

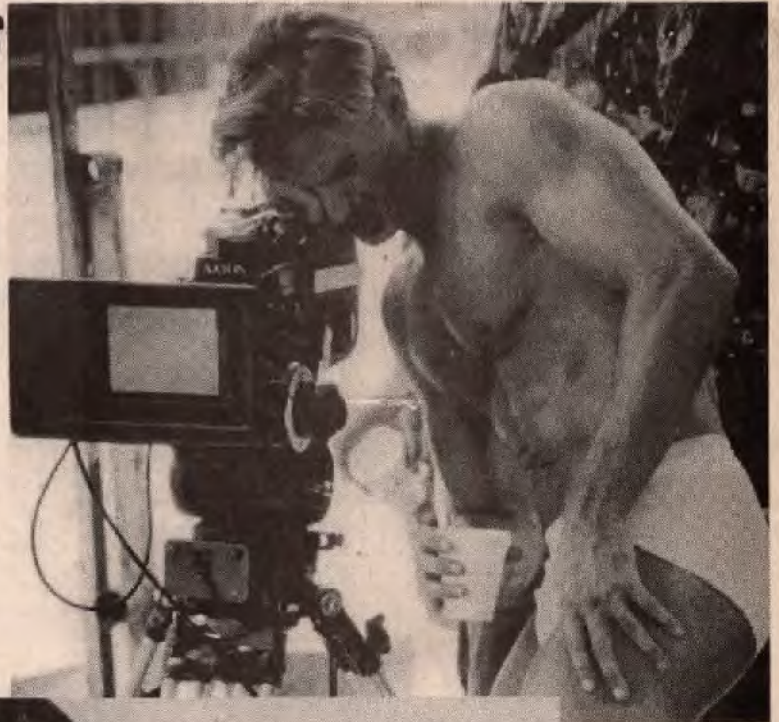
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Friends Mourn Drag Performer Mandi McCall, Murdered in Milwaukee

"Mandi Was Always There to Lend Her Talents..."

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Joseph P. Flinchbaugh, 36, has been charged with first degree intentional homicide in the stabbing and strangulation murder of Timothy E. Mande, who was better known to many in Milwaukee's Gay community and bar scene as "Mandi McCall."

McCall's body was discovered by police just before midnight on Sunday, January 14 in her apartment on E. Meinecke Avenue. They were tipped off to the murder by a man, Mark Hanson, who earlier that evening had unknowingly picked up the suspected killer. Watching TV and sharing a few beers at Hanson's south side home, Finchbaugh reportedly confessed the crime to Hanson, who then alerted police.

Hanson told **In Step** his frightening tale. He saw Flinchbaugh standing on the corner of S. Second and Oregon Streets that Sunday night. Hanson knew McCall and recognized Flinchbaugh as her partner whom he had met before. "It was right after the Packer play-off game, so I stopped and invited him over for a few beers," Hanson explained.

Hanson says they watched TV for about an hour when Flinchbaugh began talking strangely, saying things like, "You don't know who I am. You don't know what I'm capable of doing." (Ed. Note: Hanson said this was paraphrased but as close to the truth as he recalls.)

"He began talking about Mandi and the fact that none of the other drag queens had seen her in three days. He then told me, 'I killed her, I took a knife and I slit her throat.'"

At about this time, Hanson noticed blood stains on Flinchbaugh's pants and realized he was probably telling the truth. "He started saying that he just wanted to see his kids, that he just wanted to see them once more before he was taken in."

Hanson then called a cab to take Flinchbaugh to see his children and, after he left, called 911, and told the police to check out Mandi's home. Homicide detectives interviewed Hanson for about three hours that night, and police officers converged on several Gay bars around closing time, apparently in search of the suspect. Flinchbaugh was arrested at 3:30am that same morning and charged with murder on January 18. He's being held on \$90,000 cash bail.

Mandi McCall



FRIENDS REMEMBER MANDI

One friend, Alvin Harris, said Mandi was "a warm and giving person to those who knew her close." Mandi worked as a key punch operator in the City's payroll office and worked at the polls on election days. Colleagues at City Hall spoke highly of Mandi. She was also a licensed cosmetologist and a make-up artist.

But Mandi was most widely known in the Gay community. Friends say she was the 1st Miss Fox Valley in 1985. In the 1980's, she was one of the 219 Girls. Most recently, she performed with troupes at C'est La Vie and 3 B's.

"You could always count on Mandi to be there for a benefit, covering a range of causes from AIDS to softball," **In Step** publisher Ron Geiman noted. "Mandi was always there to lend her talents. She was a real character. Many in the community knew her as both a man and a woman. She could always make people laugh."

Brittany Morgan met Mandi in 1982 and they became good friends a few years later. "We performed together all the time. If I wasn't in one of her shows, she was in one of mine. We did everything together:

shopping and going to movies. I made most of her wardrobe."

"She had this expression she always used with me. After I'd done something, she'd say, 'Atta girl, Atta girl.' That's all I can hear her saying."

Brittany occupies an apartment in the four unit building in which Mandi lived and was killed. The other units are occupied by drag performers Tabitha Stevens and Billie Blaze. "It's been like one big house and one big family," Brittany commented, "until this. But we're all giving each other a lot of support."

"Tabby" and Billie had their own memories of Mandi. Tabby said she was "my favorite person to be stranded with. Oooh hey, I'll miss you."

Billie said: "I'll never forget the first words she said to me when we first met: 'If I had a swing like that, I'd take it apart and see how many screws I could get.'"

Mandi's friends suspect she may have been killed as early as Friday night. They all worked that night, and over the weekend all of them were home, but heard nothing. Brittany said they have since listened to her answering machine. The first message was recorded at 10:02 on Saturday morning, the last at 11:30 Sunday night. Because Mandi checked the machine pretty regularly, they believe she may already have been dead by Saturday morning.

Friends are very familiar with Flinchbaugh, who was said to have had an "off and on" relationship with Mandi for about three years. Several people described their relationship as "turbulent," and said fights had broken out before, especially if they were both drinking. Some also speculated that Flinchbaugh had a problem accepting his Gayness.

"It's just so shocking that he could do something like this. It's horrible," Brittany said.

Friends gathered together at the Borgwardt Funeral Home and at C'est La Vie Friday, January 19 to mourn Mandi's passing.



Karen Gotzler, Steve Rose in Historic Bids for Milwaukee Common Council

Two Openly Gay Candidates in Third District Race

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — It may be an old story in Dane County and Madison, where openly Gay and Lesbian candidates have been running for office — and winning — for years, but Milwaukee in 1996 is experiencing an historic first: one openly Lesbian and another openly Gay candidate are vying for a seat on Milwaukee's Common Council. The primary election is February 6.

Karen Gotzler, a longtime Lesbian activist and businesswoman who has most recently worked as an economic development consultant for the state of Wisconsin, is seeking to represent Milwaukee's Third District on the Common Council. So is Steve Rose, a transplanted Texan active in Gay community groups whose resume also includes seven years in residential property management.

Some members of the Gay community have expressed frustration that two such credible openly queer candidates are vying against each other in the same district. Others put a more positive spin on the Third District race, saying it's long past time Gay candidates ran for office in Beertown and that it's a hopeful sign of more such candidacies to come.

Rose is one such optimist. He told **In Step**: "What better way to combat apathy in the Gay community than by having two qualified openly Gay candidates



Karen Gotzler

run? Two committees working on get-out-the-vote campaigns in our community can only help in the long run."

Gotzler is pleased and grateful for the outpouring of support she's received from the local LesBiGay community. (She has even been endorsed by the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, which funnels donations to Gay and Lesbian candidates — see *National Briefs*.) But Gotzler is equally impressed with the overwhelmingly positive response from non-Gay voters in the district. Her sexual orientation is mentioned in virtually all of her campaign literature, and her campaign slogan is "Out Front for the Third."

"For most people it hasn't been an issue. For the few who have expressed concern, I've been able to engage them in some dialogue about just who 'those people' are — people like me — and tried to do some consciousness-raising."

JOBS, TAXES, CRIME

Milwaukee's Third Aldermanic District runs along Milwaukee's lakefront, roughly from the downtown area north to Shorewood. The east side district has a reputation for being more progressive than other parts of Milwaukee and is home to many of the city's LesBiGay activists and businesses.

The major concerns of Third District residents, according to both Gotzler and Rose, are the same as those of most Milwaukeeans: jobs, taxes and crime.

Gotzler sees economic development as a way to address many of these issues:

"Let's face it, Milwaukee is about 40,000 jobs short of the number of people available to work. We know that when people have family-supporting jobs they are more likely to purchase homes. When people have jobs, they are less likely to commit crime. They feel better about themselves and are better able to take care of their children. Home ownership encourages neighborhood pride and greater consumerism. So by addressing economic issues, we can deal with many of the social issues we face."

"We need to focus on creating more manufacturing jobs and high-paying service jobs and cluster industries to supply local businesses," said Gotzler. "And the

Steve Rose



city needs to work more closely with employers to better understand the needs of small business development."

"I see one of the jobs of government as creating an environment that allows businesses to flourish — securing proper infrastructure and adopting policies that allow all businesses an equal opportunity to be successful, to create more jobs."

Rose told **In Step** many residents are concerned about taxes, especially high property taxes, and getting "the best bang for the buck." When tax issues arise, Rose said, he'd first "review existing programs to cut any dead weight there and work to make them more efficient."

"People are also concerned with their neighborhoods and quality of life issues," Rose noted. "They want to know that anyone who's elected will not be detached from the reality of crime — stolen cars, burglaries — and will work with police on better patrolling and block watches. Homeowners are also concerned with the stability of neighborhoods. I'll try to get homeowners and renters to work together in community groups and block clubs."

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"Public safety issues affect us all," Gotzler said. "I have a lot of experience working on community policing issues." Among other things, she vows to ensure that the diversity training now required of all police recruits is also made mandatory for higher level police officials, those who currently set the tone in the Milwaukee Police Department.

LEADERSHIP ON GAY ISSUES

Both Gotzler and Rose vow to play a leadership role on Gay and Lesbian issues in the Common Council.

Gotzler said she'd like to initiate discussion of a domestic partners registry. "First," she said, "we need to create a coalition of organizations and officials who understand the need for such recognition — and that this is not just a Gay issue. The key will be to devise a plan that recognizes all alternative families, that recognizes the broad range of diversity in our community. We'll need to plan strategy very carefully."

Rose told **In Step**: "I plan to bring the issue of same sex relations to the Common Council, foremost, through my example. They probably haven't seen a viable Gay role model in a stable relationship like myself."

Rose says he would also initiate domestic partners registration, but believes state recognition of same gender unions is the ultimate goal. If elected, he plans to hold his own Holy Union ceremony with his partner, Rev. Lew Broyles, at City Hall. "Of course, the Mayor will be invited," he says, chuckling.

Rose said he would also strive to make city officials and services more accessible to the HIV/AIDS service community. Gotzler said she would attempt to speed reforms in the city's water treatment system, reforms ordered in the wake of the cryptosporidium infestation which claimed nearly 100 lives in 1993.

This can't possibly be a comprehensive listing of each candidate's positions on every issue they're likely to face. People interested in more information are encouraged to call the Rose campaign at (414) 332-2889 and the Gotzler campaign at (414) 264-4354.

It should also be noted that Rose and Gotzler are just two of the twelve candidates vying for the Third District's Aldermanic seat. Other candidates include progressive activist Bill Hart, ESHAC Executive Director Michael D'Amato, and Lynn Bauer. The top two

Openly Gay Candidates Face Uphill Battle for Dane County Board Seats

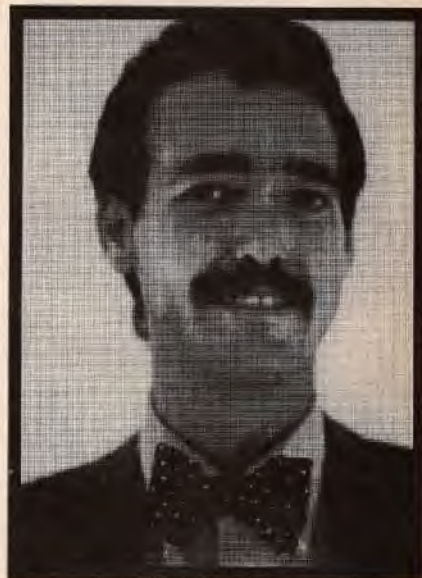
Analysis by John Quinlan

Alan Furnas

Madison — For the first time in well over a decade, the matter of whether there will be any openly Lesbian or Gay supervisors on the Dane County Board seems to be an open question. If past years are any indication, this makes the support of the greater Lesbian and Gay community toward openly Lesbian and Gay candidates all the more important this year.

With the retirement of longtime Gay community leader Sup. Mark Pocan, Sup. Scott McCormick is the only incumbent member of the openly LESBIGAY delegation seeking re-election, and the fight will be a particularly tough one. McCormick's 8th District seat, which had been represented by then Sup. Tammy Baldwin until April of 1994, includes most of the residence halls at the University of Wisconsin. His two conservative opponents in the February 6th primary have a strong base of support there.

McCormick seems to have the superior organization, however, and it's believed that he can win if the support and legwork of people in the LESBIGAY and progressive communities comes through in a big way. McCormick has been a leader on the board around LESBIGAY and AIDS-related matters, successfully building bridges between conservatives and liberals on the highly fractious body around these issues.



Also running as openly Gay candidates are two newcomers. Alan Furnas, a community activist who works as a supportive living coordinator for people with developmental disabilities, is running in the south side 23rd district, which includes all of the Town of Madison, and part of north Fitchburg. He faces serious opposition from Town of Madison Chair Michael Theissen and former Sup. Roger Tesch. Furnas is a political novice, which puts him at a disadvantage in terms of name recognition. However, his opponents are likely to split their conservative base, improving his chances as a progressive of claiming the necessary first or second place finish that will send him on to the general election in March.

SOLID ORGANIZING

What he lacks in name recognition, Furnas is making up for in solid organizing. He is coordinating closely with other progressive county board candidates, and is working particularly closely with African-American community leaders Sup. Regina Rhyne and former Sup. Eyvonne Crawford-Gray, who are running to represent adjacent south side districts. In addition to pounding the pavement and knocking on doors, he has made an almost unprecedented sweep of the full range of progressive endorsements. These include the Dane County Democratic Party, Progressive Dane, The South

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vote-getters February 6 will then compete in the run-off.

"I feel good about this campaign," Gotzler said. "I think I have the broadest experience of anyone in the race on city issues. I have the work ethic for the job. I have the public service commitment and the experience of already working with city departments and members of the Council on development issues."

Rose was equally upbeat. "I'm confident about my position in the campaign and that I'll get a good turnout. I want to thank the Gay community for all the levels of moral and financial support that have been forthcoming."

"Whatever the outcome," Rose said philosophically, "our community has established a voice within this district and in City Hall."



Central Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), AFSCME, the Dane Co. Environmental Caucus, and the Four Lakes Sierra Club. Retiring 23rd Dist. Sup. Kevin Bonds is the chair of his campaign.

Based on high standards of viability and his stance on issues of importance to the LESBIGAY community, Furnas has received the endorsement of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. Less than a fourth of all candidates applying nationwide receive this endorsement, says Kathleen DeBold of the Victory Fund.

Enmeshed in a four way race for the far west side First District seat currently held by progressive leader Carol Brooks is Darren Kittelson. Madison's Log Cabin Republicans are supporting Kittelson, a Madison Realtor, whose exact place on the political spectrum is somewhat in question—he has refused to answer questions about whether he would support a conservative or progressive county board chair. While the affluent district has been in progressive hands for many years, observers say the balance could tip either way. (Kittelson's campaign had not returned phone calls as of press time.)

Given the current volatile political climate, Gay and Lesbian political leaders are extremely nervous about the outcome of the Feb. 6 election in terms of the potential loss of openly Lesbian and Gay representation for the first time in recent memory. Given the almost unprecedented amount of progressive coordination, however, many see that there's a better than even chance of wresting control of the board from its current conser-

Milwaukee Gay Couple Pledge Financial Support for Community Center

"New Year's Gift to the Community"

Milwaukee — In what most see as both an opportunity and a challenge for Milwaukee's LesBiGay community, a prominent Gay couple, Ross Walker and Ery Uecker, have pledged to donate up to \$120,000 over ten years to help sustain a community center for the LesBiGay and Transgender community.

"We've been very lucky," Uecker said of himself and his partner, "and we both felt we wanted to return something to our community. You can think of it as a New Year's gift to the community."

The offer includes a pledge to provide \$1,000 monthly for a total of 60 months. On or before month 55, the pledge can be renewed up to another 60 months. Payment can begin when a number of conditions exist. These include:

- the establishment of a representative non-profit structure to receive and administer said funds on behalf of the community for the establishment, maintenance, staffing and programs of such a center;
- support from the city's major queer organizations;
- an appropriate location, with parking and access to public transport lines, handicap accessibility, with space for large gatherings such as dances and public forums as well as smaller meeting rooms, with small offices available for rental by community groups;
- a staffing philosophy with a priority on volunteer services, with the least number of paid employees, enabling operations 7 days per week;
- none of the funds to be used for "feasibility" studies;
- the benefactors will be given no special powers of decision-making be-

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orative leadership, which has held power since 1992.

Since the early 1980's, with the election of Dick Wagner and Lynn Haanen, and continuing through recent times with the elections of Kathleen Nichols, Tammy Baldwin, Earl Bricker, and Mark Pocan, the board has always had at least two openly LESBIGAY representatives. A strong get out the vote effort coordinated with the help of the LESBIGAY community could make all of the difference, community leaders say.

yond that given to all individuals involved in the project.

"Above all," the commitment statement by Walker and Uecker says, "this project is to be designed as a vehicle to bring the LesBiGay community together; to organize it; to foster harmonious relations among its various parts; to allow individual parts to maintain integrity and uniqueness while cooperating with mutual respect and dignity; to encourage the community in civil, social and economic matters to speak with a unified, powerful and effective voice."

COMMUNITY REACTION

"A community center is something the Gay and Lesbian community here has needed for a long time," said AIDS activist and educator Yuri Keegstra. "The generosity of these two members of our community is an incredible incentive towards realizing that dream."

Many individuals and representatives of groups had that same initial enthusiasm, but several people, who asked that their names not be used, expressed skepticism that the contentious nature of Milwaukee's LesBiGay community is likely to doom the proposal.

Sue Cook, Co-Director of PrideFest, was nowhere near that gloomy, but had perhaps the most realistic assessment.

"It's an incredibly generous gesture from two individuals. But it's also an incredible challenge to our community: whether or not we can put aside our differences and actually use this funding effectively and whether or not we have the type of leadership that's needed to put together a package and present this in a way the whole community can embrace."

"All the egos are going to have to be left at the door," Cook said. "It's going to be a challenge to see if we can overcome our divisions and work together."

Uecker and Ross recognize that challenge exists.

"What is community? Who is our community? Can we unite together? Those issues are all on the table," Uecker commented. "Success depends on defining that and coming to some consensus."

"I'm the eternal optimist," Uecker said.

A community forum to discuss the financial offer will be held some time in late February or March. Everyone in the queer community will be invited to attend and express their views. Watch for a meeting announcement in future **In Steps**.

Crossroads BBS - First Non-Profit Internet Service Provider

For LesBiGay Bulletin Board Users In Wisconsin

Milwaukee - Celebrating nearly ten years of continuous service to Milwaukee's LesBiGay community and its first anniversary operating as a not-for-profit corporation, Crossroads BBS has undergone a major equipment and software conversion. As a result, Crossroads will now offer local and Internet newsgroups, world-wide electronic mail via Internet, and world-wide web page services to its users.

Crossroads began in the early 1980's as a one-man operation on a modest computer. The system offered computer users in the Milwaukee area a unique experience with graphic and public software exchanges, on-line electronic chatting between users, and even an electronic match-making service. Crossroads was for many an introduction to the LesBiGay scene in Milwaukee.

At its peak, Crossroads' membership of users numbered nearly 300, but lack of capital and aging equipment made upgrading features and services impossible. Management of the board transferred at least twice during the past five years, and membership fell sharply in early 1994 to below 100 users when memberships were proposed to be paid only. Many users had already begun to join service boards like Compuserve, America On-Line, and Prodigy for a fee, and received superior services than Crossroads could offer.

The system operator at the time realized that his working capital and management skills were limited, so in the fall of 1994 he offered to sell the bulletin board and its assets to a small group of area visionaries. Each of these men would donate time and money to make the system grow and improve the services. On November 14, 1994, J. Robert "Bob" Moore, Brad Winnie, John Harmon, Mark Hagner, and Tony Nichols formed Crossroads BBS, Inc. "Rudy" Hill joined the board of directors in February 1995 after one of the originals had resigned to pursue other interests.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Careful planning resulted in the installation of high speed modems, more disk drive space, and a re-organization that eventually led to the resignation of the former system operator. By November of this year, all the pieces were laid to

roll-out a whole new plan for Crossroads . . . the first non-profit Internet service provider to Milwaukee's LesBiGay community.

Where similar services were being offered with little value provided by most Internet suppliers, Crossroads could give its users all the benefits of low-cost access to BBS services as in the past, but offer unlimited Internet access also. By comparison, high value service providers like Compuserve and America On-Line charge a connection fee for time spent on-line, whether the user is accessing the Internet or not. Similarly, Internet-only providers don't offer BBS services like local chatting forums, match-making, or special interest groups. Neither of these vendors offer services for as little as \$2.00 per month.

"We are fully committed to making Crossroads a top-flight service in the Community. As the 'Premier Gay & Lesbian Bulletin Board' in Wisconsin, these improvements and our strategic plans for the future will ensure our leadership and value to our users," said Rudy Hill, president of the corporation. "Our members asked for many of these features, and they'll be getting much more. We must listen more if we are to continue our success."

Preliminary announcements and marketing has resulted in nearly 300 active users again on the BBS. In addition to these 300, Crossroads' officers expect more than 75 Internet users to be connected 24 hours per day, and some 25 commercial vendors to be on-line with their services on the world-wide web in the first quarter of 1996. "The Internet is a utility service, like electricity or phone," remarked John Harmon, vice president of technology and an active Internet user for many years. "Computers will eventually be in every home, connected via telephone or cable company to the Internet to receive e-mail, newsletters, computer videos, and many other things, around the clock. And 'why not?' when it's so easy and cheap."

Because the software is so different from the old system, users must re-register, and verification has been slow during the debugging process in December. New equipment included a Pentium computer with 10 ports and ethernet connec-

tion to the Internet. More than 2-1/2 gigabytes (that's 2-1/2 billion!) of disk space are available for uploading and downloading of files, and there is practically no limit to the number of users who can access Crossroads for BBS or world-wide web purposes from the Internet, itself. The operating system is a derivative of Unix and the BBS software is completely new, sporting windows and menus...even on non-Windows personal computers. The system is expected to support as many as 500 users when fully expanded, but networking at the Crossroads communications center offers limitless growth.

The new Crossroads system, code named "Crossroads '96", went "live" with full functionality at midnight on New Years Eve. Users can call the BBS at 414-443-1428 (note the NEW number, too!), and obtain an immediate guest account which permits on-line chatting and local newsgroup reading. Crossroads' volunteer staff will be offering seminars on "surfing" the Internet and building webpages to market regional, state-wide, national and international services in 1996. Call (414) 352-2334.

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STATE Briefs

Kitty Barber Continues Recovery; No Charges Filed So Far

Milwaukee — Friends report that Kitty Barber, the longtime Lesbian activist who was seriously injured in December, has undergone follow-up surgery but that her condition continues to improve.

Barber sustained multiple gunshot wounds in a confrontation with Madison police and Dane County Sheriff's deputies after she allegedly led police on a high speed chase in the early morning hours of December 1.

Friends report that Barber is receiving excellent medical care, psychological support and legal advice. A growing concern alongside her continued recovery, they say, is the mounting bills from all these services plus her general living expenses. A fund has been set up to assist Barber. Checks can be made out to The Kitty Barber Fund and sent to P.O. Box 617, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

In Step has learned that Dane County District Attorney Bill Foust has not yet filed any charges against Barber. He declined to comment on the case, but a source indicated that the investigation of the dramatic chase and shooting incident was ongoing and that charges were still possible.

La Cage Offers \$1,000 Reward for Tip on Burglaries

Milwaukee — George Prentice, owner of one of Milwaukee's top Gay bars, La Cage, located at 801 S. 2nd Street, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for a burglary that took place in the early morning hours of January 5 and a burglary that took place in July of last year.

Anyone with information should call Prentice at (414) 649-8330 or 383-8330. Confidentiality will be respected.

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NATIONAL News Briefs

Activists Denounce CompuServe's Censorship of Gay Groups

San Francisco, CA — Gay subscribers to CompuServe are protesting vigorously the company's decision to block access to about 200 newsgroups because of the allegedly "pornographic" nature of their discussions and images. Among the censored newsgroups are those for Gay youth and Gay and Lesbian journalists.

CompuServe took the action after a German prosecutor ruled in December that some of the material transmitted through CompuServe violated Germany's pornography laws. In CompuServe's haste to comply with German requests for restrictions, it has blocked access to most Gay and Lesbian newsgroups, erroneously assuming that anything Gay or Lesbian is sexually explicit.

"Lumping all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender subjects under the heading "sexually explicit," is inaccurate as well as defamatory. The definition of heterosexual lives is never limited *only* to sex acts," said a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in San Francisco.

GLAAD also condemned the overall condemnation of pornography in CompuServe's action. "As queer communities know, sex negativity goes hand-in-hand with homophobia. Prohibitions against the sexual communication of 'pornography' and 'obscenity' lead, inevitably, to prohibitions against homosexual communication of any kind."

Some Gays and Lesbians are withdrawing from CompuServe and signing on to other services in protest. (See related story on Milwaukee's Crossroads BBS.) GLAAD urges concerned cyberspace queers to contact: Robert Massey, President, CompuServe, Inc., 5,000 Arlington Center Blvd., Columbus, OH 43220. Telephone: (614) 457-0802. E-mail: 70006,101@compuserve.com.

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Federal Appeals Court Hears "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Case

New York, NY — On January 15, a federal appeals court in Manhattan heard the first major case challenging the constitutionality of the 2-year-old "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" restriction on homosexuals in the military. The case was initiated by two active duty and four reserve members of the military.

A government attorney asked the three-judge appeals panel to reverse the March 1995 decision of Judge Eugene Nickerson which found the Clinton policy to be in violation of the free speech and equal protection rights of Gay and Lesbian service members.

As it has in many other cases, the government argued that restricting the speech and activities of homosexuals is

essential to maintaining the "discipline and morale" of military personnel.

Attorney Matt Coles, Director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, argued that "the government can't shut up the speaker because the listener does not agree with what is said," and the armed services should not be allowed to "discriminate simply because one group of citizens makes another group of citizens uncomfortable."

The appeals panel is made up of Judge Wilfrid Feinberg, appointed by Lyndon Johnson, John M. Walker Jr., appointed by George Bush, and Pierre N. Leval, appointed by Clinton. Their decision is expected within a few months.

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Gotzler, Furnas Win Endorsements from the Victory Fund

Washington, DC — Milwaukee's Karen Gotzler and Madison's Alan Furnas are among the 16 openly Gay and Lesbian candidates winning official endorsements from the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington. Gotzler is seeking a seat on Milwaukee's Common Council and Furnas is running for Supervisor in Dane County's 23rd District (see related stories).

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund screens and then endorses qualified openly Gay and Lesbian candidates running for public office across the US. It administers a donor network which funnels needed funds to these candidates' campaigns.

Along with Gotzler and Furnas, the Victory Fund is supporting two candidates for the US House of Representatives: State Sen. Dale McCormick of Maine and Californian Rick Zbur.

Other endorsements include: Larry McKeon for the Illinois House of Representatives; Ron St. John for the Arizona House of Representatives; Carole Migden for California State Assembly; Gail Shibley for Portland, Oregon City Council; and others.

To become a member of the Victory Fund's donor network, call (202) 842-8679.

Bowing to Legal Pressure, "Deneuve" Becomes "Curve"

San Francisco, CA — Bowing to legal pressure from a lawsuit filed by actress Catherine Deneuve, the Lesbian magazine *Deneuve* has just changed its name to *Curve*. The first issue of the newly named and designed publication, featuring Martina Navratilova on the cover, is on newsstands now.

In typical irreverent style, the publishers of *Deneuve/Curve* milked the controversy for all the publicity they could get. In a press conference and simultaneous press release upon publication of the February issue, they said: "Why the change? Hey, the world is a cold, cruel place. You've got to have that 'je ne sais quoi' to make it to the top — just as CATHERINE DENEUVE."

The release goes on: "We thought we'd set the record straight m so to speak...Although *Deneuve* magazine has

never claimed or in any way suggested a connection to the French actress, Ms. Deneuve sued to stop us from using the word *Deneuve* in the magazine's name. This was curious, since Ms. Deneuve has made her fortune from the patronage of Lesbian and Gay fans by portraying Bisexual and Lesbian characters in five of her major films. Nevertheless, *Deneuve* magazine has changed its name."

For her part, Catherine Deneuve told *The Advocate* last year: "[I]t is a Lesbian magazine, so Lesbians will think I am suing them. It's not true. It does not matter what the product is — whether it is perfume or a magazine. My name is a commodity, and you cannot put it on something without my permission. It is not fair. I hope people will understand the real issue here."

Christian Coalition Exaggerates Membership

Chesapeake, VA — The Christian Coalition has long claimed to have a membership of 1.7 million Americans and has projected even larger figures in the near future. But a report in *Freedom Writer*, published by the Institute for First Amendment Studies, refutes those claims.

As a benefit of membership, every Christian Coalition member is given a subscription to the group's bi-monthly magazine, *Christian American*. *Freedom Writer* suggests that "Christian Coalition officials are either stretching the truth or a lot of members are being gyped."

According to form 3526 of the US Postal Service, which most publications



AmFAR's Dr. Mathilde Krim

Kate Clinton brought her sharp Lesbian wit to the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union's annual dinner at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel January 13. Photo: Jamie



are required to file annually, the net press run for the September, 1995 issue of *Christian American* was 353,937, with the total of paid and/or requested circulation at just 310,296. More than 43,000 were distributed free. Additional figures suggest that the 1995 numbers are below what they were previously, suggesting an actual downturn in membership.

This item was brought to *In Step's* attention by Al Geiersbach via information from the Internet. Geiersbach further noted that he himself is receiving *Christian American*, "even though I in no way consider myself a member but just paid a fee several years ago for some of their seminar material and one of Pat Robertson's books...If anything, I'd be on their 'enemies' list."

AmFAR: "What If the Pope Had AIDS?"

New York, NY — Catholic officials have registered a complaint with the American Foundation for AIDS Research for a recent ad campaign featuring Pope John Paul with the comment, "If the Pope had AIDS, he'd need more than your prayers."

Other similarly-themed ads feature Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich with

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the tagline: "If the Speaker had AIDS, he'd run for his life." Another depicts President Clinton, noting, "If the President had AIDS, he'd need more than just your vote."

AmFAR's chairperson, Dr. Mathilde Krim, defended the ads as dramatizing the universality of the need for research. Speculating that the Speaker of the House, the President or the Pope would also need a cure if they had AIDS is not, in any way, disrespectful."

Also on the Newswire...

Houston, TX — Two self-described neo-Nazis, aged 21 and 19, have been charged in the murder of a Gay man in a suburb of Houston, Texas. The victim, Fred Mangione, was stabbed up to 35 times by one of the suspects, who was heard to say he wanted to "Kill a fag." Mangione's partner of 16 years, Kenneth Stern, rushed to his side, but Mangione died in Stern's arms.

New York, NY — CBS golf commentator Ben Wright, who last year said that "Lesbians in the sport hurt women's golf," that Lesbianism is "paraded" on the women's professional golf circuit, and that women are hopelessly handicapped as golfers because their "boobs" get in the way, has been banished from the airwaves (with pay) by CBS sports.

San Francisco, CA — Two former leaders of San Francisco's AIDS service group the Shanti Project, including current National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Director Melinda Paras, have been named in a lawsuit which alleges that there was gross mismanagement of finances during their tenure as administrators. The other person named in longtime Gay health activist Eric Rofes.

Kansas City, MO — A federal judge has ruled that the Olathe School District cannot remove the Lesbian-themed book *Annie on My Mind* from high school library shelves. "Although local school boards have broad discretion in the management of school affairs," said the judge, "they must act within fundamental constitutional limits." The book deals with two teenage girls falling in love.

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The WCRC is currently enrolling individuals with HIV disease for participation in two trials of experimental drug therapies. These trials may advance scientific knowledge and future treatment for other individuals with HIV disease.

TRIAL NO. 1 - DELAVIRDINE

This is a double-blind, randomized study. The study compares the responses of individuals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV) and Zidovudine (AZT), or placebo and AZT.

ELIGIBILITY:

If you are fourteen years of age or older, are HIV positive, have a CD4 count greater than 200 but less than 500, and have not been on AZT therapy for more than six months, you may be eligible for this study.

TRIAL NO. 2 - STAVUDINE PLUS DIDANOSINE

An open-label study of the safety and biological effects of Stavudine(d4t) plus Didanosine(ddI) in Nucleoside-experienced, HIV-infected patients, with CD4 counts between 100-500/mm³.

ELIGIBILITY:

If you are over 18 years of age, HIV positive and have a CD4 count between 100-500 cells/mm³ and have previous, cumulative nucleoside therapy experience of more than 3 months as monotherapy, you may be eligible for this study.

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

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The Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium is a service agency
of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

Group Notes

LAMM Offers "Lesbians and HIV" Program Jan. 30

Milwaukee — The January program meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee will cover the topic of *Lesbians and HIV: What's Real?* The guest speaker will be Connie Highsmith, RN, NCM, who is a recognized authority on HIV/AIDS.

The program begins at 7pm at the Brady East STD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, in the upstairs meeting room. This is the first of a series of bi-monthly program meetings LAMM will sponsor this year. For further information, call LAMM at (414) 264-2600.

In other LAMM news, a new slate of officers has been elected to the Managing Board of the Lesbian Alliance: Laurie Guibault, Chair; Dawn Adams, Finance Manager; Judy Cygnor, Recorder; Connie Highsmith, Member Services Manager; Mary Rita Hurley, Public Policy Manager; Jane Baudelaire, Public Relations Manager; and Cathy Priem, Fundraising Manager.

"Day of Self-Discovery" in Green Bay February 10

Green Bay — Positive Voice is presenting "Day of Discovery III," the third annual daylong conference on Gay and Lesbian issues at the Downtowner Best Western in Green Bay on Saturday, February 10 from 8am to 4pm.

Speakers and panels include State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), Juliet Brodie of Action Wisconsin and Scott Evertz of the Log Cabin Republicans, who will address political issues and the 1996 elections. Drs. Ray Bachhuber, John Laabs and Rebecca Wolfe will discuss Gay and Lesbian health issues.

Judy Hodel, one of Green Bay's best known therapists, will host a panel of six same gender couples who will offer tips on "living happily ever after." Attorney Steve Byers will appraise participants of their current legal status in Wisconsin and talk about legal issues specific to Gays and Lesbians.

The conference fee is \$20 for members of Positive Voice, \$24 for non-members, and must be received by February 2. Make checks payable to: Positive Voice, Inc., P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381.

"Danc'n for AIDS Surpasses 1,000 Registrants

Milwaukee — Over 1,000 people and over 150 teams have registered for the 3rd annual *Danc'n for AIDS*, a February 3 dance event benefitting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). *Danc'n for AIDS* will be held at the MECCA Convention Center from 7-11pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Invaders, a high energy SKA band, PeeWee, the pre-teen drumming sensation, V100, and Muzic in Motion.

Because of capacity restrictions, admission is limited to pre-registered dancers who have collected a minimum of \$30 in pledges. Anyone turning in at least \$30 in pledges will receive a *Danc'n for AIDS* bandanna with admission, and prizes will be awarded to the two participants turning in the most money, including round-trip airline tickets from Continental Airlines.

Danc'n for AIDS raises money for prevention, research, advocacy and AIDS care for the four service agencies which comprise the ARCW: the Milwaukee AIDS Project, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

To register for *Danc'n for AIDS*, please call (800) 348-9255.

GLO to Host Alternative Prom at UW-Parkside

Kenosha — The Gay and Lesbian Organization (GLO) at UW-Parkside is planning a traditional Prom for all Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered/Transsexuals and drag queens who were never able to go to their prom, haven't gone yet or went with the "wrong" sex.

The Prom, with the theme of "City Lights," will be held at Parkside on April 13, 1996. In the great Prom tradition, two kings and two queens will be crowned. A catered dinner will be available to those interested, otherwise hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be no smoking and no alcoholic beverages. The cost, yet to be determined, will not exceed \$30 per person.

The Prom is open to all ages. Interested parties or individuals should call Stephanie Bolger at (414) 595-2244. Please leave your name and the number where you may be reached by January 31.

PrideFest Launches Proud Crowd Campaign

Milwaukee — PrideFest has begun its annual fundraising appeal — the Proud Crowd campaign. All Proud Crowd members receive either a free embroidered t-shirt or sweatshirt, free admission to PrideFest '96, an invitation to the Proud Crowd Party and a listing in the PrideFest Proud Crowd ads.

This year's shirts will feature an embroidered circular design. The top half of the circle will read "Wisconsin Pride" and the bottom half will have this year's theme: "Carry the Torch." The center of the circle will contain a triangle with '96 inside. The embroidery will include all six colors of the rainbow flag. These shirts will not be sold by PrideFest anywhere or at any time. The only way to get one is to join the Proud Crowd.

PrideFest's move to Summerfest has made this year's campaign more important than ever. Although the move will reduce PrideFest's overall costs, it does require that PrideFest come up with more money to pay for its pre-festival expenses.

There are several levels of Proud Crowd membership for both individuals and couples. Membership starts at \$25 for supporting members and goes up to \$100 for a "Contributing Couple." In addition to their sweatshirts, contributing members will receive a piece of Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian history, a rainbow flag flown inside Milwaukee's City Hall during the first LesBiGay event ever held there, the PrideFest Gayla in September of last year.

Over 200 individuals and couples joined with businesses and organizations to make last year's Proud Crowd campaign a big success. This year, PrideFest is hoping to double the number of participants.

To join the Proud Crowd, call PrideFest at (414) 272-FEST.

Visual Art and Writing Workshops for Women

Madison — *Watering the Word: Workshops in Visual Art and Writing for Women* will be held on Thursdays, beginning January 26 through February 29 at the Atwood Community Center in Madison, 2425 Atwood Avenue.

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The workshops will create opportunities to make sculptures from found objects, create an outdoor environmental piece, devise visual and written journals as well as conceiving of and contributing to a large scale project that will remain at the Atwood Community Center.

Visual objects and poetry, fiction and how words and art exist in our everyday lives will be discussed. Contemporary work by women authors, artists and performers will also be analyzed, and the workshops will conclude with an exhibition.

The workshops will be led by Maureen McQuirk, Madison area artist, author and performer. There is a one time \$20 sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. Call Patti at the Atwood Community Center to register: (608) 241-1574.

Interweave Convo '96 in Madison Feb. 16-18

Madison — Interweave, the organization of LesBiGays and their straight allies affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association, will hold *Convo '96: Planting the seeds of Justice* in Madison February 16-18. The conference will take place at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive.

The conference will feature a keynote address by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, many workshops on LesBiGay issues and a separate youth program aimed at teens and their families. Will Fellows will also be on hand to present his slideshow, *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men From the Rural Midwest*.

Workshop topics include: Interfaith Dialogue Among G/L/B/T Groups; Planting Seeds of Justice Through Gay and Lesbian Parenting; Leadership: Seeing Yourself as a Change Agent; Confronting Racism; and Reaching Out to G/L/B/T Youth. The youth program will address dealing with homophobia in school, coping with the dating scene, getting support from family and friends, etc.

Conference fees for adults are \$65-85 on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. The rate for teens is \$35-50 on a sliding scale. Make checks payable to CMD-UUA and write "Convo '96" on the memo line. Send as soon as possible to: Interweave Convocation, c/o Central Midwest District, Eisenhower Tower, Suite 310, 1701 S. 1st Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

Wisconsin to Have Own Columbia FunMap® New for 1996

Since 1982, FunMaps® have been promoting Gay & Lesbian friendly businesses in resort areas and major cities throughout the US, Canada, and the Virgin Islands.

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Exciting and unique, FunMaps® are designed to promote your business or event nationally and internationally by making it easy for the LesBiGay public to find you. The maps are printed in two to four colors and are regularly circulated in custom-made display racks in over 3,500 businesses, community organizations, and travel agencies in cities and resorts across the US and Canada.

FunMaps® are now available to a global audience across the Internet through GAYNET.

Slim, lightweight and easy-to-use, the maps are more popular than guide books and provide the most up-to-date information about businesses. And, they're free!

This year Wisconsin, the first Gay Rights State, will have its own FunMap®. Previously, Milwaukee was included in the Chicago/Saugatuck map. But FunMaps® area representative, Robert St. Genis, said that Wisconsin will be given its own 3 to 4 panel map.

If you own a business, put on a big event, or operate a LesBiGay friendly hotel or bed and breakfast anywhere in the state, you'll want to get in on the Wisconsin Columbia FunMap®. The entire state of Wisconsin will be included. State section will tentatively include the Fox Valley, Green Bay area and Door County on one map section; Madison on another; and Milwaukee on yet another.

Getting a location dot on the map costs around \$55, and various sizes of ads are available.

"We urge all LesBiGay businesses in Wisconsin to speak to Robert St. Genis when he calls on you," said Annabelle Havlicek, Associate Publisher of In Step Magazine. "He will be returning to Wisconsin in about three weeks, and will be seeking advertisers and those who want to 'get on the Map.'"

If you'd like to call Robert St. Genis and make an appointment to see him when he returns to Wisconsin you can call him at (202) 546-8436. His E-mail address is: RASDC@aol.com.

St. Camillus Begins Winter Discussion Series

Milwaukee — The St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry is resuming its community education program with a winter lecture/discussion series being held on Thursday nights from 7-9pm. The programs will be held in the education room of St. Camillus Health Center at 10101 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

The first session, *HIV/AIDS: Update and Overview*, will take place January 25. The workshop, facilitated by Terrance G. Brennan, will focus on specific issues related to HIV, its incidence and its transmission.

On February 1, the topic will be *Grief: How to Cope With the Loss and Yet Remember the Person*. This session, facilitated by Jeffrey Miller, Deputy Director of the St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, will explore healthy methods of dealing with grief and remembering individuals who have died.

On February 8, Father William Cronin, a psychotherapist, and Brother Stephen Braddock, Director of the St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, will discuss *Challenges of the Soul: HIV and Spirituality*.

For further information on these discussions or the AIDS Ministry, call (414) 259-4664.

"Have a Heart" Dinner in DePere February 10

DePere — *Have a Heart '96*, the annual dinner and auction which benefits the Center Project Inc. in Green Bay, will take place Saturday, February 10 at the Sensenbrenner Memorial Union on the St. Norbert College Campus in DePere.

A cocktail hour and silent auction will begin the evening at 6:30pm. Auction items include autographed Packer footballs, artworks by Lily Tomlin, actor Christian Slater and Packer Quarterback Brett Favre, handmade quilts and original artwork from the 1996 Artists for AIDS

calendar. Zoomie and Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Jeff Jennings, will entertain. Dinner follows at 7:30 with presentations thanking supporters of the Center Project and music by Milwaukee's Singsational.

Tickets for the *Have a Heart* dinner are \$35 per person, or \$240 for a table of eight. Proceeds will benefit AIDS education and client services conducted at the Center Project's offices in Green Bay, Appleton and Manitowoc. Reservations should be made by February 2 by calling the Center Project at (414) 437-7400 or (800) 675-9400.

HRL Seeks Nominations for Cream City Brick Awards

Milwaukee — The Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL) is soliciting nominations for the annual HRL Cream City Brick Awards. These awards recognize the contributions individuals and organizations have made to the LesBiGay community in the past year.

Nominations are being sought in the following eight categories of awards: *Torch Bearer Award* — given to a non-LesBiGay person or group who has advanced the understanding and acceptance of the LesBiGay community; *Pace Setter Award* — given to a LesBiGay person or persons who have promoted our community in a positive fashion; *Group Spirit Award* — given to a LesBiGay group whose efforts establish or promote our community in a positive manner.

Other categories are: *Spotlight Award* — given to a media person, station or newspaper whose coverage best promotes understanding and acceptance of our community; *President's Award* — given to a person or persons whose service to our community goes above and beyond the call of duty; *Groundwork Award* — given to a business which has made a significant contribution to the LesBiGay community.

Also: *Bridge Award* — given to someone who has acted as a "bridge" between the LesBiGay communities and the broader community by initiating projects through his or her professional life that address LesBiGay issues; *Ambassador Award* — given to a LesBiGay person who has made an outstanding contribution to the area of human rights.

The deadline for HRL Brick Award nominations is February 12. In your nomination, describe the reasons for your recommending the person or groups you are

suggesting, and specify for which award you are putting their name forward. Please include your own name and daytime phone number and mail to: HRL Brick Awards Nomination Committee, P.O. Box 92674, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The awards will be presented February 28 at HRL's annual membership meeting. For further information, call (414) 228-1921.

Midwest LesBiGay Conference at Beloit College

Beloit — Beloit College will host the 4th annual Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay College Conference from February 23-25. The conference is an opportunity for LesBiGay college students to share thoughts, ideas and experiences. The sense of unity and pride felt by conference attendees in previous years has encouraged many productive activities on campuses throughout the Midwest.

The conference will feature three main speakers: Lesbian writer and historian Lillian Faderman, whose books include *Surpassing the Love of Men* and *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers*; Miriam Ben-Shalom, who fought a long legal battle against her ouster from the military and who later founded the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America; and Paul Wesselmann, a Gay activist in Madison who is Director of Volunteer Services at the Madison AIDS Support Network.

Entertainment at the conference will include the hilarious Lesbian comic Karen Williams and the Chicago-based Gay comedy group WiLDe BOYs. The conference fee is \$21 and the entertainment fee is \$12.

To register for the conference or for further information, please call (608) 363-4112 or E-mail: MBLGCC96@stu.beloit.edu. The mailing address is MBLGCC 1996, Beloit College, Box 282, 700 College Street, Beloit, WI 53511-5595.

Beloit College is located in Beloit in south central Wisconsin, approximately one hour from Madison and Milwaukee and about 90 minutes from Chicago.

Lambda Car Club Plans Banquet and Shows

Chicago — The Lambda Car Club — Lake Michigan Region has scheduled its annual banquet and several auto shows over the next few months. The club provides a forum for the enjoyment and exchange of information about old and spe-

cial interest motor vehicles, and provides social fellowship for Lesbians and Gay men interested in such vehicles.

The first event is the Club's annual banquet, this year at the 19th Century Women's Club in Oak Park, Illinois on Saturday, January 28. The cost is \$22 per person plus cash bar.

On February 17, the 2nd annual post-Auto Show reception will be held at the home of a member to be announced. Then, on Sunday, February 25, a tech session on auto painting will be held at Ed Brock's MAACO paint facilities at 2221 Oak Leaf Street in Joliet, IL. Finally, on March 24, the Lambda Car Club will hold its annual Toy and Model Show at the home of some club members in Skokie.

For further information on any of these events or on becoming a member of the Lambda Car Club, call Don at (312) 465-5307.

Bisexual Resource Guide Now Available

Cambridge, MA — The Bisexual Resource Center of Cambridge, Massachusetts has just published **The Bisexual Resource Guide**. The Guide is a valuable and unique resource to the burgeoning Bisexual movement in the US and beyond.

The Guide contains: listings of more than 1,400 Bisexual and LesBiGay groups in 22 countries; an annotated bibliography of recommended books which deal with Bisexuality; a guide to recommended films; information on merchandise available (buttons, t-shirts, books, etc.); safer sex information; upcoming conferences, calls for papers, etc.

The Bisexual Resource Guide is available for only \$8. To order your copy, send a check, along with your address to: BRC, P.O. Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140. Or for more information, call Robin Ochs at (617) 495-8476.



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Letters

Kudos for Renee CoZ Corner

To the Editor:

Someone recently left a message on the BESTD Clinic answering machine without leaving their name. Normally, we do not respond to anonymous phone calls or letters. However, because we appreciate and respect what Renee of Renee CoZ Corner does for the Lesbian/Gay community, we have written this letter.

The caller suggested that BESTD had discriminated by omitting Renee CoZ Corner from the "thank you" ad in all the publications at the end of the year. This ad has annually expressed appreciation to the clubs and organizations who invite BESTD volunteers to come to their site and do anonymous HIV antibody counseling and testing. The events referred to by the anonymous caller were sponsored by other agencies and not by BESTD Clinic.

During 1995, BESTD provided Renee with risk-reduction materials and brochures. We have not, however, done testing due to Renee's concerns about space and scheduling. Renee has consistently referred her customers to BESTD to utilize both the HIV and STD Clinics. We do want to publicly thank Renee and her staff for these efforts. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule testing dates during 1996.

...[W]e also want to thank Mark Behar for producing on of our *BESTD Clinic Live!* TV shows during '95 during the absence of our regular producer. His name was inadvertently omitted from that ad in December.

— Ross B. Walker
BESTD Clinic President

H.I.T. Says "Thanks!"

To the Editor:

The Holiday Invitational Tournament Board would like to say "Thank You!" to all the bowlers, sponsors and spectators who made the 17th annual tournament a great success. The Board looks forward to seeing everyone at H.I.T. "18" in November, 1996.

— H.I.T. Board



Profiles

La Cage, Just Us, Cafe Melange Named "Best of Milwaukee"

Milwaukee — Three Gay-owned and managed establishments in Milwaukee were named recipients of the annual "Best of Milwaukee" Awards for 1995. The awards are sponsored by the *Shepherd Express* and chosen through a poll of the paper's readers.

La Cage, at 801 S. 2nd Street, was declared *Milwaukee's Best Gay Bar* by *Shepherd* readers. Its back bar was cited as "a throbbing neon cavern of techno-pop on any night," while its bar and front room dance floor caters to the alternative radio crowd. The Saturday night dance troupe was lauded for raising the "sex trip" to "more intense and cosmic levels," and it was also noted that La Cage is "one of the more racially integrated hang-outs in Milwaukee."

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Viewpoint

The Case Against Clinton

"The Weakest President in US History"

By Richard D. Mohr

Bill Clinton is the weakest President in U.S. history. He makes Jimmy Carter look like Stonewall Jackson and Andrew Johnson look like Jesus Christ. In less than a year, Clinton will ask you to re-elect him. Any Gay person who does vote for him is a traitor to Gay existence.

The errors of Clinton's ways are not (or not chiefly) that his policies reduce people's material circumstances, happiness, and well-being (as, say, bad economic planning might). No, his policies have degraded the value of human life itself. This degradation is most evident in his uncannily twinned policies on Gays in the military and Muslims in Bosnia.

The old ban on Gays in the military treated Gays like devils – doers of evil deeds. The morality of Clinton's new ban is different and worse. "Don't ask, don't tell" treats Gays as scum. Through the very institution by which America has traditionally assigned full personhood to individuals – military service – Clinton has established a national ritual that tells a whole class of people "you are less than fully human, your being is degraded." It is exactly around things that a culture considers abject, loathsome, disgusting beyond naming that it sets up social rituals of the form "don't ask, don't tell." In establishing the ban, enforcing it, and doggedly defending it before the courts, Clinton treats Gay people as shit.

Similarly, Clinton's Bosnia policy holds that some people, quite independently of their deeds, count for so little that their existence can simply be written off. During the 1992 elections, Clinton unequivocally spoke of the slaughter in Bosnia as genocide, but once elected his actions have treated genocide as morally acceptable. Gays and all minorities should take note: thanks to Clinton, the moral lesson of the Bosnian War is that World War II had no moral lesson.

OTHER FAILINGS

In comparison to Clinton's institutionalized degradation of Gays, his other failings are small potatoes yet warrant mention. In 1994 Clinton wrote a letter to the Victory Fund stating his opposition to anti-Gay referendum initiatives. Yet when push came to shove, Clinton again said Gays and their rights don't matter. His Justice Department refused to throw its weight behind the constitutional challenge to these referendums now before the Supreme Court. In a similar grab at cheap moral credit, Clinton recently sent a letter to Senator Kennedy stating his support for federal Gay rights legislation. But history has shown that Clinton's word is worth less than nothing.

Some Gay leaders have pointed to Clinton's Gay appointments as a record of action, not mere words. But Clinton's Gay appointees, like his judicial ones, have been completely undistinguished and so low of visibility that if their profile was that of a patient's cardiograph, the patient would be dead. Can you name even two?

Even more telling than the invisibility of his appointees is Clinton's withdrawing the nomination – a month after the 1994 elections and in the face of Senatorial bigotry – of the tycoon James Hormel, who would have been America's first openly Gay ambassador. But capitulation to bigotry simply makes bigotry stronger. Gay and other "liberal" appointments, including those to the judiciary, have now entirely dried up.

Consider the White House's other contacts with Gays. When Gay elected officials went to the White House in June 1995 to talk with Clinton's underlings, they were met by guards wearing yellow rubber gloves. The message was pretty clear: "We view you as lepers and pariahs – unclean, unclean." Clinton apologized, but not without setting up another *cordon sanitaire* around himself. He appointed the non-Gay Marsha Scott as a liaison to the Gay community. After initially refusing interviews to the

Gay press, she recently admitted in *Frontiers* that she isn't "up to speed" on Gay issues. But this ignorance hasn't prevented her from serving as an apologist for Clinton. She doesn't "get" the moral issues any more than her boss does. She's not a liaison, she's a flunky.

True, Clinton did officially end discrimination based on homosexual status in security clearances, but as Frank Kameny, who has worked on these issues since the 1950's, put it, Clinton simply brought "closure" to a process that had been unfolding for many years – most of them Republican ones. More indicative of Clinton's embarrassing uneasiness with Gays is his having regulations against anti-Gay governmental discrimination drawn up only department by department, while he himself

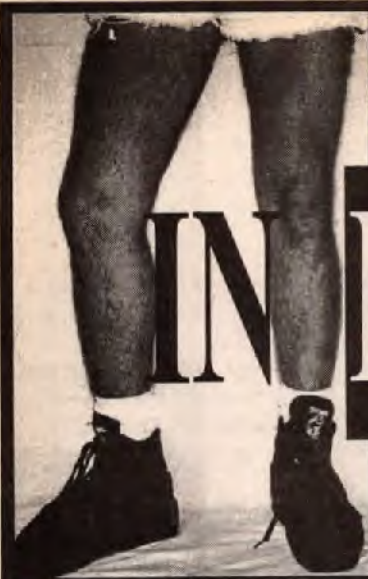
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Independently Speaking

By Marvin Liebman

A Matter Of Compassion

"Those Who Are Different Are Just Like Me"

During last year's flap over Bob Dole's rejection, then acceptance, of a \$1000 contribution from Log Cabin Republicans, the *Washington Post* ran a story quoting Kevin McGilley, a Washington Gay Democrat with a number of Gay Republican friends. "The sad fact is that Gay Republicans just don't get it," he says. "Like me, most of them are white, English-speaking, males. This society was designed by and for people like us, and we are the full beneficiaries of all the advantages it confers. Yet, being Gay gives me an understanding of what other socially marginalized people experience. ... Most Gay Republicans I know have learned nothing from being Gay. They compartmentalize it." Kevin McGilley is right on the mark, and I should know.

When I was a boy of fourteen in 1937, I recognized two interlocking matters of great importance to me: one was that I was "different" than the most of the other boys in that I fancied them more than girls; two was that this "difference" made me relate to those who were also "different" because of their color, their poverty, their suffering, or whatever - social outsiders, victimized through no fault of their own. Even at that early age, I felt compassion for these people and their often desperate situations.

In 1937, I became an enthusiastic member of the Young Communist League. I marched and picketed and distributed leaflets and attended rallies and raised money for "the wretched of the earth," so-called in the Communist anthem, the International. Above all, I idolized the Soviet Union and its leader, Joseph Stalin.

MAKING A RIGHT TURN

When war came to the United States in December, 1941, I was overjoyed to join the fight against fascism. After serving proudly in the U.S., Africa, and Italy for two years, I was humiliatingly thrown out of the Army Air Corps for something that I would not fully accept until 46 years later: I was a homosexual. I left the Communist Party in 1945, but continued to work in the "progressive" movement

until 1951, hiding my "undesirable" discharge as I hid my sexuality.

As I grew older - and perhaps wiser - I moved away from the totalitarian nature of Marxism and embraced individuality. It was in 1951 that I finally came to

accept the reality that Stalin and the USSR were the very antithesis of all I believed. I was ashamed by my past activism on behalf of a political and social system which had most of the evils of fascism. As a trained political and social activist, I

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lent my efforts to the cause of eradicating communism.

As part of my new found activism, I aligned myself with the William F. Buckley, Jr. conservatives who brought intellect and reason to the American Right. Simultaneously, I grew more inured to denying my sexuality. My instinctive compassion for the "different" of society waned, and I worked only to defeat Communism. Without fully realizing it, I was buying into an American dream world of white, Christian, middle-class men who looked after their families, were good members of their country clubs, and hated communism as the enemy of all they held dear. A Brooklyn Jew, I was one of them, in fact a leader among them. I was no longer different except in the secret which I had buried deep in my own psyche.

I saw as unwitting agents of Communism those who could not accept our view of American society, those who caviled against the wars, who took welfare from the State, rioted, or held sit-ins and teach-ins, demanding equality and civil rights. Compassion and toleration were buried under the intellectual conceits of conservatism. I could not even acknowl-

edge the nascent homosexual-rights movement which might have brought my two distinct lives together. Like the rest, homosexuals did not share either our virtues or our vision of America. I certainly was not one of them, not me.

COMPLETING THE CIRCLE

Victory over communism came with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the struggle within myself heightened in intensity. The "conservatives," my old friends and colleagues, had turned from the defeated communists and sought a new enemy. What better target than homosexuals? As homophobia became a more common theme among conservatives, I felt increasing pressure to exorcise my own demons. In 1990, when I turned 67, I was finally able to accept, privately and publicly, that I was a Gay man. I finally was able to accept me. Since that time, I have found myself regaining compassion and love for those who are different, for those people who are the victims in a society that has deserted them. My life-long cycle had run its course. The circle was complete.

I am proud and happy to be Gay. I am thankful for the openness of mind and spirit that I can now share again with oth-

ers. We all should exercise and nourish our unique ability to understand, empathize, and feel compassion for the many who are increasingly shunned by society and reviled by its politicians simply because they are different. The current trend toward more extreme and bitter ideological positioning amongst the Republicans - and their cadres of apologists, including some Gay men and Lesbians - can only have one outcome: the increased marginalization of those on the outside, those who do not fit into the great Christian theocracy envisioned by today's "conservative" Republican leadership. Rejection, suffering, and despair will be the lot of all those who are different, who don't "fit in" - the poor, the old, the homeless, racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, Jews, African-Americans, any who choose or are forced into a different way of living, those who are "different," those like me.



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San Francisco, CA — The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) is launching the **Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association**. The publication, which will be the world's first peer-reviewed, multi-disciplinary scholarly journal dedicated to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered health issues, will debut in 1997.

Dr. Benjamin Schatz, the Executive Director of GLMA, says: "We believe this journal will make a major contribution to the health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people in the US, Canada and beyond. Despite the serious health problems confronting our communities, very little scholarship has been dedicated to our health needs. By providing a reliable forum to publish such work, the **Journal** will encourage more researchers to engage in it."

The **Journal** will specialize in original clinical research, but will also publish review articles, brief reports, topical essays and news in the field of Lesbian and Gay health. Topics to be addressed in-

clude: HIV, gynecology, mental illness, sexually transmitted diseases, oncology and a broad range of other issues covering the spectrum of medical and allied health specialties.

The GLMA has assembled an impressive 28-person editorial board with an additional four statistical reviewers. One year's issues will total about 250 pages.

"This is a direct extension of GLMA's vision of education — promoting understanding of the health issues of the populations we serve," Dr. Jocelyn White, one of the **Journal's** editors, commented. "It promotes visibility and credibility and provides opportunities for GLMA members and other health professionals to reach their full potential academically and educationally."

Co-editor Dr. Mark Townsend says: "I expect it to begin the process of solidifying Lesbian and Gay healthcare as its own medical specialty. People seem tremendously enthusiastic about it, both as a GLMA member service and as a way of bringing increased attention to the men-

tal and physical healthcare needs of Lesbians and Gay men."

GLMA is actively seeking manuscripts for publication, starting early in 1997. Priority will be given to manuscripts reporting hypothesis-driven research performed according to the principles of scientific method. For more information about submitting material, call Dr. Jocelyn White at the Department of Medicine, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, 1015 NW 22nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97210. E-mail: whitejo@ohsu.edu.

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By Attorney Arlene Zarembka

Learning From People With Alzheimer's

A film about Alzheimer's disease may be as important, in the long run, to the acceptance of Lesbians and Gay men as the lobbying and media work done by Gay rights groups around the country to achieve civil rights protections.

Deborah Hoffmann's 1994 documentary film, *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*, is a tremendously warm, human, and, yes, uplifting, portrayal of the impact of Alzheimer's disease on a family. It deals with the mental decline of Deborah's mother due to Alzheimer's disease, and with Deborah's efforts to cope. The film was nominated for an Oscar, was shown on PBS' *Point of View* series, and has even been shown on Japanese television. Most importantly, the Alzheimer's Association, a national organization with chapters all over the country that provides support for families dealing with Alzheimer's, has been using the video extensively as an educational tool to help families cope.

How could a film about a disease primarily affecting the elderly be important to the Lavender community? Because Deborah Hoffmann, who is the producer and narrator, is a Lesbian. This is disclosed halfway through the 45-minute film as a natural part of Deborah's description of how her mother went "back to basics" as the disease progressed. Deborah comments that her mother used

to disapprove of her being Gay, and, despite trying to accept it, never had really come to terms with it. But with the onset of Alzheimer's, her mother returns to basics.

And what are the basics for Deborah's mother? That Deborah has a friend named Frances, who is very nice to Deborah and who makes Deborah very happy. Frances is very nice to Mom and makes Mom very happy. Mom finds both Frances' "friendship" with Deborah, as well as Frances' caring for Mom, a good thing. As Deborah says in the film, "It was just very simple." It no longer matters to Mom that Deborah and Frances are Lesbians.

ACCEPTANCE & LOVE

Tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of families throughout the country already have seen this film. Tens of thousands more will see it, as the Alzheimer's Association promotes it in their support groups, and as it runs from time to time again on television. People from all walks of life watch the film because they want to learn about coping with Alzheimer's, most likely because someone in their family is affected by the disease. Some of those watching the film may studiously avoid any soap operas, sit-coms, or movies that they know have Gay or Lesbian characters. They may go

to a church that treats homosexuality as an abomination. When these people see *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*, they see not only a wonderful film about how to accept the changes that are occurring in their loved one who has Alzheimer's, they also see a caring Lesbian couple.

They see a film whose theme is acceptance and love. Not trying to convince Mom that it's April if she thinks it's May. Not trying to convince Mom that Deborah is her daughter if Mom thinks Deborah is a college friend of hers. As Deborah says, "What does it matter?" Likewise, the film's underlying message is: What does it matter if Deborah and Frances are Lesbians?

The film is a demonstration of the feminist slogan, "The personal is political." The film isn't about homosexuality, or about Gay rights. But in the process of watching a film about how to cope with Alzheimer's, people also see a film about a Lesbian couple caring for an elderly mother, facing the same struggles that other families face in coping with the disease. They see a film about family, a film that is completely subversive of the right wing's narrow, rigid notion of family.

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has Alzheimer's, two or three new people join the group and, along with meeting other members of the group, they also meet two Lesbians grappling with the same issues with which they are grappling. People on varying points of the political and cultural spectrum have become our friends. As we share our pain, our laughter, our coping techniques, and even the impact that my mother's Alzheimer's has had on our relationship, they learn that we deal with the same issues as they. We become ordinary human beings who share the same concerns and same struggles as they.

INTERSECTING INTERESTS

Coping with Alzheimer's is, of course, only one way in which our private lives connect with those with whom we might otherwise have nothing in common. But even on an overtly political level, the needs of the Lavender and elderly communities intersect. Both groups have interests in eliminating zoning laws that restrict the numbers of "unrelated" people who can live together (or, in some cases, that forbid *any* "unrelated" persons from living together). These laws are defended as preserving the "family character" of neighborhoods. The Lavender community has an obvious interest in overturning such laws. But the elderly do as well. For such laws prevent "unrelated" elderly people from sharing housing with other "unrelated" people for emotional or financial reasons, or for protection or physical assistance. Such laws also have been used to oppose the establishment of group homes in residential neighborhoods for people with Alzheimer's.

The basics are, indeed, very simple, for all of us. They are love, acceptance, and caring. But these basics are often forgotten as we learn cultural messages of disapproval, fear, and exclusion. People with Alzheimer's, in losing so much of themselves, gain the gift of returning to the basics of love, acceptance, and inclusion. They have much to teach our society.



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steadfastly refuses to sign a comprehensive executive order – an action that would require him to take a stand and show some moral courage.

GOP CREDIBILITY?

It seems likely that Gay political progress will now mainly be made within the expanding interstices of the Republican Party. In each of the last three states to establish Gay civil rights (Minnesota, California, and Rhode Island), it was a Republican governor who signed the legislation into law.

And one of the grand ironies of civil rights history is that George Bush's record on Gay issues has in retrospect turned out to be better than Clinton's. To the consternation of conservatives, Bush invited Gays to the White House – they were not met by rubber gloves. He signed Gays into the National Hate Crimes Act – the first and still only mention of Gays in federal civil rights legislation. Unlike Clinton, who signed anti-Gay discrimination into federal law, Bush signed it out – by eliminating the law barring a Gay immigration. Even when Bush was Vice-President, openly Gay appointments

were made – like that of Frank Lilly to the President's AIDS Council.

Nonetheless, when in the 1992 campaign Bush embraced the far Right's family values agenda and did nothing to staunch the anti-Gay hatred spewing from the Republican National Convention, the Log Cabin Club nobly took a principled stand: even at the risk of losing credibility within their Republican Party, the Club refused to endorse Bush's re-election. Gays more generally now can do no less for Clinton.

You are in the voting booth. Your hand is on Clinton's lever. Imagine him, all smiling and chatty, as he grinds your face into dog shit. That is what his kind words and compromises have done to you. Go ahead and flip the lever, but only if you believe that you and all other Gay people are worthless scum.

Richard D. Mohr is the author of Gays/Justice and Gay Ideas.



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"subGURLZ" Makes Its Debut This Issue

Camper, the irreverent Lesbian cartoonist, is back in business, and you can once again see her, in the form of her new *subGURLZ* strip, in each issue of *In Step*. The first installment you see here introduces her new trio of dyke outlaws: Swizzle, Liver and Byte.

"Hey, Wisconsin! I'm glad to be back!" says the Lesbo cartoonist.

Camper 'tooned for *In Step* and other queer papers for several years from the late 80's through 1993. She took a couple years off to pursue other ventures, including publishing her book, *Rude Girls and Dangerous Women*, a compilation of her cartoon art.

Camper, now 38, is a Wisconsin gal, born and raised in Madison, until she headed west to attend college in Oregon. She majored in liberal arts but the biggest thing she recalls is "causing some trouble there. I was like this big dyke at college and ran around with all the girls..." She says she's one of the "lucky" ones who's always known she was queer.

Camper (first name, Jennifer) stayed out west for several years but has made New York City her home for the past ten years. Manhattan to be exact. She works full time as a printer, which gives her access to "all this great equipment — color copiers — you name it." She designed and did all the production work on her own book, *Rude Girls*, published by Laugh Lines Press.

Of her artistic talent, Camper says: "I've done art, sculpture, print-making, cartoons, but the one thing that was always there was telling stories. I'm primarily a writer and I love telling stories. My father's side of the family is Lebanese, and there's a strong story-telling tradition in Arab culture. Maybe that's where I get it."

subGURLZ will allow her to do more story-telling than in her previous cartoons because, unlike those individually themed 'toons, *subGURLZ* will be the continuing saga of the three main characters. "I'll get more of a chance to really develop the characters," she says.

She's also pleased to be working with brush rather than pencil, as she had

done in years past. Readers may note the quality of the images is much stronger.

Camper is glad to be appearing again in her old home state, and *In Step*

is thrilled to have her. Welcome home, Camper! And to our readers — enjoy!

— Jamakaya

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Books

Leaving Isolation with "Passages of Pride"

Milwaukee Author Chronicles the Struggles of Gay Youth

By David Max

"Kurt Chandler deserves a gold medal for *Passages of Pride*. If he had written it twenty years ago, it could have changed my life!"

— Greg Louganis

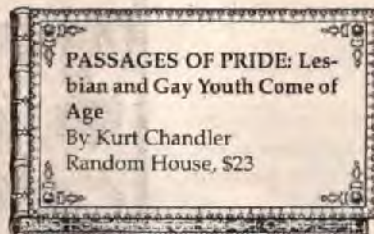
This tribute by Louganis is the first thing you read when you flip over Kurt Chandler's *Passages of Pride: Lesbian and Gay Youth Come of Age* — a strong and serious statement to live up to from a man who has come to symbolize the pain and isolation of living Gay life in the closet.

Sometimes all the hype can ruin a really good piece of work. That is not the case with *Passages of Pride*. Not only should this book be accessible to every Gay and Lesbian teen struggling with their sexuality, it should be in the hands of parents, teachers, and counselors as well.

If you are none of the above, is it a book worth reading? I didn't know when I started out. It's a wonderful reference guide for people facing the issue of coming out — for youth, for those wanting to be a supportive parent, teacher or friend, but what about homosexuals who have already experienced this rite of passage? Will they gain anything from this book?

For many of us already out, peer intolerance and the isolation of feeling you're the only Gay person in the world are memories. For many of us, they are days we would all prefer to forget. *Passages of Pride* does a wonderful job reminding many of us where we came from, how it felt, and how many teens continue to grapple with these awful, but often triumphant times. It provides a lesson in compassion and understanding for Gay and straight people alike, told from the perspective of teens, parents and counselors right here in the Midwest.

Based on a special report about Gay youth Chandler wrote for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Passages of Pride* includes the true stories of nearly two dozen teens coming out and coming to terms with their homosexuality. The titles of some of the individual narratives convey the many emotions involved: "The Only



One in the World," "Just Too Busy for the Boys," "Am I Weird? Am I Sick? Am I Crazy?" and "The Science of Living in the Closet."

Passages also includes a broader discussion of issues related to Gay youth like teen suicide, theories of the roots of homosexuality, anti-Gay hatred and abuse, and Gay-positive support networks.

"COURAGEOUS TEENS"

After reading *Passages*, I decided to call the publisher to see if I could interview Kurt Chandler. The biographical information accompanying the book had something that intrigued me. It noted that "Kurt Chandler lives in Milwaukee with his wife and two children." *He's straight!* I'm not prejudiced, but I wanted to know why a straight man took such an interest — what hooked him on this subject?

I met Chandler at a downtown Milwaukee diner for coffee. The first question I asked was: "Why this subject, why this book?"

Chandler said years ago he had been asked by a Lesbian photographer he worked with at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* to enter into a long-term project chronicling in words and pictures the lives of area Gay and Lesbian teens.

"I was skeptical at the beginning," Chandler commented. "I didn't think we'd find any Gay and Lesbian teenagers that were going to talk on the record about their lives. Finally, we found a group of courageous teens to work with us."

Another important question I had was whether or not there was one message people could take away from *Passages*.

"I think that an overriding theme in this book is that kids, whether they're

fourteen or in college, don't know [how to deal with their sexuality] because there isn't anybody there for them in the most logical places: school, home or in the community. They oftentimes can't talk to family. The next place to turn is somebody in school, and if they don't find somebody there, they're lost."

Chandler cited the isolation these teens feel as one of the most tragic things he has ever encountered. He said: "Along the way, I guess I became more than just a detached, unbiased reporter. I saw there was a definite need in mainstream publications for a book for Gay teenagers."

I asked Chandler, "What's the best thing you've learned from writing this book?"

"I was really surprised when so many teens agreed to talk to me — straight, white, male journalist — and share some of the most personal stories of their lives," Chandler said. "I felt in some ways honored. I also felt in getting to know them quite well, a lot of these teenagers, I came to see, are very special people...They brought something unique and special to the relationship they had with me. I hope I can pass that on to my own kids — [a respect] and understanding of sexual orientation."

Passages of Pride is more than a reference guide to growing up Gay or Lesbian. It offers everyone who has ever been touched by this rite of passage hope for better understanding in the future.

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Arts

Urban Bush Women at the Pabst Theater in February

Milwaukee — The UWM Great Artist Series will present **Urban Bush Women** at Milwaukee's Pabst Theater on Saturday, February 10 at 8pm. The eleven dancers and musicians will perform an original dance/theater/music work by **Jawole Willa Jo Zollar** called *Bones and Ash: A Gilda Story*.

Based on the novel by Lesbian writer **Jewelle Gomez**, *Bones and Ash* spans 150 years of US history, chronicling the life of a female vampire in a story of oppression, empowerment and transformation. The work blends folklore and modern dance, chants, spirituals, blues, jazz and show tunes with powerful movement deeply rooted in African dance.

Toshi Reagon, Lesbian daughter and protege of the founder/director of *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, is the composer and lyricist of *Bones and Ash*.

Since its establishment in 1984, Urban Bush Women has appeared in major dance festivals around the world. Using interdisciplinary forms, the company has created dance/theater works rooted in the folklore and spiritual traditions of African Americans. Through music, dance and vocalizations, the group explores the growth and survival of the human spirit.

For tickets to the February 10 show, call (414) 229-4308.

Urban Bush Women let loose at UWM's Great Artist Series February 10 at Milwaukee's Pabst Theater. Photo: Cylla Von Teidmann



Final Call for PrideFest Entertainers

Milwaukee — Organizers of **PrideFest 1996**, scheduled to take place the weekend of June 7-9 at the Summerfest grounds, are finalizing the entertainment line-up by the end of January. Singers, comics, dancers and other artists wanting to perform at this year's PrideFest should call (414) 272-FEST as soon as possible.

The stages and types of acts being sought for them are: the *Alyn Hess Stage* — bands, dance troupes, choral groups, comedy troupes and singing groups; the *Harvey Milk Stage* — individual singers, comics and dancers; the *Fine Arts Tent* — classical musicians, storytellers, actors, theatre troupes, choral groups and performing artists; and the *Shepherd Express Rainbow Cafe* — folk singers, acoustic blues singers and other performers who do not use amplified instruments.

Interested performers must submit a tape or reviews of past performances in order to be considered.

Call PrideFest at (414) 272-FEST.

"Masculine Measures" on Display at John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Sheboygan — During the last decade, many art exhibitions across the country have been devoted to an exploration of femininity and women's issues. But a multi-media exhibit exploring male identity, *Masculine Measures*, opens at the **John Michael Kohler Arts Gallery** at 608 New York Avenue in Sheboygan January 28 and runs through May 12.

The exhibition includes two sculptures by New York artist **Ron Baron**, which incorporate traditional symbols of male power, from sports equipment to brief cases. His tiny sculpture of Atlas holding up the world, surrounded by geographic atlases, brings attention to the cultural burdens placed on men.

In his installation, *Parting*, Wisconsin artist **Matthew Groshek** questions the perception of male explorers as invincible by presenting actual entries from the diaries of explorers like Richard Byrd, Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen.

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The pastel "Cocodrillo" by Tom Knechtel, part of the *Masculine Measures* exhibit at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center beginning January 28. Photo: Courtesy Jeff Kerns



Other artists included in the *Masculine Measures* exhibit are Graham Durward, Robert Flynt, Thomas Glassford, Matthew McCaslin, Johan Creten (of Belgium) and Evergon (of Canada).

The 28-year-old John Michael Kohler Arts Center emphasizes installation art, new genres, unconventional photography, the crafts, ongoing folk traditions and the work of self-taught artists and visionaries.

For viewing times and more information on the *Masculine Measures* show, call the Arts Center at (414) 458-6144.

Danceworks Presents the Ed Burgess Premiere "New Age My Ass"

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's own Ed Burgess is cutting loose with an irreverent solo show, *New Age My Ass*, to open the 1996 spring season at Danceworks. He'll perform Friday and Saturday evenings, January 26 and 27 at 7:30pm at Wehr Hall of Alverno College, S. 41st and Morgan Avenue in Milwaukee.

A theatrical blend of acting, movement and song — with a little sex and politics thrown in — *New Age My Ass* depicts the many ways we can lose our sanity coping with modern society. Burgess plays a series of characters — a pop singer, a psychotherapist and a yoga instructor — whose efforts to distinguish wellness from neurosis are both comic and tragic. Burgess vows that what the show lacks in good taste is made up for by its wealth of common sense.

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Burgess is Associate Professor of Dance in the Department of Theater and Dance at UW-Milwaukee. Prior to settling in Milwaukee in 1989, he was a leading dancer with Jennifer Muller/The Works in New York City.

Tickets to *New Age My Ass* are \$14 general admission, \$8 for students and seniors. Call Danceworks at (414) 481-2010 for reservations.

Mabel Kane Comes Out of Hiding for MASN

Madison — The inimitable, chubby drag queen Mabel Kane is making a rare return to the stage in a benefit for the Madison AIDS Support Network on Friday, February 18 at 8pm in a show called *Coming Out of Hiding*. The show will be held at the Barrymore Theatre.

Kane, dubbed an "infamous phenomenon" by one publication, performed in clubs and cabarets in Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and the Fox Valley in the 1980's with her friends Rosa Rivera and Sass DuBois.

"It was time to bring her back and have some fun," said Darrell George, who created the Mabel Kane character in 1981. "It's been a long time, and all of my clothes are out of fashion. I'm just thankful that rhinestones never go out of style."

Tickets for *Coming Out of Hiding* are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. They are available by phone at (608) 241-8633 or through the Barrymore Theatre Box Office, Green Earth, The Exclusive Company, Magic Mill and Star Liquor.

Cream City Chorus Resumes Rehearsals

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. has resumed weekly rehearsals, with work already underway for the Chorus's spring season performances.

This year, the Cream City Chorus plans to hold two major events. Returning for its second year, *The Gay Concert*, to be held April 18, is a cabaret-style performance comprised of solo and ensemble numbers by Chorus members. The Chorus will perform its annual spring concert in June, featuring songs of our struggle, our community and our pride.

The Cream City Chorus rehearses every Wednesday evening at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor, in Milwaukee. Those interested in joining, either as a singing or non-singing member, should contact the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC or write to P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201 for more information or to arrange an audition. New members are always welcome.



Danceworks Presents Ed Burgess in *New Age My Ass* January 26-27 at Alverno College. Photo: Tom Bamberger

Mabel Kane returns in a benefit for the Madison AIDS Support Network February 16



BESTD Clinic Gallery Features Jon Reich Art

Milwaukee — The Brady East STD Clinic Gallery is currently featuring the work of late Chicago artist **Jon Reich**, who died of AIDS complication in 1992. Reich worked in pastels, charcoal, pencil, pen and ink and acrylics. Some of his work was syndicated and is still available on posters, prints and cards. The exhibit, running through March, includes both originals and prints.

The centerpiece of Reich's work is a four-piece set entitled *Transparency I, II, III, IV*, which are sketches of an artist sketching male and female nudes. The subjects were composites of Reich's and other models' bodies. Reich continued with his art work after being diagnosed HIV-positive in 1986. For Reich, despite HIV and AIDS, living and creating were one in the same. **The Nudes of Jon Reich**, a book of his work, was published before his death.

Viewing times for the Reich exhibit at the BESTD Clinic (1240 East Brady Street) are Mondays through Wednesdays from 10am to 9pm, and Thursdays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm.

Judy Garland "Retrospective" CD a Must for Gay Fans

Los Angeles — Former Milwaukeean **John Fricke** has been nominated for a Grammy Award for writing the voluminous and informed liner notes to the new CD from Capitol, *Judy Garland 25th Anniversary Retrospective*.

The new Garland release is the most comprehensive CD collection of her movie tunes, her riveting concert performances and her studio recordings. Included are such movie favorites as "Get Happy" from *Summer Stock*, "Be a Clown" with **Gene Kelly** from *The Pirate*, and "Easter Parade" with **Fred Astaire**. "Chicago," "San Francisco" and "Swanee" are some of the songs included from Garland's legendary concert at Carnegie Hall.

Also on the CD: "Over the Rainbow," "I Wish I Were in Love Again" (with Mickey Rooney), "The Man That Got Away" and a medley of "The Trolley Song," "The Boy Next Door," "You Made Me Love You" and "For Me and My Gal."

The *Judy Garland 25th Anniversary Retrospective* CD is available at most music outlets.



Judy Garland Sings on the new 25th Anniversary Retrospective CD

Theatre X Dramatizes Strike Against Patrick Cudahy

Milwaukee — Theatre X's latest original play, *The Line*, dramatizes the bitter Patrick Cudahy meat packers strike in Milwaukee which took place from 1987-89. The play runs from Janu-

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ary 24 through February 18 at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway.

The Line was written by Theatre X mainstay John Schneider with the assistance of oral historian and UW-Milwaukee History Professor Michael Gordon. Gordon conducted extensive oral history interviews with members of both management and labor who were embroiled in the strike.

"I spoke with dozens of people from both sides of this strike," Gordon said. "John Schneider's play puts all the history together to convey an overall sense of what happened, why, and what effect it had on the lives of everyone involved."

The cast of *The Line* includes John Kishline, Deborah Clifton, Marcie Hoffman, Flora Coker, David Rommel, Scott Howland, Andy Nichols, Mary Helena and Rod Walker. It features an original musical score by Sigmund Snopek III.

For ticket information and show times, call the Broadway Theater Center at (414) 291-7800.



Andrew Nichols, David Rommel and Rod Walker face off in *The Line* at Theatre X beginning January 26. Photo: F. Fischer

Also on the Arts Scene...

Madison — *All in the Timing*, David Ives's hilarious play (made up of six snappy one acts) about language and communication, is running at the Isthmus Playhouse at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street, through January 28. Tickets for the Madison Repertory Theatre production can be obtained by calling (608) 266-9055.

Milwaukee — Ireland's most beloved play, *The Playboy of the Western World* by John Millington Synge, continues its run at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Powerhouse Theater through February 18. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Rep's Box Office at (414) 224-9490.

Waterloo — *Aimee, Sister Aimee*, the one-woman show about the charismatic evangelist and faith healer Aimee Semple McPherson starring Jinx Davis, continues its run at the Mode Theatre in Waterloo through February 24. For show times, tickets and directions to the theatre, call (800) 280-9632.

In Step seeks Arts News from cities and towns across the Gay Rights State. Send press releases and photos to: *In Step*, 225 S. Second Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Our fax line is (414) 278-5868.

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Spirituality

"Dances of Universal Peace" in Madison

Madison — All LesBiGay people and their allies are invited to attend *An Introduction to the Dances of Universal Peace* at Unity of Madison, 601 Tompkins Drive, on Saturday, January 27 from 7:30-10pm.

These circle dances and walks are moving meditations honoring spiritual traditions around the world, inspired by American Sufi mystic Samuel L. Lewis and his teacher, Hazrat Inayat Khan, and the modern dance pioneer Ruth St. Denis.

The dances help one to find inner peace and to develop unity within a group. They are a form of body prayer meant to deepen one's commitment to the ideals of peace, justice and equality for all beings.


The dances are taught at each meeting by Jim Meyers, certified teacher of the dances, and all participate. Musicians are welcome to bring instruments to support these simple chants. Comfortable clothing is recommended. There is no admission fee, though a donation basket will be available after the meeting. For more information, call (608) 244-0894.

St. Camillus Offers Clinical Pastoral Education

Milwaukee — Camillian Brother Stephen E. Braddock recently announced that the St. Camillus Health Care Campus in Wauwatosa is initiating a program in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

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Quotes of a Queer Nature

On Knowing You're Gay, the Penis-Brain Connection, "Proper" Role Models and the Dreams of Little Drag Queens

Compiled by Jamakaya

"You know you're Gay when a big, bearded Texas two-stepper makes you feel like Patsy Cline at the Junior Prom."

— from Joseph Cohen's *You Know You're Gay When...Those Unforgettable Moments That Make Us Who We Are*

"You know you're Gay when you comb the fringe on your Oriental rugs."

— from Cohen's *You Know You're Gay When...*

"You know you're Gay when you have track lighting in your refrigerator."

— Cohen's *You Know You're Gay When...*

"I liked playing a woman who is equal to a man, someone with the same power of seduction, someone who is not vulnerable to being seduced by a man and is therefore totally free."

— Josiane Balasko, who plays the Lesbian Marijo in *French Kiss*

"A church built upon prejudice has no future. God has called us to be that which we most deeply are. Christianity is a come-as-you-are party."

— Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong

"[The original 1964 production of *Hello Dolly!*] starred Carol Channing sounding

like a Carol Channing with a frog in her throat. Now...it stars a Carol Channing sounding like a frog with Carol Channing in its throat."

— John Simon on the new *Hello Dolly!*

"You know you're absolutely gonna be Gay when the first thing you build with your erector set is a doll house."

— Cohen's *You Know You're Gay When...*

"The [Gay rights movement] really is the last major chapter in the history of civil rights in this country. It's not finished yet. None of the other chapters were easy, and none of them were short...We've all had periods of euphoria in the past couple of years, and God knows we've had our share of despondency. But the important thing, I think, is that we're going to win this battle, and when we do, it will close out a centuries-long struggle for civil rights. None of us can tell you when, but we are going to win."

— US Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) in the *Advocate*

"God gave us a penis and a brain, but only enough blood to run one at a time."

— Robin Williams on *The Tonight Show*

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Feature

GAY/LESBIAN FILM FEST AT UW-MILWAUKEE OFFERS SEXY, FUNNY, THOUGHT-PROVOKING FARE

Mark Your Calendar for February 2-8!

By *Jamakaya*

Milwaukee — Leather dykes, *Playgirl's* Man of the Year, romantic obsession, transgenderism, Black culture, poetry, politics and passion are among the many themes to be found in movies presented during Milwaukee's 5th Annual Gay/Lesbian Film and Video Fest February 2-8 at the UWM Union Cinema.

The folks at Great Lakes Film & Video, the festival's main sponsor, have booked a diverse line-up. Niki Cunningham told **In Step**, "We're trying to appeal across a lot of lines — race, age, gender — so that we can attract a wider audience. I'm hoping we'll have a real mixed audience to enjoy the variety of features and to interact more with each other."

One way of bringing new audiences together is to combine Gay and Lesbian shorts into the same programs rather than running the male-oriented features one night and women-oriented titles separately.

"I'm sort of tired of that division here in Milwaukee," Cunningham commented. "It's not like that in a lot of other cities, so it's our modest attempt to bring Gay men and Lesbians together."

The Community Media Project is also sponsoring several programs within the festival, most notably Marlon Riggs' *Black Is, Black Ain't* and *A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde*. It is hoped this cooperative effort will bring in new people from the community, especially from the African American community.

Some highlights of the festival are outlined below along with the entire schedule (save these pages!). If you need any added inducement to attend some screenings, listen to the words of Niki Cunningham: "The truth is, this stuff is not going to play in most theaters or on TV, so this is a great opportunity to see the work of Gay and Lesbian filmmakers firsthand with a supportive crowd. We hope to see you there!"

Admission to each screening is very reasonably priced: \$4 for general audiences, \$3 for students with a UWM ID. Festival



An intimate scene from *Sightings*, shown with other Gay and Lesbian Shorts Saturday, February 3 at 9pm. Photo: H. Len Keller

Ramon (Tymme Reitz) drives Vince (Koning Kuoch) home after Ramon is beaten by gangbangers in No Ordinary Love, screening Friday, February 2 at 9pm. Photo: No Ordinary Limited Partnership



passes are just \$20 general, \$15 for students. An added incentive is that all programs sponsored by the Community Media Project (noted with an asterisk in the schedule) are free of charge.

Additional sponsors of the festival include the Cream City Foundation, the UWM Union Cinema, UJIMA, and the UWM Women's Resource Center, with additional help from the Gay and Lesbian Certificate Program at UWM.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Several films being shown at the fest were available for preview. Two feature-length documentaries are particularly outstanding: *Man of the Year*, written and directed by Dirk Shafer, is a hilarious semi-fictional account of Shafer's tenure as *Playgirl's* Man of the Year (— a Gay closeted one at that!); and *Black Is, Black Ain't* is an intense and thought-provoking exploration of Black identity.

Man of the Year is a tongue-in-cheek look at Dirk Shafer's struggle to remain closeted as *Playgirl's* Man of the Year. The cast of characters includes friends, family members and *Playgirl* executives — some real, some played by actors — who comment on Shafer's reign as a "heterosexual stud muffin." It is witty and fast-paced, and some of the supporting characters — like *Playgirl's* publicist and a fan who becomes obsessed with Dirk — are hysterically funny. All this plus a gorgeous guy to look at!

Black Is, Black Ain't is filmmaker Marlon Riggs' last film, and a powerful one it is. Subtitled *A Personal Journey Through Black Identity*, it combines music, dance, commentary and visual images in a fascinating meditation on blackness. Among the questions posed are: Who is black? Do I talk black? Are you black enough?

Segments in *Black Is, Black Ain't* survey black food, black churches, family life, class and music. Throughout, prominent artists and intellectuals — including Angela Davis, Essex

Hemphill, Cornel West, Barbara Smith, Bill T. Jones and bell hooks — offer thought-provoking opinions. The tone is both serious and playful at times, with one highlight being a medley of black music styles rendered by Riggs himself from his hospital bed.

Marlon Riggs, whose previous works include the much-censored *Tongues Untied*, died of AIDS complications in April, 1994. Images of his own deteriorating health are woven into the fabric of *Black Is, Black Ain't*. Friends helped finish this, his last film, which is a testament to his monumental talent and his vision of the African American community.

Another Riggs' film, *No, Je Ne Regrette Rien* (I Have No Regrets), in which five black Gay men speak of their struggle against AIDS, will also be screened at the festival.

Among several feature length films to be shown are Midi Onodera's *Skin Deep*, a film within a film examining the relationship between a filmmaker shooting a movie on the pain and pleasures of tattooing and her transgendered production assistant. It's produced, in part, by the National Film Board of Canada, which has supported such award-winning queer films as *Forbidden Love*.

Of *No Ordinary Love*, *Filmmaker Magazine* observed: "First time director Doug Witkins blends comedy, drama and intrigue in...a twisted tale of four L.A. housemates, straight, Gay and Bisexual, who are forced to regroup after their charismatic leader dies under mysterious circumstances. In a series of romantic entanglements, the lines between lust and romance blur as one betrayal follows another." Another critic called *No Ordinary Love* "a sped-up version of *Melrose Place*."

Devotion, by Director Mindy Kaplan, is about a Lesbian stand-up comic, Sheila, who has just won a "dream role" playing a Lesbian character on a TV show. Complications ensue, however, when she learns her new producer is a now-married woman

she had an affair with in years past. The producer becomes obsessed with Sheila, sending both their current relationship topsyturvy.

Sure to raise consciousness — and hackles as well! — is *Bloodsisters*, an exploration of leather, dykes and sadomasochism.

Please don't forget the evenings of Gay and Lesbian shorts! Sometimes the quality of these films, some made by first-time filmmakers, are not always Grade A, but there are always some gems in the bunch as well. Recommended, for instance, is *Party Favor*, about two dykes who attend a traditional wedding shower (which is very comically depicted) and come home with a very unique party favor.

FULL SCHEDULE

Friday February 2

7pm Skin Deep

Midi Onodera, Canada 1994 85 min.

Onodera's debut film is a compelling thriller about obsession and disguise. "Equating transgender body alteration with tattooing within the story of a filmmaker consumed by her project on the pleasure-pain principle, Skin Deep undeniably stalks fresh territory." —Variety

9pm No Ordinary Love

Doug Witkins, USA 1995 104 min.

Possibly the most handsome—and certainly the hottest—gay movie of the year, No Ordinary Love is a comedy-drama about the tangled lives and loves of six not entirely likable LA friends who are left to pick up the pieces after the death of Tom, their darkly charismatic and manipulative leader.



Dirk Shafer, *Playgirl's* Man of the Year in a "Hot Buns" contest on Phil Donahue's show in a scene from *Man of the Year*, screening Sunday, February 4 at 7pm.

Saturday February 3

7pm Gay/Lesbian Shorts

The Party Favor Lisa Udelson, USA 1994 20 min.; *Prague* Patrick Snee, USA 1995 9 min.; *The Dead Man Was A Woman* Cornelia Wyngaarden, Canada 1993 20 min.; *You and I Will Play* Randy Casperson, USA 1995 5 min.; *I Became a Lesbian and So Can You* Lizzie Donahue, USA 1994 11 min.; *Leftovers* Janine Fung, Canada 1994 8 min.; *Rambles* Richard Press, USA 1994 11 min.

9pm Gay/Lesbian Shorts

I Confess Patrick Wright, USA 1995 22 min.; *German Song* Sadie Benning, USA 1995 5 min.; *A Case for the Closet* Glenn Belverio & Bruce La Bruce, USA 1995 29 min.; *Sightings* H. Len Keller, USA 1995 14 min.; *What Is A Line* Shari Frilot, USA 1994 10 min.

Sunday February 4

7pm Man of the Year

Dirk Shafer, USA 1995 90 min.
Don't miss this opportunity to laugh along with Dirk Shafer at the outrageous set of events which occurred during his year-long reign as a *Playgirl's* Man of the Year.

9pm Black Nations, Queer Nations?

Shari Frilot, USA 1995 50 min.
An experimental documentary about the historic Black Nations/Queer Nations? conference which presented an international account of lesbian and gay sexualities in the African Diaspora.

Bricando El Charco: Portrait of a Puerto Rican

Frances Negron, USA 1994 57 min.
This powerful film illustrates the internal struggles of a

Puerto Rican lesbian as she explores her cultural identity, community, lesbianism, and family relations.

Monday February 5

7pm Devotion

Mindy Kaplan, Canada 1994 120 min.
Kaplan has succeeded in creating a sharply compelling movie that explores romantic obsession, jealousy and commitment without using clichés or resorting to simplistic resolutions.

9pm* Our House: Lesbians and Gays in the Hood

Not Channel Zero, USA 60 min.
A hard hitting and highly informative look at issues, activism, and discrimination in the US from the viewpoints of lesbians and gay men of color.

The Potluck and the Passion

Cheryl Dunye, USA 22 min.
A dinner party, an interracial couple and on-camera confessions make for great comic commentary on sexual politics, Black awareness, and homophobia.

Tuesday February 6

7pm Bloodsisters: Leather, Dykes, and Sadoomasochism

Michelle Handleman, USA 1995 80 min.
This sex-positive documentary is an insider's view of the San Francisco leather dyke community in all its complexity.

9pm* Sapphire and the Slave Girl

Leah Gilliam, USA 18 min.
Loosely based on the 1950s British detective film *Sapphire*, this fast-paced genre bash visualizes and problematizes how identity is constructed, negotiated and performed within urban spaces.

No, Je Ne Regrette Rien

Marlon Riggs, USA 1992 30 min.
Through music, poetry and, at times, chilling self-disclosure, five seropositive black gay men speak of their individual confrontation with AIDS.

A Cosmic Demonstration of Sexuality

Shari Frilot, USA 20 min.
In this humorous documentary, videomaker Frilot makes the connection between sexuality and the cosmos as women openly discuss sex and sexuality.

Wednesday February 7

7pm * Black Is, Black Ain't

Marlon Riggs, USA 1994 87 min.
This is Marlon Riggs's last film, completed by his crew after his death due to complications from AIDS. *Black Is, Black Ain't* explores the questions "What is black?" and "What is not black?"

Thursday February 8

7pm * A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde

Ada Gay Griffin and Michelle Parkerson, USA 1995 95 min.
A Litany for Survival is an epic portrait of Audre Lorde, a woman who described herself as black, mother, lesbian, warrior, and poet.

Admission is \$3.00 (w/ UWM student ID) or \$4.00 (without UWM student ID) per screening. Festival passes are \$20.00 (\$15.00 w/ UWM student ID).

The festival is co-sponsored by Cream City Foundation, UWM Union Cinema, Community Media Project, UJIMA, and UWM Women's Resource Center with support from InStep and UWM Gay/Lesbian Certificate Program.

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Dana Brooks plays Penny Loafer and Natsuko Ohama is Alex in the feature *Skin Deep*, showing Friday, February 2 at 5pm. Photo: Gabor Jurina

Wanderings

By Mary Shafer

(Stop) Signs of the Times

Dear Melissa: You Go Girl!

I guess I should be used to it by now. I had really hoped that gender bias was becoming a thing of the past, a casualty of our own consciousness-raising efforts over the fifty years since WWII irrevocably changed the way society views women. But alas, if that is actually occurring, it's at a rate infinitely slower than the advance and retreat of the last glacial ice pack.

Every so often, the ugly reality of this situation hits me full in the face, usually sparked by some event that reminds me how much my own existence still smacks of second- or third-class citizenry. This time, it was a series of articles I recently read in such respected magazines as *Rolling Stone* and *Entertainment Weekly*. They had to do with the supposed stalling of the heretofore meteoric rise of one of pop music's most surprising phenomena, Melissa Etheridge.

These articles both took the stance that Ms. E's latest offering, *Your Little Secret*, is somewhat of a disappointment, owing to her supposed inability to "get past" her tendency to write lusty, passion-filled ballads about lost love and blue collar yearnings. Never mind that these are the things Etheridge knows about and has experienced, and that in writing about them, she follows Cardinal Rule Number One of a good writer. Disregard also that her music is some of the only listenable, understandable and, yes—truly, painfully passionate—that you'll find on the overwhelmingly insipid airwaves today.

No, instead these reviews—and several others like them—concentrate on the fact that she continues to give voice to those desires, questions and gut-rocking emotions that launched her into the much-coveted position of "VH1 poster child." They insinuate a "sophomore

slump" in her musical growth, intimating that her insistent concentration on broken hearts, cheating lovers, and the ever-present desire to be moving on is indicative of an inability to "grow up" to a "more mature" style of lyric writing; that her pleasure in growling out these lyrics in a Joplinesque wail to the accompaniment of her own driving guitar work is threatening to doom her to discount bin Hell.

Um...HELLO!??

Excuse me, but if writing about the nebulous but white-hot yearnings of adolescents that eventually turn into the more focused but equally passionate desires of adults is "immature," then please explain to me the long-running popularity of Bruce Springsteen's music with audiences of all ages. Enlighten me about why then, since his earliest days with the E Street Band, he has been writing about everyday existence in a blue collar world—in New Jersey, no less—yet continues to fill arenas and amphitheaters around the globe. Demystify for me the appeal his straightforward, shirt-soaking, hard-rocking tunes, with their energetic guitar riffs and wailing sax passages, have maintained for pre-high schoolers and baby boomers alike.

Then, please tell me so that I can understand why, when he began "maturing" with such albums as *The Ghost of Woody Guthrie*, these same people weren't writing reviews about how great a writer he's become. At the same time, you might as well explain why David Bowie has fallen from the dizzying heights of popularity in the interest of "moving on" as a musician into the more rarified presence he's cultivated with *Tin Machine*.

Or how about this one: tell me, using the same rationale used to evaluate Etheridge's new music, why on earth the soundtrack from the original *Wayne's World*—with its ancient 70's compilation of everything from Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody* to the vapid *Ballroom Blitz*—

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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

Wow, it's 1996 already. I trust all of you made it through the holiday season without too much difficulty. Some of you may have even made some New Year's resolutions, and throughout this issue, you will see a few some of our readers made. Some of the resolutions I heard were pretty funny.



Chris, Bartender at C'est La Vie. Photo by Jamie.

In getting ready for this column (you would think that with 4 weeks to get ready, I wouldn't have waited until the day before deadline), I read last year's *Steppin' Out* column by Ron Geiman. It was around this time last year he started looking for someone to take over the column. Little did I know that I would be that person. I look forward to another year with *In Step*. This is now Volume 13 and we're going strong!!!

Whatever happened in December, is by now old news so I will start with the New Year's Celebration. I only made it to 2 bars on the eve of the New Year, but I talked to lots of people to see what was happenin' elsewhere.

LaCage brought in the New Year with the top ten video's and the top ten

At left, scenes from the Holidays. Top: At the Triangle; is that Al Thomas? Tsssss – gurl, you are so hot! Photo by Jamie.

Next: Mama Roux Staffers. Second from bottom: Singsational at M&M. Last: Staff from Brandy's II in Green Bay.



dance hits. In Between had a midnight balloon drop. Club 94 had cameo entertainment all night long. Triangle threw a New Years bash, staying open for 35 continuous hours. Club 219 had hot, oily, muscular men all night long.

C'est La Vie had the C'est La Vie Girls and hot men and cute boys. Zippers also threw a New Years bash staying open for 36 hours. Gargoyles gave away door prizes. Wreck Room had a Pull it Out of the Old and Stick it in the New party. 3B's had an impromptu drag show shortly after midnight on New Year's Eve.

At M&M, brunch started at 9am instead of the normal 11am. All of the above also set you up with party favors and free Champagne.

I intentionally left Madison for last. Next year I'm gonna do the Madison gig. If you called early enough, you could get a nice room at Hotel Washington. You can start the night with hitting some of the other bars around Madison and work your way back to the Hotel Washington - New Bar - Rod's - Cafe Palms complex. Everything you need is right there.

From left to right: James, Kurt and Noel at In Between. Photo by Jamie.



As some of you knew and now all of you now know, I lost my older brother to HIV 2 years ago in May. I wanted to start the New Year knowing my status so I went to the BESTD clinic and had the big test done. The results are back. As of July-August everything for me is cool. I mentioned this because after reading That's Robb, a column in the Gay Chicago, it reminded me that I should be tested again. I would also like to remind people to be tested, so if you haven't been tested in awhile, now is a good time.

Speaking of Gay Chicago... Kudos to Marc Foster for his On the Marc column in the December issue. Although I don't foresee doing a feature for the Advocate, I can certainly relate to his relationship with his parents. I would be willing to bet my parents have not told a single person that I do the photography and write a column for a Gay magazine. Oh well, I'm not going to lose any sleep over it.

Finally, I hope you don't have to work too hard at losing those extra unwanted holiday pounds. I think the average is 5-8 pounds over the holiday season, which is about what I put on. Until next time I'll be seein' ya and remember, slower traffic keep right.



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"I ask myself: Did I fail my son? Because certainly something happens — it's not in your genes — something happens in relationship to the mother and father. I thought about this with a lot of pain, a lot of anguish, as many other parents have. Unfortunately, I could not be my own son's psychotherapist. I rode the horse I was given."

— Dr. Charles Socarides, author of *Homosexuality: A Freedom Too Far*

"I don't think it's easy for anybody to grow up Gay, but given Charles's outspokenness on the subject of a so-called cure for homosexuality, it sure wasn't any easier."

— Dr. Socarides' Gay son, Richard in the *New York Times*

"After a day of battling the Dannemeyers of the world, you don't have to come home to the dinner table and yell 'Give me the butter!' Just 'Pass the butter' is fine, dear."

— Comic Kate Clinton to her activist spouse, Urvashi Vaid, in the *Advocate*

"This is the honor of my life. Ever since I was a little drag queen growing up in Georgia, I wanted to be a model for a cosmetics company. Look at me — I'm a big old black man under all of this make-up, and if I can look beautiful, so can you."

— RuPaul on becoming the "M.A.C. Girl"



1996 Resolutions: Dan & Rob: To still be a couple next year. Photo by Jamie.

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Calendar

Thursday, January 25

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. S.E.T. Ministry. With Sister Diane Barabe, BVM.

St. Camillus (Milw): 7-9pm at St. Camillus Health Center, Education Room, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa. No cost to participate. HIV/AIDS: Update and Overview.

Friday, January 26

LAMM-EF (Milw): LAMM Wintertainment: Dinner, skating and snow sculpting. Call (414) 264-2600 FMI.

Saturday, January 27

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

Madison Gay Video Club (Mad): The Celluloid Closet, Lukas Story 1 & 11. 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Dances of Universal Peace (Mad): 7:30-10pm at Unity of Madison, 601 Tompkins Drive, Madison. No admission. FMI (608) 244-0894.

Boot Camp (Milw): Firebirds Club Night. Fun, prizes, shot specials.

1100 Club (Milw): Going Away Party for Kevin & Roy. 8pm.

M&M (Milw): Singational, 9pm.

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1996 Resolutions: Dan: To be a great Commissioner for SSBL. Photo by Jamie.

Sunday, January 28

Integrity/Dignity (Mad): Eucharist and Social hour, 7:30pm at St. Francis House (1001 University Avenue). Tonight's collection will be donated to Integrity, Inc.

Just Us (Milw): Superbowl Party, 4-9pm. Free food, shot specials.

Mama Roux (Milw): Superbowl Party. Drink specials and Free buffet.

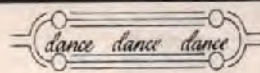
Ballgame (Milw): Superbowl Party. Food, Fun, Prizes.

Boot Camp (Milw): Superbowl \$200 Sweepstakes and Party.

Triangle (Milw): Superbowl Party. Food, fun and Men in Uniforms.

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1996 Resolutions: Kim Z: Why make one if you're going to break it anyway!. Photo by Jamie.

Tuesday, January 30

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): New Bar 12th Anniversary Party!

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



1996 Resolutions: Antonio: No sex on Sundays. Photo by Jamie.



1996 Resolutions: Jake (left): Become the best at what I do. Tia (right): Quit smoking. Photo by Jamie.

LAMM-EF (Milw): Monthly membership meeting, Lesbians & HIV - What's Real. 7-9pm, BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady. Call (414) 264-2600 FML.

Wednesday, January 31

Frontiers (Mad): Film Circle: Nijinsky. For locations and membership information please call David at (608) 274-5959.



1996 Resolutions: Rick: Not to meet married men with children. Photo by Jamie.



1996 Resolutions: Tom: Drink less behind the bar. Photo by Jamie.

Thursday, February 1

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. The Whole of Health with Maggie Cage, PhD and Doug Johnson, RN.

St. Camillus (Milw): 7-9pm at St. Camillus Health Center, Education Room, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa. No cost to participate. Grief: How to Cope with the Loss & Yet Remember the Person.

Saturday, February 3

Danc'n For AIDS (Milw): 7-11pm at MECCA Convention Center. Third Annual dance event to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Call 800-348-9255 FML.

FWEEP (Milw): Appearing with MOOK at the Tasting Room, corner of Humboldt and Kane.

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Love Stories: A Valentine's Day Show.

St. Camillus (Milw): 7-9pm at St. Camillus Health Center, Education Room, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa. No cost to participate. Challenges of the Soul: HIV & Spirituality.



Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Calling the Psychic Lesbian Friends Network

Let's get this understood right at the beginning: I have never shown any natural proclivity for being a psychic – unless you count the fact that I can often predict when I've done something that will make my girlfriend mad at me. But I suspect that mostly just comes of living with someone for almost eight years. Going by that standard, I can also predict what she will have for breakfast – a bagel with cream cheese – right down to the type of bagel: poppy or sesame seed. And my girlfriend is equally psychic, being able to predict when I will cry at movies, what I will order when we go to the Swedish restaurant on a weekend morning (the Viking breakfast), and that I will almost surely embarrass her in some way when it comes time for me to write my column (like now).

Having established that my psychic capabilities are rather dim at best, you might be surprised at the new business venture I'm contemplating: the *Psychic Lesbian Friends Network*. I figure, how hard could it be to predict certain things about Lesbians' lives? As a psychic, I could make the following prediction about my Lesbian clientele: you will fall into and then out of one monogamous relationship after another. This is not a startling revelation to anyone who's been a practicing Lesbian for more than a half dozen years, but think how impressed the novice dyke would be with this revelation as she enters her second or third relationship in as many years – or maybe even in as many months.

My success rate with this prediction would not be perfect – I do know of one couple who, now in their thirties or forties, have been together since they were eighteen – but as long as neither of them called, I'd probably have an almost 100 percent success rate with that one.

BRILLIANT PREDICTIONS

Then I could predict that, at some time in her life, someone close to the caller would become very upset with her, to the point of out-and-out rejection, when she revealed her "lifestyle" to that person. As with many psychic predictions (and I'm thinking now especially of the horoscopes printed in periodicals), this may not be **exactly** the case for every person, but it's close enough that you could easily see how it might apply to your life. I, for instance, have never lost any family members over my coming out, but my sister was so uncomfortable with that aspect of my life for a period of a couple of years that she changed the topic whenever I got close to that subject. At this point in our lives, she's practically an activist for things Gay and Lesbian, but the fact remains that there **was** someone in my life who was upset by my lifestyle. So again, I'm doing pretty good here with the predicting.

How about this for a prediction: a four-legged creature will play an important role in your life? How many Lesbians do **you** know who haven't had, for some period of time, either a cat or a dog or both whom they dote on like a full member of the family? I think I've made my case on this one.

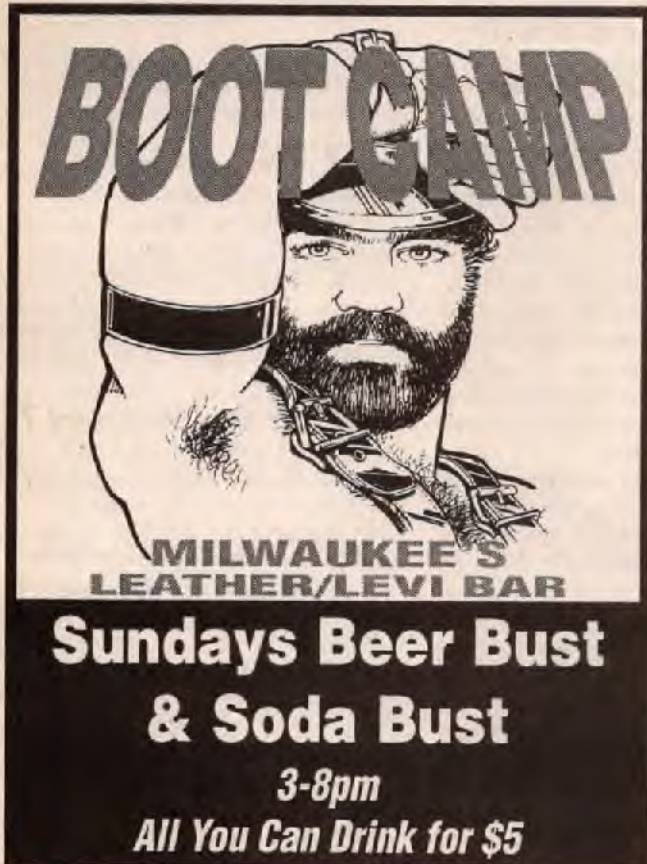
And just so I can pad my predicting quotient per call, I might also try prophesizing that the caller would sometime in her life find herself surrounded, as if in a dream, by thousands of women and only women, many of them in various stages of nakedness, for several days at a time and that this circumstance would make her happy; that she would be strangely drawn to women playing ball, either as a spectator or as a participant; and that someday she would own a piece of crystal and it probably wouldn't be Waterford. I might not bat a thousand, but I'd definitely be a pretty solid hitter.

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Of course, there's more to these psychic hotlines than just prognostication. You've also got your advertising. I already have two celebrity spokespersons in mind. First, I'd like to get Martina, who could say, "I called Yvonne's Psychic Friends Network, and she predicted that I'd win at Wimbledon my seventh time. That prediction gave me the confidence I needed to go on and win not only that time, but several times after." Okay, so I didn't actually predict that, but I could have – like your dog Sparky couldn't have predicted **that** one, for goodness sake.

My second celebrity endorser would be Kate Clinton, who I like to work into my life as often as I can, just on principle. Kate would say, "Yvonne predicted that I would be very funny when I performed in Chicago in the Spring of 1995, and I'll be darned if she wasn't right!" Now that I did predict. But that's a

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should have become as popular as it did, and charted for so long?

Could it be because *that's what we want to hear*? Maybe that we recognize ourselves in those words and even in some of the quirky tunes? Could it *possibly* have anything to do with the fact that we can relate to the situations described and the relentless beat at which they're delivered? COME ON! Springsteen's "working man" music, like the synth-pop grooves of Bowie in the 80's and Etheridge's heartland howl now, is popular because it's honest.

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The music's plain and simple. It's real. It's about the experiences of every kid that's been and that ever will be. And that's exactly why these reviewers hate it. There's no artistic pretension to dissect. There's no psychobabble to wade through. There's no industry trend to hide behind. They hate this music because it is what it is and claims to be no more, and that's difficult music to review...especially in an industry which thrives on pretension.

It's also an industry that, as Cher (who would know) so succinctly put it, "eats its own." And it really turns my crank that these reviewers, who probably don't know the difference between a G-chord and a G-spot, can all feel so smug about jumping on the bandwagon to bash Melissa Etheridge for continuing to write and play the kind of music that made her a celebrity in the first place. Please! The only thing I have to say to them is: Where the Hell were you when her first, self-titled album came out? She was just as good – and probably more passionate – than she is now, and no one was talking about her then! I guess the bandwagon's only fun to be on when there are loads of others along for the ride.

I think that lots of people just can't take the fact that a *girl* can actually play the guitar with as much gusto as men (compare Etheridge on *Like The Way I Do* with almost anything in the Top 40 since Van Halen in the 70s), control the instrument as well (catch any of her live performances), push its limitations as much (how about that great little thing she does on the back of her Ovation in *Occasionally?*) AND write lyrics Springsteen himself would be proud to claim.

I think Etheridge's unabashed sexuality from the beginning, and her unabashed homosexuality since '92, has sent

mainstream reviewers running for their poison pens to try and contain – or at least mitigate – the energy of this short-statured dynamo whose sheer presence threatens to rip the doors off closets everywhere, if only because she's become a potent role model for young women who yearn for that unapologetic sense of self in a world that looks increasingly medieval.

All I have to say is...You go, girl.



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little like guessing that Kathie Lee Gifford would be perky or that Newt Gingrich would say something hateful and mean-spirited when he addresses an audience: it doesn't take a rocket scientist or a Jean Dixon to figure that out.

Of course, you'd also want some "regular" people to praise your product as well. I figure I'd have some cute little butch number come on and say, "I called my Psychic Lesbian Friend once, and now we're living together. Just call 1-900-LESBIAN – that's 1-900-LES-BIAN – and change **your** life today."

My point here is not to trash psychics. My belief in them may be about as strong as my belief in a higher being – both of which are colored by a generous portion of skepticism – but I'm not the type to rain on someone else's beliefs. No, what I've really done here is to come full circle with the opening of this piece to show that, when you've lived with someone for a long time – in this case, the Lesbian community – and love them, you can predict all sorts of things about them. So my prediction for 1996 is that Lesbians will continue to surprise and delight me. I've been right so far.

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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

We Call It Master & Servant

I find it constantly interesting the things I learn as I meet people. I always had the idea that other Gay men were as open minded as I. I have found that isn't always so, many are as closed minded and judgmental as any heterosexual. Case in point - reactions to what is referred to as fetishes.

A business associate, whom I also have a friendship with, has a brief idea of the type of men I like - that being dominant men whom I practice S&M with. In mixed company he referred to my sex life as being something out of *The Exorcist*. I was shocked.

He has no concept of what S&M is, and was very ill informed on the concept of what I am really like. I polled some of my non-S&M friends and close acquaintances, and found them as lacking in understanding. Therefore, here is my brief primer into S&M.

THE BRIEF S&M PRIMER

S&M, otherwise referred to as sadomasochism, is generally between two partners of permanent or temporary duration who like to either have pain inflicted or like to inflict pain in the context of lovemaking.

A person who likes to receive the pain may be referred to as a submissive, a slave, or a masochist, to name a few appropriate terms. These people, much like me, enjoy things such as a flog-

ging, spankings, nipple torture, and CBT (cock and ball torture). Pain and pleasure being a synonymous thing in the mind of the masochist/slave/submissive, it is enjoyed and appreciated from chosen partners.

The person who likes to inflict pain can be referred to as a top, a dominant/Dom, or a sadist. He receives pleasure from torturing a submissive/slave/masochist, and likes to provide the pain they want, as well as getting service from their temporary/permanent possession.

S&M isn't simply pain, it can and often does encompass such things as domination, bondage, as well as a few fetishes such as water sports, piercing, fisting, and role playing. Though pain is often thought of as the totality of S&M, it is only a part.

ISSUES WITHIN S&M

In S&M the key words are safe, sane, and consent. Without consensual partners, it is not S&M. Non-consensual sex is rape.

Before playing with a new partner, both the submissive and the dominant have a discussion about boundaries. I've had some discussions with Doms that have gone on for hours as the limits and expectations are delineated. It is important for both to have a complete understanding of what is possible as well as what is not accepted. Each person has a different laundry list, and some things are so specific that they need some time to be discussed, so each party can be fully appraised of what the other is up for.

When the limits are expressed and understood, a code word is set for the submissive so they may stop a scene if it is getting too intense. This code word is respected and responded to instantly, and play does not recommence until the issue that caused the halting is resolved.

All play within S&M is safe to the limits of the partners involved. Things such as blood sports, water sports, scat, rimming, et al, are often not explored with anyone other than a regular partner who is safe and maintains a monogamous relationship.

As consent can be given and the submission between slave and master can be complete, either can remove their consent at anytime and refuse to continue playing or never consent to play again. No offer of consent is ever permanent.

THE BRIEF PSYCHOLOGY OF S&M

Why do people choose to do S&M? For most that I have talked to, it is a desire for a more intense connection to their partner. The emotional bond that evolves through S&M play is often stronger and more profound than is normally experienced within the context of a normal relationship.

Submissives that I know have agreed that in giving up control to their chosen Masters, they are more free. I as well as they find it liberating to give up control to another. In giving up that control, one makes a choice, and it does not mean that the submissive is a passive partner. Rarely is the submissive passive.

The Dominants that I know, have experienced, and have befriended all have a similar nature. They are often very sweet,

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— D.P., Pasadena, CA

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Dear Billy,

What exactly is a Gay deceiver? I've heard the term but I can't figure it out.

— T.V., Houston, TX

Dear T.V.,

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Dear Billy,

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— B.G., New York City

Dear B.G.,

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Dear Billy,

Does your mother know that you write this smutty column? I bet that she would be ashamed!

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Dear J.D.,

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The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA), an international association formed in 1991 to help guide the growing network of Gay tennis clubs in the US, now boasts 22 annual sanctioned events around the world. An estimated 4,000 players will participate in these events in 1996, doubling participation in just the past two years.

The circuit actually started in the late 1970's with clubs in Texas and California leading the way. Each year during the 1980's, new clubs and tournaments came on the board, to the point where an umbrella organization was necessary to coordinate the circuit.

The GLTA develops tournament schedules, tournament standards, and

maintains a computer system which ranks the top 1,200 male and female players based on GLTA tournament results. Over 700 players participated at the Gay Games IV tournament in New York in 1994. Most of the regular GLTA events attract between 150 and 350 players.

The 1996 schedule includes 22 major tournaments, including those in Minneapolis from May 3-5 and in Chicago from August 2-4. Other cities hosting tennis tournaments are Miami, Honolulu, London, Toronto, San Francisco, Portland, Dallas, New Orleans and Louisville.

More specific information on the Minneapolis tournament can be obtained by calling Gary Rother at (612) 724-5515. For info on the Chicago tournament, call Rick at (312) 528-3239.

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pleasant, and often are very approachable, but generally will not approach their quarry. They get satisfaction from the submission, service, and responses from their partner. While some of the things they do are for their own pleasure, they are concerned about the safety and pleasure of their partner.

Both the Submissive and the Dominant through the play and scene work often are transported to a place psychologically that removes them from their normal, daily objective reality. In an intense scene, the barriers completely drop, and one can experience an emotional flood that in my personal case is very freeing and liberating. It is a sense of complete freedom within the contexts of safety and submission. All of this is dependant on trust, of course.

It is these emotions which are tapped, often evoked during intense play, that creates the intense bonding between Submissive and Dominant, enriching the relationship and creating a deeper understanding into the interior life of the other.

The Submissive/Dominant relationship is reciprocal, and one does not exist without the other. It is a healthy symbiosis, and can be an enriching and extremely satisfying expression of love and sex within the context of play or relationships.

AFTERWORD

Hopefully this very brief primer gives some idea into the dynamics of Sadoomasochism. Sex is a wonderful thing that people need to both experience more often and discuss as well. I've found that the most liberation comes from open and free discussion and expression of the self. At least in my mind, it doesn't get any better than this.

But even if one does not choose to go into this realm of experience, I would hope that people could become broad minded enough to attempt to understand the qualities that make it so worthwhile. For some people, this is not an appropriate expression of love or sex. For others, it is the thing they live for. This is for all of them. Play well, and love well. As Madonna quoted in the video *Justify My Love*, "Poor is the man who's pleasures depend on the permission of another. The words we use are strong. They make reality."

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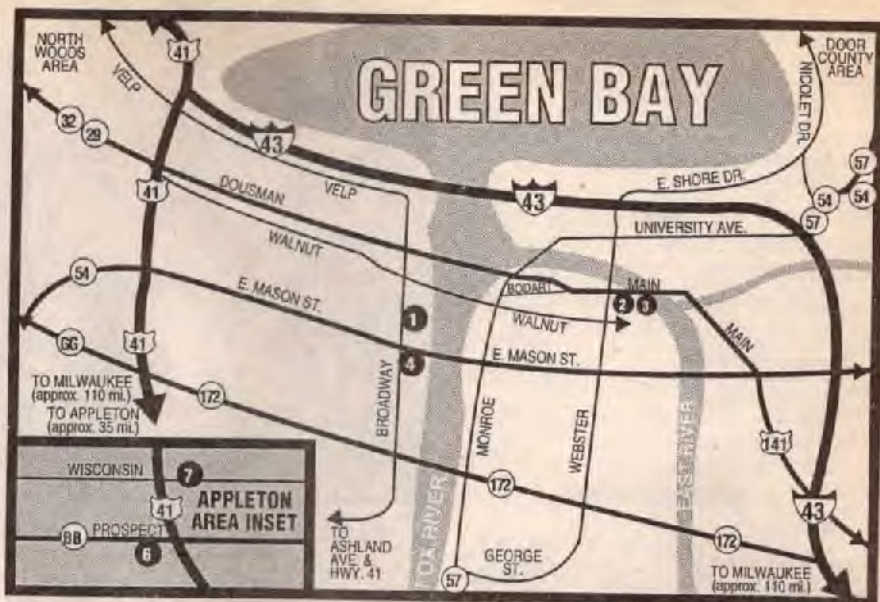
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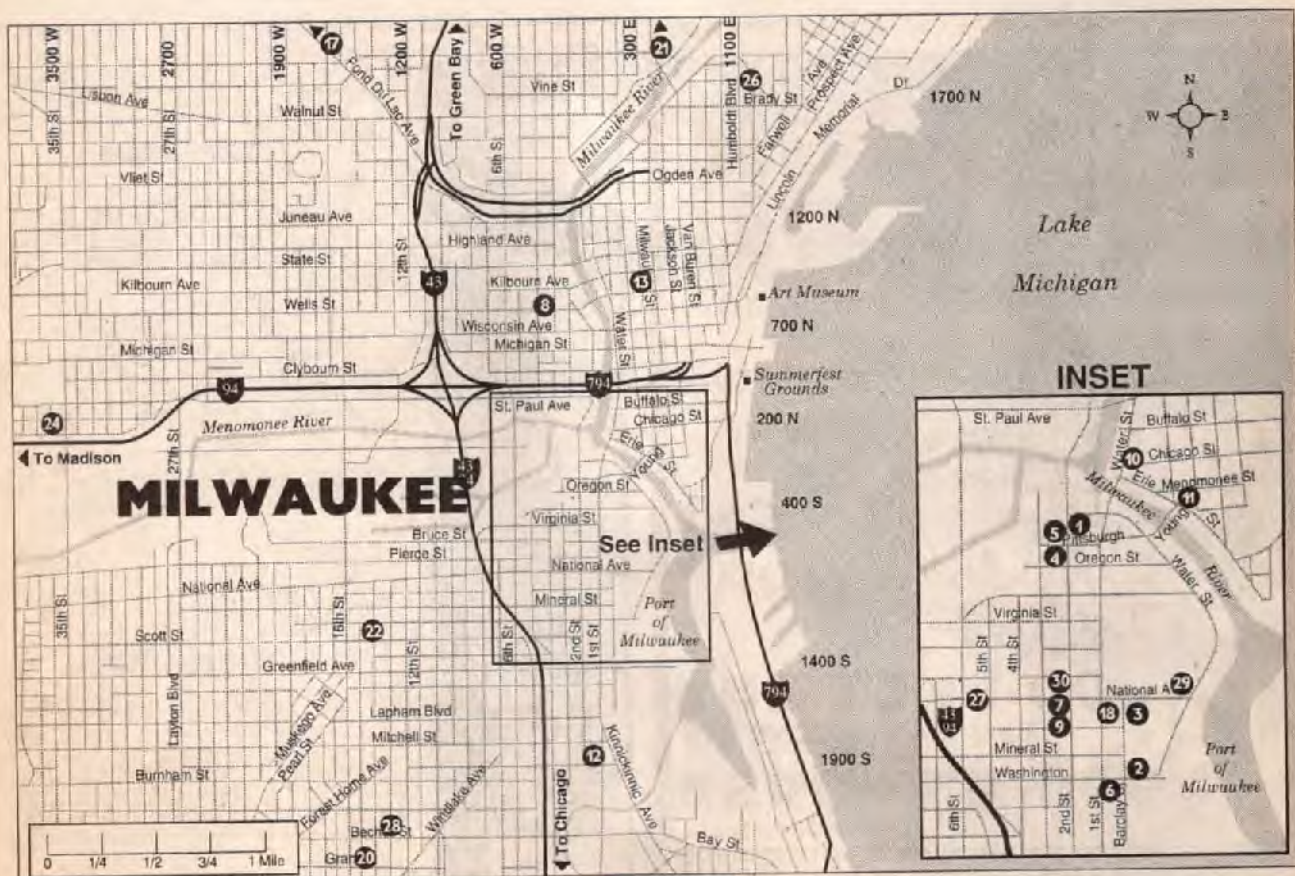
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 (ask for tape #3333) (608) 263-3100
 Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
 PO Box 1722, 53701
 G/L Educational Employees
 c/o The United (608) 255-8582
 Gay Fathers c/o United (608) 255-8582
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 PO Box 8234, 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 Coman.)
 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
 (Bearpatch & 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
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 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
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 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
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 UW LesBiGay Alumni Council (Ken) (608) 263-4086
 Womansong (Woman's Choral Group) (608) 246-2681

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Integrity/Dignity
 Box 730, 53701 (608) 836-8886
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 Milwaukee PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708
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 PO Box 840, 53201
 BiDefinition Carol 961-0082 or
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 PO Box 93421, 53203 Carol 961-0082
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 10101 W Wisconsin, 53226 259-6334
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 PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
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 Cream City Foundation (CCF)
 2821 N. 4th St. #210, or,
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 Box 93421, 53203
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 PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
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 PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 229-4054
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 PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673
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 PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
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 1224 N Prospect Ave, Box 69, 53202
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 PO Box 1900, 53201 425-2146
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 Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555
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 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
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 PO Box 341611, 53234-1611
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Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
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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
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PO Box 12292, 53212
Dave 871-3048 Verol 347-0580
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PO Box 93852, 53203 272-FEST
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PO Box 92482, 53202 after 4pm 271-0378
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PO Box 92605, 53202
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PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122 271-2565
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1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746
- Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
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- Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Affirming)
914 E Knaap, 53211 276-6277
- Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 11864, 53211 372-9663
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UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995
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3661 S KK, 53235 481-3696
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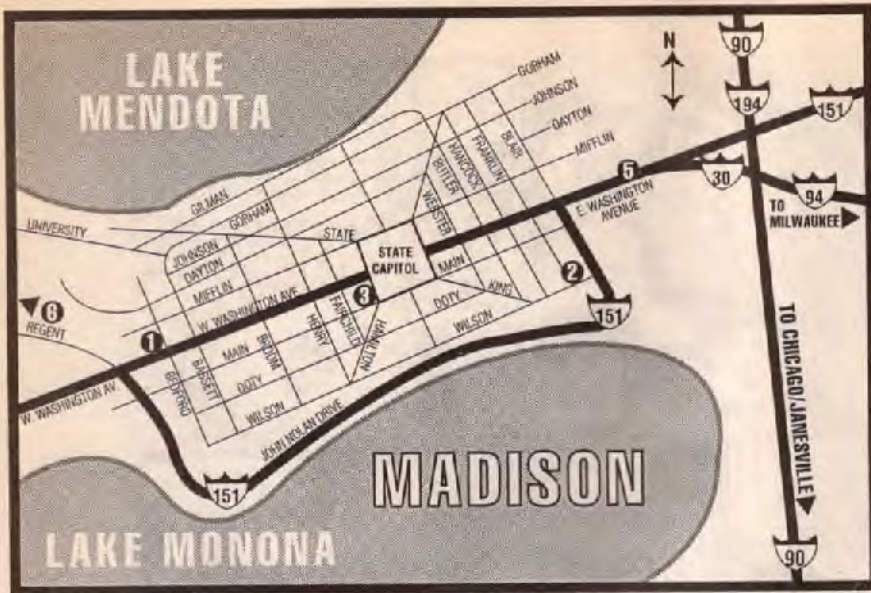
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AIDS Information 273-2437
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945 N 12, 53233 283-7908
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You shouldn't get so testy
When Congress interferes.
On matters of gay rights, Sir,
We're bound to disagree.
Mr. Helms, Sir, listen to our plea.

All:
Dear Congressman Jesse, you
don't understand.
Our little hypothalamus and pineal
glands,
Their substantial size makes us
all reprobates.
Deep down inside us we are
straight.

West Hollywood:
We are straight.

All:
We are straight.
We are straight.
Strait of Hormone-straight.
Like the kinkiest of us is straight.

Jesse Helms:
A very convincing story.

West Hollywood:
Let me tell it to Oprah.

Jesse Helms:
Just tell it to your psychologist.

**West Hollywood to
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I sucked a pacifier
Before I sucked my thumb.
Then suckers I desired,
To suction I succumbed.
And now I suck on Salents
And Seagram's 'til I'm sick.
Holy Hoozed
That's why I suck ____!

Psychologist:
Dick Strigent, Martina, and K.D.
agree.
Behavior isn't limited to
psychology.
Their genetic makeup makes them
prejudiced.
Orientation isn't chose.
West Hollywood:
It's not chose?

All:
There are those
Who propose
That we're predisposed.
Orientation isn't chose.
Psychologist:
Haven't you heard? Homosexuality
is an inherited characteristic.

West Hollywood:
Did you hear that, girls? I'm an
F.A.G. on account of my D.N.A.

Psychologist:
Just ask any geneticist.

West Hollywood to geneticist:
The reason I'm a homo
And like to sleep with gays
Is purely chromosomal,
Linked to my X and Y's.
I just can't keep my pants on
Because it's in my genes.
Crick and Watson!
Genetically we're queens.



Geneticist:
Don't blame your genetics or
biology.

**Don't tell an alcoholic that's what
he's born to be.
Oh, haven't you heard, man?
God doesn't like gays.
Go straight to church and change
your ways.**

West Hollywood:
Change my ways?

All:
It's the craze
Nowadays
It was just a phase.
We'll go to church and change our
ways.

Geneticist:
Science does not hold all the
answers. You must find God, be
born again, give your life to
Christ, and put an end to your
crimes against nature.

West Hollywood:
Crimes against nature? You'd
think I niggled Smokey the Bear!

Geneticist:
So talk to a minister.

West Hollywood to minister:
With full-on men prostrate in
Sears Roebuck catalogue
Dad caught me masterbate'n
And hump'n like a slug.
He sent me to confession.
I went most every day.
'Til I found out the priest was also
gay.

Minister:
Our family values have suffered a
blow.
Those anti-gay discrimination laws
got to go.
They flaunt their perversions.
Our children aren't safe.
Pass laws to put them in their
place.

West Hollywood:
In our place?

All:
We're debase,
A disgrace
To the human race.
Like deep down, a major basket
case.

Jesse Helms:
The problem is our nation.

Geneticist:
The problem is his brain.

Minister:
The problem is damnation.

Psychologist:
The problem is he's sane.

Geneticist:
The problem is he's flaming.

Minister:
The problem is he'll burn.

West Hollywood:
The problem is there's no problem
to discerna.

All:
We're quite well adjusted and
proud to be gay.

West Hollywood:
We're not the social misfits that
you like to portray.

All:
Our battle for justice is long
overdue.
Dear Senator Jesse,
Fuck you!

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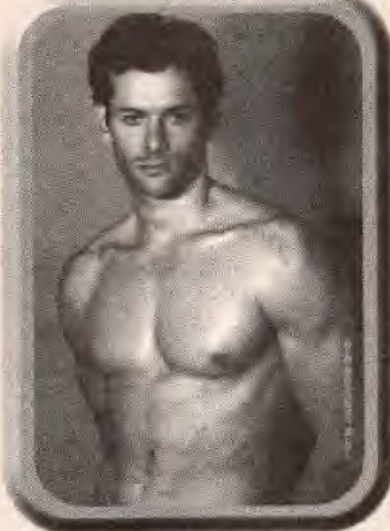
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Milwaukee

RELATIONSHIP

MINDED: GWM, 38, sincere and romantic, seeks a sincere relationship with GWM, 25-40, hairy a plus. Let me share my life with you. Please leave a message. ☎13772

Milwaukee **TRAIN ME:**

GWM, 34, 150, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, muscular, smooth, seeks discipline from other GWM's with same qualities under 35. Please leave a message. ☎13692

Milwaukee **LONG TERM**

COMMITMENT: GWM, relationship oriented, seeks GWM, 20-30, drug and smoke free, for serious relationship. Please leave a message. ☎13835

Wisconsin **WHERE ARE**

YOU?: GWM, 5'9", 150, seeks other males for fun. Please leave a message. ☎14216

Milwaukee **BOYS WILL**

BE BOYS: GWM, 26, 5'10", 165, blonde hair, blue eyes seeks GWM under 30 for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. ☎11276

Milwaukee **BI**

BOYS: 18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", BIWM, seeks other young WM's between 18-21, for friendship, camping and hiking. Other things possible as well. Please leave me a message. ☎11307

LaCrosse **STRAIGHT BUT**

BENDS: GWM, 34, 6', blue eyes, long blonde hair, masculine, seeks GWM, 18-36, who

are straight acting /appearing, and who know what they want from life. ☎11450

Madison **BUDDY**

BONDING: GWM, 27, 5'2", 125, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks other GWM', 21-32, for fun and adventure. I have varied interests as I hope you will. ☎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. ☎11725

Madison **DADDY CAN**

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



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