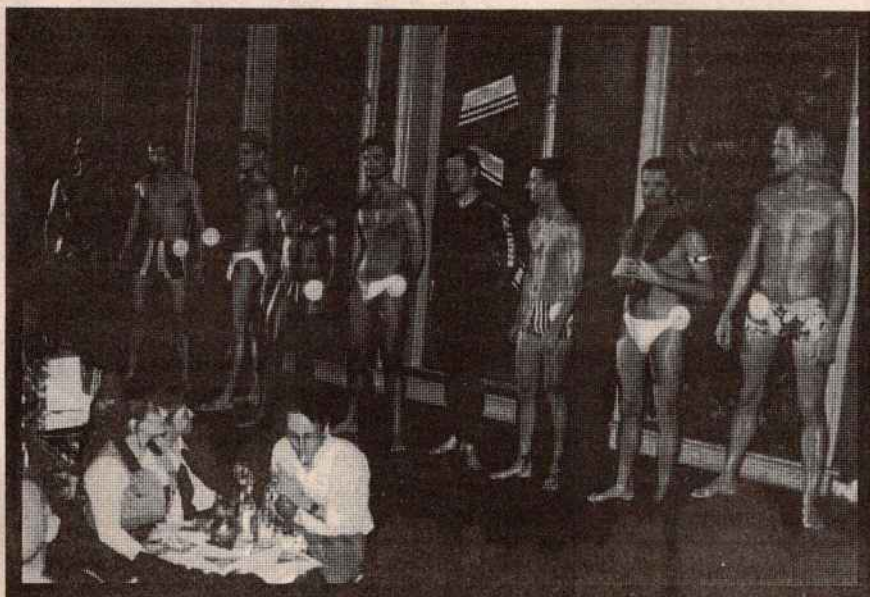
Next stop, Appleton. The Pivot Club hosted the Ms. Gay WI USofA Pageant. The hostess again was the good Christian woman, Sage LaRue... as Darren. A few "glasses of Pepsi" and she was feelin' pretty good. Sage should win Entertainer of the Year! Out of 5 contestants Vicki, Ms. Gay WI USofA 1995, gave up her title to Jill Clarke, with first runner-up Lady Di and second runner-up Kristine Austin. Congratulations to all of the new title-holders! A quick note about Vicki; its been a long time since I've seen such a long line of people waiting to tip a performer. It was very touching.

Congratulations also goes out to T.A.G. Team Productions. Not only do they get their shows started on time but they will be celebrating their First anniversary in January.

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Vicki crowns the new Ms. Gay WI USofA, Jill Clarke. Photo by Jamie.



Scenes from the swimsuit competition at the Mr. Gay WI USofA Pageant. Photo by Jamie.

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Wednesday December 6th, Mama Roux had a Meet the Candidate Party. The candidate; Steve Rose running for 3rd District Alderman. Thursday the 8th New Bar (Madison) had an Erasure Giveaway Party. Rod's was collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Drive. Friday the 9th, **Boot Camp** (Milwaukee) had a fund-raiser for MAP's food pantry with prize giveaways and shot specials.

Club 94 in Kenosha had their annual Christmas Show with entertainment by the Club 94 Follies Girls. The event is a fund-raiser for Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP). Club 94 has been a regular supporter of SEWAP, I wonder if they've gotten recognition for that.

Next issue I will have plenty of Christmas parties to talk about, maybe I will have seen you at them. I wish for all of you the very best Holiday season. As always, slower traffic keep right, and if they don't move over, run them over. Merry Christmas!!!

By Belle Pepper

In the past month or so, two new bars in Milwaukee and one newly renamed bar in Madison have opened up to the delight of bar patrons everywhere. I can't claim I've visited them myself... but I have received feedback from the best possible sources... friends of mine who love to go to bars.

MADISON

Manoeuvres (formerly Allegre) at 150 South Blair Street (Madison) is open daily at 4pm. Ed, Neale, Charlie, Chuck, David, Joey, William and Lyle will be happy to see you. Happy Hour is from 4-8pm everyday on all drinks.

They have quite a unique assortment of daily specials as well. **Monday** is *Melrose Monday* with showtimes at 7 and 10pm with 2-4-1 drinks from 4pm-midnight. **Tuesday** is *Retro 80's Nite, Come as You Are* (implying people in Madison always dress in 80's garb, or what?). Classic dance and rock n' roll music, with a DJ at 8pm. \$1 pints of Miller Lite and Bud Light and \$1 shots of Dr's. **Wednesday** is *Where the Boys Are - Beer Bash*. Five bucks from 8-midnight on taps of Miller Lite and Bud Lights. DJ at 9pm.

Thursday is *Meet Your Ex Night* (now that's scary). \$1.75 bottles of Special Ex and Ex Light (oh, I get it now), from 8pm-midnight. DJ at 9pm. **Friday** is *Absolutely Fabulous* (you can say that again) *Happy Hour*. 3 Episodes 2-4-1 on all drinks from 4-8pm. DJ at 9pm. **Saturday** is *Rock 'n Roll Night* with Rolling Rock bottles just \$1.75, 8pm-midnight. DJ at 9pm. On **Sunday**

Manoeuvres holds a *Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance*. For a \$4 cover you can drink all you can of Miller Lite and Bud Light on tap from 4-8pm. DJ at 4pm.

Manoeuvres will be open Christmas Eve at 4pm and at 6:30pm on Christmas. They also have a big New Year's Eve celebration planned with drink specials, midnight buffet, DJ, hats, horns and all the goodies.

MILWAUKEE

Gargoyles opened on Thanksgiving

Day. My sources tell me this is a great bar, nice and clean inside, lots of parking and friendly, courteous staff. Located at 354 East National Avenue (between the Wreck Room and the Boot Camp on the corner of South Water and East National Avenue).

Gargoyles Happy Hour is a Double Bubble, 2-7pm, but your receipt is good until 8pm. It runs Monday through Friday.

They'll be open Christmas Day at 6pm and will Celebrate the New Year be-



Winners from Mr. Gay WI USofA (Counter clockwise from lower center): Jeff Jennings (Mr. Gay WI), Diandr  (Mr. Gay USofA), Mark Madison (First Runner Up), Kyle Ean (Mr. Gay WI USofA), and Tommy (Second Runner Up). Photo by Jamie.

ginning at 2pm on New Year's Eve with complimentary champagne, a midnight give-away, food, prizes and fun for everyone. No Cover - ID required.

In Between is just what the name says... in between the 200 block of South Second Street bars and the 800 block of South Second Street bars. Located at 625 South Second Street, In Between wants their customers to know they are always appreciated (and they'll prove it).

Every **Monday** you can pop a big one (balloon that is) every 1/2 hour for

cash prizes. Open at 5pm. Tuesday you can pull it with pull tabs all day and night. Open 5pm. **Wednesdays** is cocktail hour buffet. Open 5pm.

Thursday, LT & friends meet at **In Between**. Open 5pm. **Saturday** is cocktail hour pitcher and pull tab specials. Open 3pm.

Every **Sunday** there's a Packer Buffet, free darts and pool all day and night. Pitcher specials and pull tabs, too! They open at 12 Noon through the football season, 3pm after football season.

Winners from the Ms. Gay WI USofA Pageant. Left to right: Vicki (Ms. Gay WI USofA 1995), Jill Clarke (Ms. Gay WI USofA 1996), Lady Di (First Runner Up) and Kristine Austin (Second Runner Up). Photo by Jamie.



The Club 94 Follies Girls. Lower center (clockwise) Samantha DeCarlo, Aneeda Little, Starr E. Nite, and Sandy Beach. Photo by Jamie.



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Calendar

Thursday, December 21

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Very Rev. William F. Cronin, OSCam, Holidays and Holy Days.

Zippers (Milw): Xmas Party, 6pm-Midnite.

In Between (Milw): Christmas Party, 9pm. Prizes and gifts.

Saturday, December 23

Ujima (Milw): African-American Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group meeting. 7:30-9pm, Ujima headquarters, 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Suite 602. FMI (414) 272-3009.

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Club 94 (Ken): Closed.

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Annual Christmas Buffet. Rod's opens with a bash at 4pm.

Frontiers (Mad): Celebrate Christmas Eve and Day traditionally with your Frontiers Family, 4:30-6:30pm. FMI (608) 241-2500.

Ujima (Milw): Meeting of Het-Heru Hetep, a group for African-American Lesbian and Bisexual women. 3-5pm, Ujima headquarters, 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Suite 602. FMI (414) 272-3009.

Milwaukee MCC (Milw): Christmas Eve Service, 7pm, Hotel Astor, 924 East Juneau.

Club 219 (Milw): Open at 4pm. No 219 Girls Show.



Holiday Decorations at Club 219. Photo by Belle Pepper.

Ballgame (Milw): Open.

3B's (Milw): Open at 3pm.

Designing Men (Milw): Open noon to 7pm for your last minute gift needs.

C'est La Vie (Milw): Missletoe Madness. Customer Appreciation Party, 7pm. Open bar until ?? Buffet, shows and special happenings.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

Club 94 (Ken): Open at 8pm with DJ at 10pm.

Frontiers (Mad): Celebrate Christmas Day traditionally with your Frontiers Family, 3pm. FMI (608) 241-2500.

Club 219 (Milw): Annual Christmas Party and Show. Open at 7pm. Catered Buffet, drink specials. Free tap beer & Soda. 1/2 price bar rail.

3B's (Milw): Open at 3pm.

Wreck Room (Milw): Closed.

Gargoyles (Milw): Open 6pm with Yuletide Specialty Drinks.

Triangle (Milw): Open at 7pm.

Wednesday, December 27

Madison Wrestling Club (Mad): Informal practice. No experience required. 8pm. Call (608) 244-8675 (eves) FMI.

St. Camillus (Milw): Annual Holiday Party, 7pm-?. San Camillo, O'Donnell Room, 10200 West Bluemound Road. Music by Ghillies. Refreshments. FMI (414) 259-4664.

Thursday, December 28

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Tom Yockey, Lifelong Gifts For Our Children.

Saturday, December 30

Ujima (Milw): African-American Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group meeting. 7:30-9pm, Ujima headquarters, 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Suite 602. FMI (414) 272-3009.

LAMMEF (Milw): LOC/Women of Color: Sisters with Views. 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Room 602. 2pm. Everyone welcome. No Charge.



Mr. Gay WI USofA Kyle Ean (right) with the reigning Mr. Gay WI USA, Diandr . Photo by Jamie.



Scenes from the LAMM Christmas Party at Just Us. Excuse me, you two on the left, are you even paying attention to the photographer. Photo by Jamie.

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Club 94 (Ken): New Year's Eve Party, 7pm - ? Hats, horns, light buffet after we ring in 1996. Cameo entertainment throughout the evening.

GLEEDA (Kimberly): First Annual NYE Party at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly. 7pm cocktails, 8pm dinner, 9pm-1am live DJ and dancing. See ad this issue for more information.

United (Mad): Pink Party at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street. Tickets

available in advance only, \$30 each or \$50/ two includes hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing, party favors. Champagne at midnight. 9pm-2am. FMI (608) 255-8582.

Madison Gay Video Club (Mad): All night NYE party, review of 1995 films. Free. New members welcome. 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Rod's (Mad): Beer Bash Today and Tomorrow from 4-9pm. Live DJ, dancing, favors, free breakfast, champagne toast.

New Bar (Mad): Dance in the New Year. Hats, horns, champagne toast, balloon drop at midnight. Open 7pm.

Starr E. Nite performing at the Club 94 Annual Christmas Party. Photo by Jamie.



Ujima (Milw): Meeting of Het-Heru Hetep, a group for African-American Lesbian and Bisexual women. 3-5pm, Ujima headquarters, 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Suite 602. FMI (414) 272-3009.

An Eve of Entertainment (Milw): A Benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 8pm at the Stiemke Theatre in the Milwaukee Center. Tickets are \$30. FMI (414) 224-9490.

Club 219 (Milw): Boys, Men, Men & Men. A show you'll never forget. One of the largest dance troupes will perform. Free buffet. Special party favors for first 100 people.

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More Holiday decorations from Club 219. Photo by Belle Pepper.

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Ballgame (Milw): Open round the Clock for New Year's Eve & Day. Party Favors. Buffet at 1am.

3B's (Milw): Open House. Bring in 1996 with your friends. Party favors, dancing, champagne toast. Must See TV's impromptu drag show after midnight.

Wreck Room (Milw): Traditional New Year's Eve Revelry. Free party favors and hats, bountiful buffet.

C'est La Vie (Milw): Mistletoe Madness continues. New Year's Eve Party. Showtime with the C'est La Vie Girls, Men and Boys. Buffet, party favors.

Gargoyles (Milw): Celebrate the New Year. Open 2pm - ? Complimentary champagne, midnight give-away, food, prizes and fun. ID required. No Cover.

M&M (Milw): Celebrate with dinner. Special New Year's menu. Make your reservations early.

Triangle (Milw): Open at 3pm. New Year's Bash. Open for 35 hours. Super Buffet, hats, horns, party favors. No cover.

LaCage (Milw): 9-11:30pm Gourmet Buffet, complimentary champagne, hats, horns, etc. Top 10 Video Countdown; Top 10 Dance Record Countdown.

Zippers (Milw): New Year's Eve. Buffet, champagne, hats, horns.

In Between (Milw): New Year's Eve. Balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight. Free buffet at 4am.

Main Club (Superior): New Year's Eve until 3am.



Samantha DeCarlo performing at the Club 94 Annual Christmas Party. Photo by Jamie.

Monday, January 1, 1996 New Year's Day

Club 94 (Ken): Open at 8pm.

Frontiers (Mad): New Year's Day Open House, 1-5pm. Call (608) 274-5959 FMI.

Zippers (Milw): New Year's Day Lunch Buffet.

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Rod's Full Moon/Lights Out Dance Party.

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Q-Voice that New Voice with Bill Attewell and Jorge Cabal.

Monday, January 8

Workshop (Mad): Wisconsin Community Fund presents Surviving the 90's, Fundraising from Individuals with Kim Klein. 9am-4pm. FMI Steve Starkey at the Wisconsin Community Fund (608) 251-6834.

Farm Boys (Milw): Will Fellows presents a slide show describing lives of Gay men from Rural Midwest. First Unitarian Society, 1342 North Astor. 7:15pm. FMI (414) 456-9085 (Bronze) or (414) 265-4049 (Shirley).

New Fathers (Milw): Support/discussion group. 7:30-9pm, second floor of BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady. FMI Call Tim C at (414) 372-8008.

Thursday, January 11

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Can sexual behaviors really be changed? With Dr. Jeff Kelly, CAIR.

Saturday, January 13

Frontiers (Mad): Bridge Club. 7pm.

Galano Club (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 6-8pm.

Danceworks (Milw): Tour and light refreshments, 9am-3pm. 3195 South Superior Street, 3rd Floor. Sample a class or take a look. FMI (414) 481-2010.

Sunday, January 14

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Mount-n-Men at 10:30pm. \$3 Cover.

Integrity/Dignity (Mad): AIDS Caring Community meeting, 6pm at St. Francis House (1001 University Avenue) followed by Eucharist and social hour.



Mark (Za) and our Photographer, Jamie, have big fun in the DJ booth. Photo by: ?

Lesbian Mom's Space (Milw): at the Counseling Center, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. 3:30-5:30pm. Monthly discussion: Lesbian Moms with Adult Children. Child care is available with reservation for a fee of \$2/child. FMI (414) 271-2565.

Our Space (Milw): at the Counseling Center, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. 6-8pm. Lesbian Discussion Group. Topic: Treat Today as a Gift. FMI (414) 271-2565.

Thursday, January 18

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Safety Nets. With Paula Phipps, STD Specialities.

Friday, January 19

Wreck Room (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 5-8pm.

Sunday, January 21

Silver Space (Milw): (for older Lesbians) monthly gathering, 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. \$3 suggestion donation to TCCM; \$1 to Silver Space. FMI (414) 271-2565.

Robert's Rules

By Shelly Roberts

If It Quacks Like A Dyke

I was approached by a producer of a magazine-style TV show for some help with a segment they are doing for their premiere. Naturally flattered, I rolled up my mental sleeves and said, "What do you need?"

"Well," she replied, then absolutely floored me with her request. "As you know (I didn't), it is now so cool to be a Lesbian (Well, I did know that.) that straight women are now pretending to be Lesbians (What?!) in order to look chic. (Really?)

"So we want to do is a segment on how to look like a Lesbian. You know, short hair, pinkie rings and combat boots...."

"Dyke Martins," I interrupted "What?"

"Dyke Martins are those black leather, round toed boots that look like they're issued when you check into boot camp. They cost a mint, come a couple of inches over your ankles. You wear them with long, white socks, and pretty much only if you have an actual waistline and were born anytime after 1965."

"See," she enthused. "This is just the kind of thing I don't know."

"And about those pinkie rings...? More likely hand carved wedding, or rainbow rings. Or something visibly pierced."

"What else?"

I needed some time to think, so I put her off for a few days to ponder how, if

you are a straight woman, you give the impression that you might be a Lesbian? And *why?*

And to *whom?*

I mean the reason that Lesbians want to be recognized is to clue other Lesbians in. But if a straight lady wears the identifiable costume which lets other Lesbians know, won't they be inviting the thing non-Gay women say they are most terrified of? The dreaded, "Hey, Babe, come here often?" Now, most Lesbians know that they could get seriously dead, or worse from just such a wrong footed first move. Not to mention the hazard of getting yourself strung out on the emotional clothes line from falling for a lady who has to decide if she can take the heat, and also has to get out of a husband's kitchen. That's been known to take decades.

So I presume they want to make other straights think they belong to the sacred sisterhood. Hmhmhmhm. To make clueless hets think they're Lesbian, needs blatant. But being a Lesbian is a study in practiced, nearly invisible subtleties. This was tricky.

Being as co-dependent as the next Lesbian, I offer here a sampling from the help list I came up with. So if you know any non-Lesbian wannabe's, cut this out, pencil your best suggestions, and hand it over. (Or just leave it anonymously. And wear gloves, in case management dusts for prints.)

1. A Stonewall T-shirt would be a pretty good clue. So would enough pink or purple triangle thingies. Earrings, watches, necklaces, pins. Ditto double female symbols.

2. Lambdas, and labris are still way too subtle. Ditto rainbows. And you could be mistaken for a precious moments optimist.

3. Removing all the het pictures from your office could be a good start. Replacing the framed one on the desk facing you with a personal snapshot of Cindy Crawford or Martina could do it. And you could always forge an autograph with appropriate inscription. For example, "It's a love match!" Or "Richard would have been soooo jealous." Add a bunch of x's and o's, and your in queer business.

4. Festoon your car with triangles, rainbow flags, "We're here, we're queer, you're jealous!" bumper stickers.

5. Shake hands all the way to the hilt. Give up that limp fish girly grasp. Just remember it isn't two out of three falls. Not the incredible hulk. Just definite wedge to wedge contact. Of course, on the other hand, if you are showing off for the terminally dull, go for the gusto. Pin her arm right to the table.

6. Go to your local au curant Barnes and Noble, where you'll likely find the local G/L paper. Study it as though there will be a midterm later. Then, in your next conversation with your impressionable target, drop some place names. The local Gay bookstore. One or two bars. When your mark asks, "Isn't that a Gay place?" You can obliquely shrug and respond, "Oh, no. They serve Lesbians too."

7. Introduce your old friends to a couple of your new ones, Helen and Charlotte, or Viv and Alison, and let 'em wonder.

8. As a last resort: Buttons! You're way beyond subtle now. Time for socko! Try one that says, "Who says I'm straight?" Or the one-word declaration: "Dyke."

That should be a pretty good start. After all, we can't give away all the secrets. Then we wouldn't be so chic and exclusive.

Maybe it is true, what Suzanne Westenhoefer says. That Lesbians are so cool, so chic, that we don't have to let just anybody in anymore. So we're only taking the cute ones.

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Running Away with Running

Sometimes, it seems, certain themes keep running through one's life, over and over again. Like falling in love with the wrong person or getting hairstyles you later regret or the theme from *Gilligan's Island*.

In my case, one of those themes that has been long-running is running: as a kid, my father *ran* from paying child support; in junior high, I *ran* the 440 on the track team; in California, I *ran* weekly in my jogging class (don't ask: it was California in the seventies, 'nuf said?); a few years back, I *ran* the bases after I hit my only home run ever; and right this minute, my nose is *running*. Having now firmly established the fact that running is, indeed, a theme in my life, it should come as no surprise to you that I found myself talking with a new acquaintance, Bill Greaves, a few weeks back about, you guessed it, running.

Bill, you see, is a Frontrunner, one of the few, the proud, the people who actually *enjoy* running. I mentioned that I ran the 440 in junior high, but did I mention that, by the time I crossed the finish line, I thought I might lose not only my lunch but lunches from days gone by? And I told you I took that jogging class, but I failed to disclose that the only thing that kept me running was the fear of feeling stupid for wasting money on this class. Yes, I ran the entire perimeter of the softball diamond, but the image of me collapsing afterward into a gasping, rasping, sweating heap is what completes this picture of beauty.

People like Bill, I suspect, were, in a past life, gazelles or cheetahs or Republican candidates for mayor of Chicago: creatures who run for the sheer joy of running. Myself, I suspect I was more like an opossum, maybe, or a dachshund or a Studebaker: entities that *can* run if they have to, but it's not especially in their nature.

Still, so many people swear by running, that I keep hoping to find the beauty, the joy, the higher meditative state in it that I've heard so much about. That's why when Bill was talking to me about how Frontrunners was hoping to recruit more women to their ranks, I listened, for that reason and because it was hard to talk myself, what with my mouth all stuffed with biscotti as it was.

After this rendezvous with Bill, I seriously thought I might go meet up with the guys for one of their regular runs. Bill was awfully nice, after all, I reasoned, and the Frontrunners had just been inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of

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No Nonsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity

HAPPY NEW QUEER YEAR!

Sister Dana Has the Resolution Solution

Hats and horns and noisemakers! Happy New Queer Year, everyone!

It's almost 1996, and here we are just past the halfway mark of the Gay Nineties! So, how come we're not feeling very Gay right now? Could it be because we're already breaking every one of our well-intended New Year's resolutions? Or maybe we haven't even bothered to resolve anything this time, since we realize that every year we just end up dissolving our resolves anyway.

Perhaps the problem is that we are setting goals that are a tad too lofty — "I promise to give up smoking, drinking, overeating, drugging, compulsive shopping, gossiping and sleazing." Oh sure, if you are enrolled in at least twelve 12-Step programs and, just to be on the safe side, have wired your jaw shut!

Or maybe your goals are a little vague — "I will be a better person next year." You and Senator Jesse Helms, right?

Well, fear not, for Sister Dana has the resolution solution. I herewith offer you an assortment of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer-identified resolves which are slightly more realistic, down-to-earth (in the gutter!), and applicable to your particular personal proclivities.

SEXUAL RESOLUTIONS

I resolve to spend less time, nature lover that I am, going for midnight walks in the local cruise parks in search of wildlife. And I openly admit that the only reason I got a dog was to walk it in those trysting spots to meet potential bedmates. (You probably should have gotten some other breed than a toy poodle, however, if you wanted to strike a butch image.)

For the men: I resolve to stop pretentiously displaying those boxes of condoms with the obvious wording — *Maximum, Giant-Sized* — all over my bedroom, when, in actuality, the contents are "designed for the smaller man." And in the same vane (vain!?) for women: I resolve to stop buying big, busty, oversize brassieres and casually draping them over the shower rod to impress potential girlfriends using the bathroom.

I resolve to cut down drastically on my phone sex usage, and try calling a known person and actually making a date

to go out somewhere and relate. But if I can't do that, at least I resolve to cease adding so many inches when asked over the phone about my vital statistics. Men, you couldn't possibly get that big a thing zipped up inside your pants; and women, breasts simply do *not* grow that large!

I resolve to level with my casual tricks after those embarrassing post-coital moments when I usually blurt out impetuous promises of "getting together again real soon" when I have no such intentions at all, at all, at all. And conversely, I resolve to resist the temptation to think about picking out china patterns together when we've only been out on one date, and frankly, we aren't really sure whether we are married or not.

I resolve to search my "trick files" — those phone numbers scrawled on bar napkins, matchbook covers and business cards — and, in an effort to restore lines of communication, actually call a few. "Hello, you probably don't remember me, but we met a few months ago in the dressing rooms of the underwear department at the Emporium and exchanged briefs and phone numbers..."

I resolve to make an appointment with my optometrist to get the proper prescription for eyeglasses, so I will cease having mutual window sex with what is, in reality, a potted plant in my neighbor's window across my apartment complex. Furthermore, I resolve to stop telling visitors to my home that I am an official bird-watching Audubon Society member, and admit that the binoculars are for watching members across the way.

LIFESTYLE RESOLUTIONS

I resolve to pay off all my credit card debts by January, 1997 or when my outstanding balance is just under the national debt, whichever comes first.

I resolve to take a fashion risk. Butch women will throw caution to the wind and not wear that flannel shirt and torn jeans at least one night a week. Leathermen will try wearing an item of clothing that did not once come from a cow. Drag queens will make every effort to go sequin-less to the next cocktail party. Sweater queens will try wearing any of

the above-mentioned fashions without donning a cardigan or a pullover.

I resolve to stop de-Gaying my home whenever relatives come to visit. This means that the men will not cover their sexy Brad Pitt poster in the bedroom with a poster of scantily-clad Janet Jackson, and the women will not cover their Janet with Brad. Likewise, Gay men will keep Playgirl out on the coffee table and Lesbians will leave Playboy out, resisting the temptation to run next door and exchange magazines to appear properly hetero until company at last leaves.

I resolve to have as few bad hair days as possible, even if this means sleeping with my hair stylist, enrolling in the Hair-Weave-of-the-Month Club or dry-cleaning my wig. I will stop wearing bandannas and caps and start exposing my scalp

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to natural sunlight for a change (this does not apply to drag queens, who rarely see sunlight while wearing their Dynel wigs). Oh, and here's another hint: mousse is not an animal in Alaska!

I resolve to finally get my ear pierced and wear an earring to work (as if your fellow employees hadn't already guessed you were queer!). Or, for the piercing addicts, I resolve to go at least one week without piercing something on my body.

While we're at it, I resolve to come out of the closet to _____ (insert name) as a _____ (insert personal proclivity).

And, as long as we're in the closet, I resolve to clean out my closet, or at least arrange the drag into readily identifiable groups — this section for cowboy, this for cowgirl, that for financial district drag...

Well, there you have them, ready-made resolutions that you most likely have not made before and therefore have not yet broken. Use 'em or lose 'em. Personally, I have only one resolution for 1996: I resolve to be me the best I can, since nobody else does me as good as I do me!

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REALITY SETS IN

Then, of course, the reality of actually *running* set in, and not just to catch a bus before it pulled away from a stop, but for blocks and blocks, maybe even a whole mile. My shins started to ache and I got a stitch in my side just thinking about it.

Conventional wisdom, of course, is that misery loves company, hence the rationale for running in groups, I guess. But I suspect that most of the members of Frontrunners are not miserable at all or they wouldn't be doing what they do. Either that, or they are a group of incredible masochists. These last are the result of a top-secret merger between Frontrunners and an s/m group. And I'm going to guess it ain't all that easy to find a pair of running shoes that truly goes with leather chaps and a dog collar, which adds to the angst of the whole thing for them.

I have created this fantastical merger to divert your attention from the fact that the truth is, if I'm going to be limping along in my imitation of a human being running, with icicles forming under my nose and sounding like an obscene phone caller with asthma, the fewer people who see me in this condition, the better. Plus, there are just some people who the world should not have to witness wearing spandex. I am one of those people. That's why I've taken to using the Nordic Track in my study at home. Sure, it makes me feel a little like a hamster on an exercise wheel and leaves me with a strange longing for the smell of cedar chips. But at least no one else is subjected to me in stretchy shorts and a jog bra, and I never once have to pretend I'm enjoying myself.

MY DACHSHUND WAYS

Of course, there's still Frontwalkers to consider, which seems much more suited to my dachshund ways. What most piqued my interest, though, was getting involved with the group of folks who only join the Frontrunners and Frontwalkers for their postexercise meals. Now there's a sport I could excel at! Downing stacks of pancakes and sides of hash browns and buttered toast or plates of ravioli and garlic bread. Although come to think of it, it is my overexuberance in that arena that caused me to buy a Nordic Track in the first place. Therefore, I suppose it would be better if I just joined them in their philanthropic efforts, helping to raise money for AIDS organizations and places like the Lesbian Community Cancer Project or in

their more colorful volunteer work: I heard that, for instance, for the Chicago marathon station where members handed out water to the runners, the guys all dressed either in tuxes or as cheerleaders. Not only would I be doing a good deed, but I'd also be fulfilling my shattered high school dream of being a cheerleader.

Ultimately, though, for me, being a runner is a lot like being Catholic: I've never been either but have always felt that, as a consequence, I've really missed out on some sort of critical experience. Unfortunately, I just haven't got the necessary passion to pursue either. You'll find me instead, doing my hamster-like Skinnerian thing: working those stationery skis for a Rustic Apple Tart from Starbuck's, just like my girlfriend promised me if I exercise five times a week.

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Astrological Forecast for January, 1996

Let's take a break from the usual planetary movement this month and focus on the New Year, 1996. I am often asked to prognosticate, but demurely refrain from doing it publicly. However, a New Year is upon us, and here's a new leaf for this astrologer. Dust off the crystal ball so we can predict away!

ARIES

The spirit of Bette Davis (born April 8) should infuse you for most of 1996 with the usual feistiness and in-your-face attitude that makes you so well-loved in certain limited circles. When you travel, try not to announce "What a dump!" on your arrival. *Prediction:* Christopher Walken (born March 31) will renounce his relentless quest for money and will join us in the greater rainbow cause.

TAURUS

When two divas such as Cher (born May 20) and Barbra (April 24) are Taurean, it can only mean that all proud Bulls are destined for adulation. 1996 is the year for you to explore sexual and psychological issues within yourself. It seems to be the one thing that will transform you from the housefrau to the diva. *Prediction:* Barbara performs at next year's Pride March and only charges \$500 a ticket.

GEMINI

Consider the following Geminis: Harvey Milk (born May 22), Judy Garland (June 10), Marilyn Monroe (June 1), Sandra Bernhard (June 6). With all, sex marks the psychological spot. Screaming it out or hauling it in, crucified for it or exalted by it, the story has a common thread. Your quest for 1996 is to harness sex and find domestic bliss with a significant other. *Prediction:* Boy George (June 14) runs for Parliament...or becomes the next Queen.

CANCER

Tom Cruise (born July 3) is probably as good a Crab as any to delineate the intricacies of the sign. He intensely plays out his various roles with deep commitment. Cancers go for the gusto in whatever turns them on. Usually it's home and hearth, but often it's task-oriented, detailed jobs as it will be in 1996. *Prediction:* As a hot drag act, Cruise will star in *Interview with Vampira*, where he will wear it well.

LEO

What do Madonna (Born August 16) and Patrick Swayze (August 18) have in common besides a fabulous wardrobe? You guessed it — the need to show it off in a big way. The royal Lion needs dollops of recognition and praise like the rest of us need air. Thankfully, all proud Leos revel in fun and artistry in 1996. *Prediction:* Arnold Schwarzenegger (July 30) becomes the cigar industry poster boy and always has one in his mouth. (Is a cigar just a cigar?)

VIRGO

Virgos always do what's upstandingly right and are probably the best allies anyone could have. That is, if they are not criticizing your bathing patterns or examining their vitamin collections. I couldn't even imagine if Kristy McNichol (born September 11) does that sort of thing, but I do know that all Virgos can expect to become more involved in family issues this year. *Prediction:* Lily Tomlin (September 11) launches a new line of Edith Ann kid's clothes.

LIBRA

Both Olivia Newton-John (Born September 26) and Martina Navratilova (October 18) are diplomatic and charismatic Libras. Libras love to expand their world, even if it reaches across continents. 1996 brings a refreshing and transforming approach to communication whereby you can make events happen by just asking. *Prediction:* Martina will get her own talk show.

SCORPIO

Scorps are secretive and intensely aware of what others are thinking about them. Don't let them know what you're thinking in order to keep up appearances. Rock Hudson (born November 17) was a Scorpio. If success is measured by money, 1996 will prove to be a telling year for all Scorps. That which you value may not live up to its worth. Reassess and reinvest with fresh eyes. *Prediction:* It's a secret, but it's guaranteed to be on target.

SAGITTARIUS

Fabulous Bette Midler (born December 1) is the quintessential Sag — loud, lusty, talented and fun (but not necessarily graceful). Sagittarians are half human/half beast, and 1996 see a little of both come out to play. Transformations are possible now through a new "look," new acquaintances and new beginnings. *Prediction:* Loud but untalented Jane Fonda (December 21) is destined to release yet another video, but no one will buy.

CAPRICORN

Queer Caps have the least amount of self-confidence of any sign. But the good news is that they learn from past mistakes and succeed admirably in later life. They strive to please. Escape the mundane in 1996 and explore your more spiritual side through yoga, the occult or religion. Also, volunteer for a worthy Gay cause. *Prediction:* David Bowie (born January 8) announces he will marry Princess Di, but it is only a marriage of convenience.

AQUARIUS

How can Greg Louganis (born January 29), Sonny Bono (February 16) and Zsa Zsa Gabor (February 6) all be Aquarians? I guess they were born that way. Aquarians raise the rainbow banner high. Always seeking a greater goal, they sometimes forget the small human interactions that most other signs crave. 1996 catapults you into the eye of the Cause. Be ready to go forward and Out. *Prediction:* Farrah Fawcett (February 2) returns to the small screen in *Charlie's Angels: the Cellulite Years*.

PISCES

The always lovely and fabulous Liz Taylor (February 27) is Pisces. Spiritual, other-worldly and hopelessly romantic, Pink Fish crave illusion and usually get it. 1996 is a form-fitting year for all of you dreamers. Think career. Thank another rung on the corporate ladder. Think long-term sellout. *Prediction:* Lovely Liz will marry again. (Thank you, National Enquirer...)

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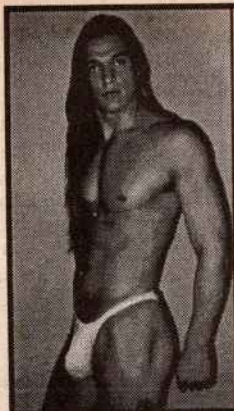
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GWM Couple: Late 20's, thin, cute healthy, clean shaven, college educated, down-to-earth, ND, NS, rarely in the bars. Seeking: boyish looking guys under 40 who fantasize about group action in pornos and would like to experience safe action in real life. Being a little shy is ok, but don't waste our time unless you are serious. Photo gets response, race unimportant, replies in strict confidence to: PO Box 1064, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Are you GWM, 18-25: Bottom, t-shirt/Levis kind of guy who prefers friendship with an older man? PGWM, 40's, seeks someone like you for companionship/friendship, dining out, fine arts and movies, some travel, quiet evenings and hot nights. All answered. Photo'd be great. Write Ray at PO Box 92294, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0294.

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G/S	Gay & Straight Mixed
L/L	Levi/Leather
D	Dancing
DJ	Disk Jockey, Dancing
V	Video
F	Food

APPLETON & FOX VALLEY (414)

BARS

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

ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 235-5100
- Men's HIV+ Support Group Appleton 733-2068
- Family HIV Support Group Appleton 733-2068
- PFLAG Fox Cities
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629
- Fox Valley AIDS Project
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2068
- Gay AA/Anon 494-9904
- G.L.E.E.D.A. (Gay & Lesbian Education & Economic Development Alliance)
PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
- Silent Legacy G/L Student Group at UW-O
800 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, 54901 424-1826
- Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
- Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, Bi Group (Lawrence University)
Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Scott) 832-7503

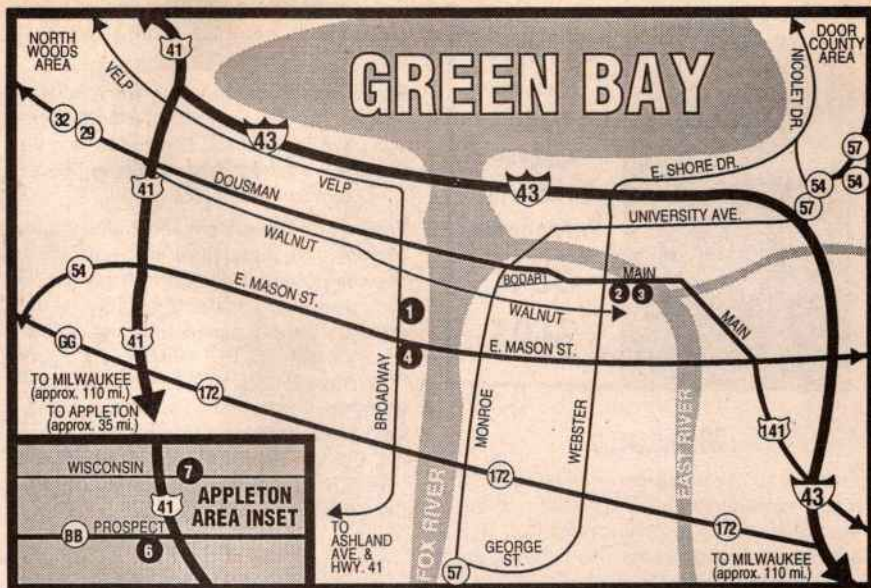
GREEN BAY (414) & NORTHEAST WI

BARS

- 3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)
1126 Main Street 54301 1-800-311-3197
- 1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ)
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646
- 2 Java's (MW, V)
1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 2 Za's (MW, DJ, V)
1106 Main 54301 435-5476
- 4 Sass (WM)
840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
PO Box 672, Green Bay 54305 432-0830
- Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
- Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly) Green Bay .. 494-9904
- Bay City Chorus
PO Box 1901, Green Bay 54305 497-8882
- Center Project, Inc. (CPI) (HIV Test/Counsel)
824 S Broadway,
Green Bay 54305 437-7400 or (800) 675-9400
- Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB 465-2343
- G/L Guide to N.E. Wisconsin
PO Box 595, Green Bay, 54305
- Men's HIV+ Support
Green Bay 437-7400
- Women's HIV+ Support
Green Bay 437-7400



- Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/Social Group)
Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
- Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay 499-7080
- Positive Voice
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 499-5533
- Men's HIV Support Group
Sturgeon Bay (414)733-2068

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Chanticleer Guest House
4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay, 54234 746-0334
- BlackSmith Inn (Bed & Breakfast)
Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202 839-9222

MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

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

BARS

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Hotel Washington
636 W Washington Avenue, 53703 (608) 256-3360

RESTAURANTS

- Cafe Palms
636 W Washington, 53703 (608) 256-0166

BULLETIN BOARDS

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

ORGANIZATIONS

- AASPIN Foundation (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWAs)
2828 Marshall Ct, Ste 210, 53705 (608) 273-4501
- Apple Island (Women's Cultural Center/Hall Rental)
849 E Washington (608) 258-9777
- Campus Women's Center
710 University Ave, #202, 53715 (608) 262-8093
- Dairyland Rainbow Squares
PO Box 1363, 53701-1363 (608) 246-9669
- Delta Lambda Phi (Gay Frat)
Box 513, Mem. Union, 800 Langdon,
Madison 53706
- Different Spokes G/L/B Bicycling Club .. (608) 241-8184
- 18-21 Yr Old Social Group (608) 256-2667
- Frontiers (Gay/Bi Men's Activities Organ.)
14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703 (608) 251-7424
- Gay/Lesbian Phone Line (608) 255-4297
- Gay/Lesbian Information Recording
(ask for tape #3333) (608) 263-3100
- Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
PO Box 1722, 53701
- G/L Educational Employees
c/o The United (608) 255-8582
- Gay Fathers c/o United (608) 255-8582
- Gay Men's Video Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608) 244-8675
- GALVANize (Madison LesBiGay Pride)
PO Box 1403, 53701 (608) 256-4289
- Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)
PO Box 6091, 53716
- Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group) (608) 255-7447
- LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
Dean of Students Office, 75 Bascom Hall
Madison 53706 (608) 263-5700
- LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) UW Union (608) 265-3344
- LesBiGay Teen Support Group
(Briarpatch & Picada) (608) 251-1126/246-7606
- Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
- Lesbian Parents Network
PO Box 572, 53701 (608) 255-8582
- Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) (608) 251-8716
- Madison Wrestling Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 (608) 244-8675
- MAGIC Picnic Committee
636 W Washington 53703 (608) 256-3404 (EXT 220)
- Men's Alanon (608) 255-8582
- New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
PO Box 1786, 53701
- Nothing to Hide (Gay cable) (608) 241-2500
- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
PO Box 1722, 53701
- 10% Society (student organization)
Box 614, UW Mem. Union,
800 Langdon, 53706 (608) 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
 PO Box 536, 53701
 The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy)
 14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103, 53703 (608) 255-8582
 UW LesBiGay Alumni Council (Ken) (608) 263-4086
 Womansong (Woman's Choral Group)..... (608) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity
 Box 730, 53701 (608) 836-8886
 Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
 University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353
 James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
 2146 E Johnson, 53704 (608) 242-8887

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP
 Milwaukee PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 (regular. Gay meetings) 771-9119
 Beer Town Badgers
 PO Box 840, 53201
 BiNet USA (Milw. Contact)
 PO Box 93421, 53203
 Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) .. 272-3009
 Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
 Caring Bridges (Wholistic Health & Service for PWAs)
 10101 W Wisconsin, 53226 259-6334
 Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
 PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
 Counseling Center (LesBiGay Support &
 discussion Groups)
 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
 Cream City Chorus
 P. O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222
 Cream City Foundation (CCF)
 2821 N. 4th St. #210, or,
 Box 204, 53201 265-0880
 Cream City Squares
 (G/L Square Dancing Club) 521-1259

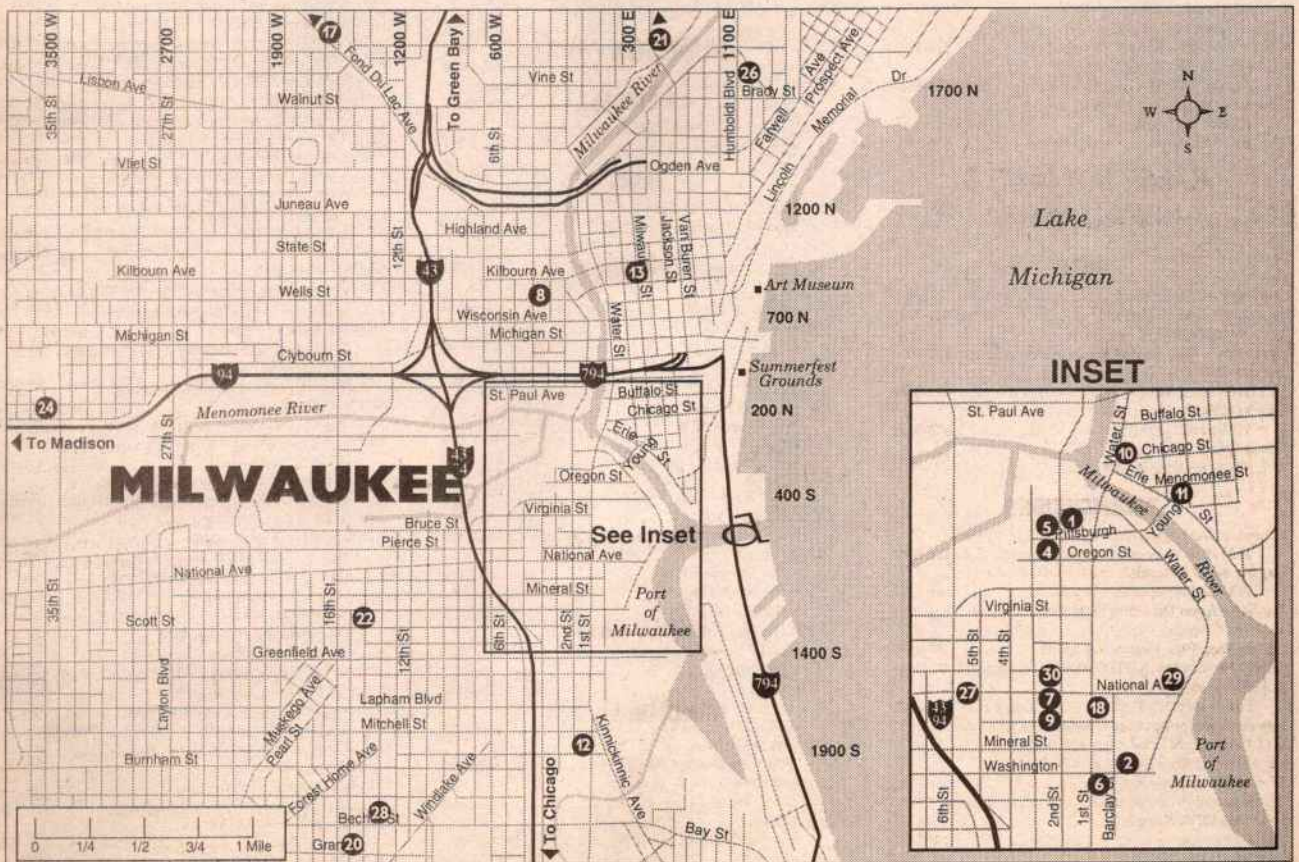
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 Box 93421, 53203
 DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
 PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
 Delta Lambda Phi (Gay Frat)
 PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 229-4054
 Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co)
 PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673
 Fest City Singers (Gay choral group)
 PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING

Firebirds (L/L group)
 1224 N Prospect Ave, Box 69, 53202
 Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
 2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
 Gaylaxians (G/L Sci-Fi group)
 c/o Emory Churness, 3815 N 49, 53210 444-3853
 GAMMA (athletic/ outdoors/social)
 PO Box 1900, 53201 425-2146
 Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
 Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555



Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw. (GLEEMM), Larry	384-9695
Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild 209 East National, 53204	
Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201	562-7010
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings) PO Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) ...	271-2565
Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social) PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail	297-9328
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862	
Great Lakes Harley Riders PO Box 341611, 53234-1611	
Human Rights League (HRL) PO Box 92674, 53202	228-1921
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) PO Box 899, 53201	(608) 831-4038
Insight (young women 17-21) support	271-2565
Imani (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians) PO Box 92146, 53202	521-4565
Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support) PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227	548-4344
LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) PO Box 93323, 53203	264-2600
Lesbian, Gay and Bi People in Medicine (LGBPM) c/o 4042 S. Pine #6, 53207	744-3393
LOC/Women of Color PO Box 93594, 53203	454-9300
MGALA (MU Graduates) PO Box 92722, 53202	
Marquette LesBiGay Student Group Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233	288-6873
MATC's Gay & Lesbian Organization (GLO) 700 W State, Rm 322, 53233	297-7053
Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott)	962-6124
Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.)	543-4850
Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group	963-9833
Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207	
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) PO Box 21853, 53221	299-9198
Pathfinders (Youth counseling, shelter) 1614 East Kane Place, 53202	271-1560
Positive Outcomes/Gay Males 17-21 (support)	271-2565
PACT (People of All Colors Together) PO Box 12292, 53212	
Dave 871-3048	Veral 347-0580
PrideFest (Pride Committee) PO Box 93852, 53203	272-FEST
The Queer Program (Cable TV Show) PO Box 93951, 53203	225-1500
SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays) PO Box 92482, 53202 after 4pm	271-0378
Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) PO Box 92605, 53202	
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)	276-6936
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc. PO Box 76115, 53216	777-3986
Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273	
Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians) PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122	271-2565
S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery)	442-1132
Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric) PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202	272-3009
Wi. Leather Men's Assoc. Inc. PO Box 897, 53201-0897	

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ) 1821 N. 16th St.	344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church) PO Box 597, 53101	444-7177
Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Affirming) 914 E Knaap, 53211	276-6277
Lutherans Concerned PO Box 11864, 53211	372-9663
MAP Spiritual Care PO Box 92505, 53202	273-1991
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church UFMCC PO Box 1421, 53201-1421	332-9995
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming) 2717 E. Hampshire	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational) 1636 W. National	647-9199
St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry) 3661 S KK, 53235	481-3696

St. James Episcopal Church 833 W. Wisconsin Ave	271-1340
St Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Anglican Rite) 1311 W Lincoln, 53215	643-9313
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church) 1342 N Astor	273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ) 130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617

MEDICAL

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family / Primary Care) Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233	933-3600
Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing, hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202	272-2144
BESTD Women's Clinic 1240 E Brady, 53202	272-2144
Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group BESTD Clinic	272-2144
Gay Men's Support Group for Partners of HIV+ Men BESTD Clinic	272-2144
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms) 4311 W Vliet, 53208	342-4333
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) HIV/AIDS Service Organization 820 N Plankinton, 53203	Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437
Positive Health Clinic Dr. Kelly Balliet (Internal/Infectious Diseases) Medical Center Specialties Clinic 945 N 12, 53233	283-7908
STD Specialties Clinic 3251 N Holton, 53212	264-8800
Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program) 820 N Plankinton, 53203	273-1991

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Alternate Lifestyles BBS (Gay listings, messages)	933-7572
Back Door BBS, 23 lines, messages, chat, games, graphics, Women's area, Internet Mail	744-9336
Crossroads BBS (8 lines, chat, matchmaking, files, netmail)	282-0494
Dr. Pervitis DYM-BBS (e-mail, matching, sub boards)	873-2838
Dr. Pervitis Wildcat BBS (e-mail, graphics, sub-boards)	873-1680
GLINN Multi-Board Super System (news, personals guides, files, on-line games, graphics)	289-0145
Starcom BBS (user descrp., files, echo mail)	873-6969

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd 53204	273-7474
3 Boot Camp (M, L/L) 209 E. National 53204	643-6900
4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 53204	291-9600
5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd 53204	271-3732
7 Dance, Dance, Dance (Mw, DJ) 801 S. 2nd 53204	383-8330
6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F) 1100 S. 1st Street 53204	647-9950
2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F) 200 E. Washington 53204	643-9633
29 Gargoyles 354 E. National, 53204	225-9676
7 Grubb's Pub (MW, F) 807 S 2nd St 53204	384-8330
30 In Between 625 S. Second, 53204	273-2693
27 Just Us (MW,D,F) 807 S. 5th St, 53204	383-2233
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D) 1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd 53204	383-8330
17 Loose Ends (GS, MW, F) 4332 W. Fond du Lac	442-8469
26 Mama Roux (MW, F) 1875 N Humboldt, 53202	347-0344
10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
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20 Station 2 (Wm, D) 1534 W. Grant 53215	383-5755
13 This Is It (M) 418 E. Wells 53202	278-9192
12 3B's Bar (MW, D) 1579 S. 2nd, 53204	672-5580
18 Triangle (M, V) 135 E National 53204	383-9412
11 Wreck Room (M, L/L) 266 E Erie 53202	273-6900
9 Zippers (Mw) 819 S 2nd, 53204	645-8330

RESTAURANTS

8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F) 720 N. Old World 3rd St 53203	291-9889
7 Grubb's Pub 807 S 2nd St, 53204	384-8330
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch) 124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
The Wild Thyme Cafe (Lunch, Brunch) 231 East Buffalo	276-3144
Walker's Point Cafe (10am-afterhours) 1106 S. 1st St. 53204	384-7999

HELP LINES

Gay Information Svcs. (referrals)	444-7331
Gay People's Union Hotline	562-7010
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour Youth counseling/referrals)	271-1560
Wisconsin AIDS Info Line	273-AIDS
Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution Marge Beil	286-2200

SERVICES

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Alternative Connections (matchmaking)	765-1233
American Family Insurance/Richard Robinson 5401 N 76, 53218	536-7575
Button & Badge Advantage Coldwell Banker Prestige Homes Rich Dolan	423-1500
Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling) 6510 W Layton Ave, 53215	282-6160
Federated Realty Jack Smith	964-9000/283-1452
Financial Planning Services	445-5552
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist) 2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters) N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010	
Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN) PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789)	289-7777
GLINN Voice Mail	289-8780
Havlicek & Assoc. (Advertising, Desktop) 225 S. 2nd St, 53204	671-6711
Heritage Funeral Home Joseph Koch, Director	645-1575
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA) N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051	255-0704
Hume, Attorney Kathleen 5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130	529-2129
Hurricane Womyn's Productions PO Box 71268, 53211	
Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training, hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling)	276-8669
K-9 8 till 5 (Dog Grooming)	933-5995
Klaus & Meyers (attorneys) 5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130	529-2800
Thomas E. Martin (trial & general law) 161 W. Wisconsin, Suite 3189 53203	765-9413
Jeffrey G. Miller, MS, RN (Psychotherapy) 721 American Ave, Ste 50, Waukesha 53188	574-7771
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) PO Box 92487, 53202-0487	273-1991
Milwaukee Financial Planning Service (money management, retirement planning) 175 N Corporate Dr #110 Brookfield 53045	792-1690
Mulry, Greg PhD, MSW (psychotherapy)	276-4664
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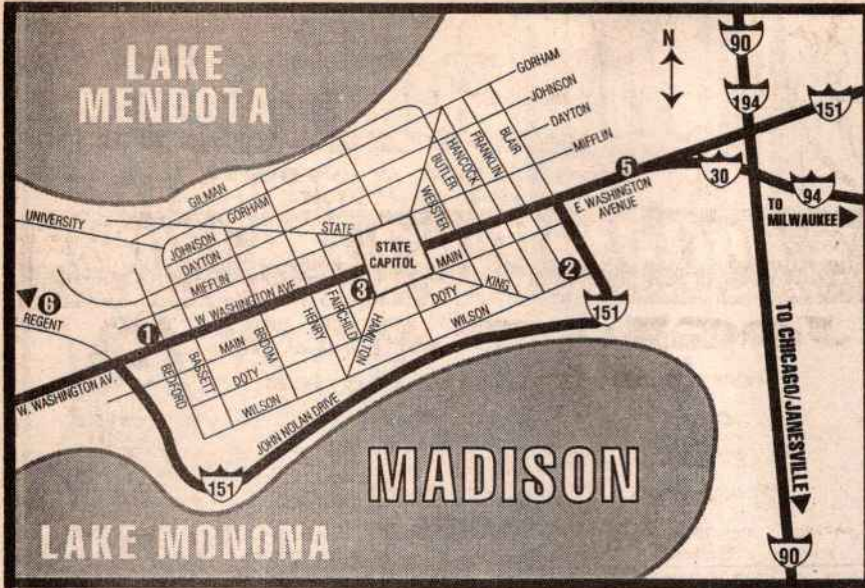
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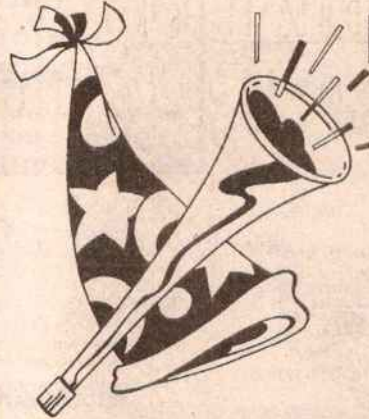


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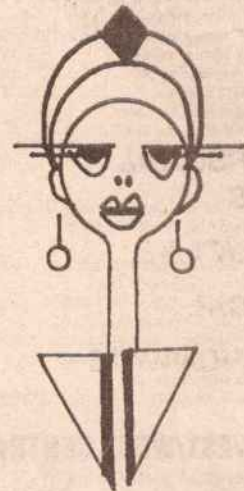
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/appearing, and who know what they want from life. Please leave a message. ☐11450

Madison BUDDY BONDING: GWM, 27, 5'2", 125, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks other GWM's, 21-32, for fun and adventure. I have varied interests as I hope you will. Please leave a message. ☐11802

Wisconsin NOT TYPICAL: GWM, 23, 6'2", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair, not into the bar scene at all, seeks other GWM's between 18-30 for friendship first with endless possibilities. Please leave a message. ☐11725

Madison DADDY CAN BE A BOY: GWM, 46, 5'11", 160, seeks fraternity hazing with other frat boys under 25. ☐11816

Madison BI THE WAY, R U?: BIWM, 25, 6'1", 230, seeks other BiWM's under 30 in the local area for a good friendship with more possible. Please leave a message. ☐12072

Milwaukee SIR, THANK YOU SIR!: GWM, 27, 6'2", 230, brown hair, brown eyes, seeking a dominant master into CBT, TT, WS,

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☐11529

Wisconsin YOU AND ME: GWM, 27, 160, 5'8", enjoys sports, seeks GWM, 18-28, for outings and friendship. ☐12286

Wisconsin PLEASURE SEEKER: GWM, 30, 5'8", 150, attractive, new to area, seeks other local GWM's. ☐1095

S. Fond du lace LIFE PARTNER: Fred, GWM, late 30s, look younger 5'9, 165, dk brn/blue, fit and tan, kind and caring, iso gdlkg non smoking, GWM 20-35, enjoys outdoors, quiet talks, videos, fit and muscular
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Milwaukee **DEEP NEED:** GWM, 5'3", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks GWM/GLM, 18-24, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐18499

Oshkosh **LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL:** GWM, 39, 6'1", 220, seeks others for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☐18715

Wisconsin **WINTER'S COMING:** GWM, 20, 5'9", 175, auburn hair, green eyes, submissive, varied interests, seeks local guys, 18-30, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐19117

Wisconsin **BIG BOY:** GWM, 22, 5'9", 240, brown hair, blue eyes, overweight, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐19143

Wisconsin **BI AND BI:** Bi WM, 6'2", 195, married, new to this, seeks other Bi White married guys, 35-45, for discrete adventures. Please leave a message. ☐19877

Upper Peninsula **HEAD LOCK ME:** GWM, 34, 5'10", 180, moderately muscled, seeks husky wrestling partners for rough and sweaty workouts.

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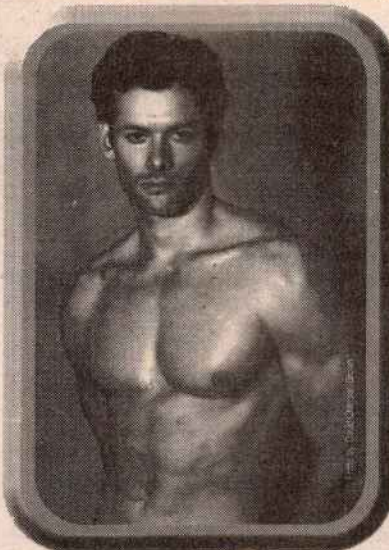
Madison **DISCRETE BI DAY:** Bi WM, 25, varied interests, very discrete and honest, seeks other men for discrete encounters and more. Please leave a message. ☐12072

Oshkosh **FRIENDSHIP FIRST!** GWM, 23, 5'11", blonde hair, hazel eyes, cute, 160, varied interests, good shape, seeks other Non smoking GWM's, 21-24, local preferred, for friendship and more. Please call me! ☐16127

Appleton **OSHKOSH ENCOUNTERS:** GWM, 6'3", 195, brown hair, blue/green eyes, smoker, very masculine and straight appearing/acting, varied interests, seeks GWM, 30-40, for friendship, companionship and more. Please leave a message, ☐16286

Wisconsin **MILITARY ORIENTED:** GWM, 27, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, ex-Marine, varied interests, seeks other straight acting GWM, 18-27, with similar interests. Please leave a message. ☐16491

Wisconsin **FOUR OR MORE IN THE FLOOR:**



GWM, 26, black hair, brown eyes, 5'10", good shape, hairy and clean cut, seeks Bi or Bi Curious males, under 30 and dominant preferred, who are into group activities. Please leave a message. ☐16665

Wisconsin **GWM,** 26, 6'2", 180, brown hair and blue eyes, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and lots more. Please leave a message. ☐16691

Wausau **DISCRETE FRIENDSHIP:** GWM, 5'11", 140, blonde hair, blue eyes, very discrete and professional, seeks others who are very discrete for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐16794

Wisconsin **HARD WORKING PROFESSIONAL:** GWM, 29, 6'2", brown hair, blue

eyes, 200, very attractive, good shape, varied interests, seeks others, 25-40, with similar qualities. Please leave a message. ☐46088

Wisconsin **LEATHER NOVICE:** GWM, 5'8", 150, brown hair, hazel eyes, smooth, well built, very muscular, seeks very dominant men, smooth, slender and muscular preferred, for friendship and much more. ☐13692

Wisconsin **LONELY AND READY TO START OVER:** GWM, seeks friends in the local area for exploration and more. ☐17185

Madison **MASCULINE ONLY:** GWM, 29, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6', 185, nice body, masculine and straight appearing seeks same, 21-39, for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☐17406

Wisconsin **I NEED A FRIEND:** Married Bi WM, seeks friends for feeling .. exploration and more. Please be sincere and leave a message. ☐17610

Wisconsin **WISCONSIN WINTERS:** GWM, 31, 5'10", 140, blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests,

seeks friends, under 31, for fun and possibly more. Please leave a message. ☐16794

Wisconsin **RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED:** GWM, 24, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests, seeks others, 20-27, for friendship and long term relationship. Please leave a message. ☐17624

Milwaukee **LET'S PLAY DOCTOR:** GBM, 24, 5'11", 140, brown hair and eyes, nurse, variety of interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐17820

Wisconsin **ALL AMERICAN CREAM:** GWM, 30, 6'2" 200, brown hair, blue eyes, boy next door, seeks same, 25-45, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☐46088

Ashland **NORTHLINE COLLEGE:** GWM, 19, college student, 6'2", 190, blonde hair, hazel eyes, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave me a message. ☐13280

Madison **BOTTOM TO TOP:** GWM, 5'9", 165, 30 something, brown hair, very good looking, aggressively dominant seeks submissive's only for mutual pleasure and excitement. Discretion a must. Call me now! ☐14481

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