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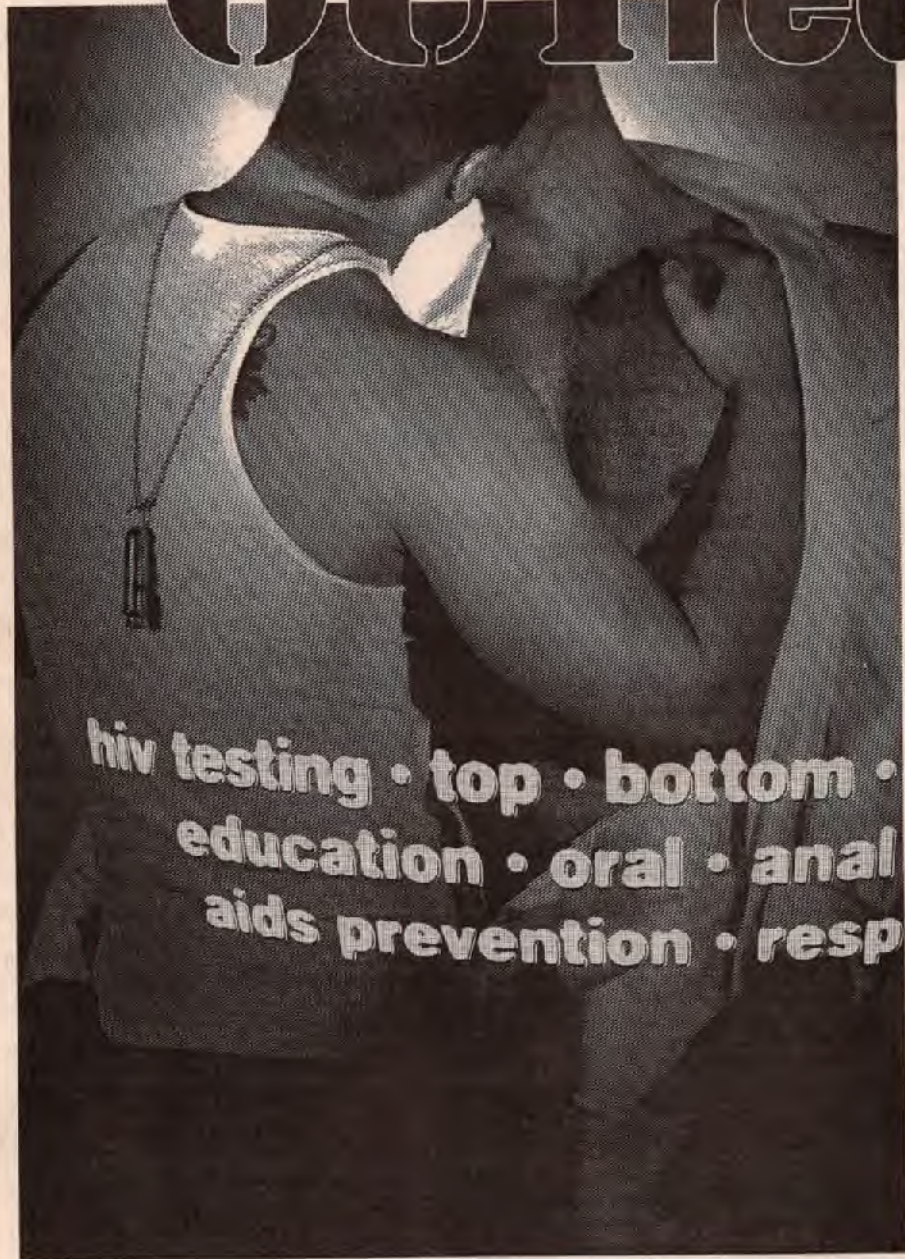
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Explosion in Campus Activism Reflected at LesBiGay College Conference in Beloit

4th Annual Midwest Conclave February 23-25

By John Quinlan

Beloit— Reflective of a recent explosion in queer activism on campuses statewide, more than 350 queer youth and straight supporters will come together for the 4th Annual Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay College Conference at Beloit College February 23-25. In the last two years, new LesBiGay college groups have sprung up at Wisconsin campuses as diverse as Appleton's Lawrence University in the northeast to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the southwest.

While a lot of older activists view so-called "Generation X'ers" as apathetic and apolitical, this new breed of campus activists defies the stereotype.

"For me, it's hard to hear people from the baby boomer generation really not give people my age credit for the types of things we're doing, and for the types of things we're trying to gain perspectives on," said Laurel Darlington, an undergrad at the UW-Madison, on a recent edition of Madison's LesBiGay radio show, *Inside Out*.

"I think there are so many changes going on in our society, that each of us goes through a certain period of trying to look critically at it all and trying to take it all in," said Darlington, who had just returned from fighting an anti-Gay referendum in Maine. "That can be seen as apathy, but it can often be part of a larger process of looking at a lot of problems that our generation is going to have to deal with."

"There are going to be hard-working people - and apathetic people - in any generation. I don't think that things have really changed," added Chris Morris, a former UW-Madison Ten Percent Society President and recent graduate who had also recently returned from Maine.

However, for Morris, given the political challenges represented by the Radical Right, so much more needs to be done.

"I am continually frustrated with people who feel they can't do it," he says. "They feel they don't know enough about politics, or they're not in a position that they can do anything. I think that's the



Miriam Ben-Shalom will speak at the Beloit Conference, Feb. 23-25. Photo: Pat A. Robinson

biggest misconception that people can have. And I would just say to them—you can make a difference."

BATTLES NEAR AND FAR

Almost a dozen UW-Madison students have spent their much-cherished vacation time on the front lines fighting against anti-Gay initiatives in Oregon, Idaho, and Missouri in recent months. Coming from a campus where things are relatively safe, they feel a sense of duty in fighting the larger battle nationwide.

However, in places like Platteville and Appleton, often the battles lie closer to home. Being out in a small campus in a small town takes a special kind of courage, but students are rising to the challenge.

In Platteville, for example, the closet is no longer a desirable option for many.

"Things are changing. We've taken a totally open attitude about who comes to our meetings and we by no means make it a secret that we exist," wrote one student leader in a recent e-mail dispatch.

"About six years ago, UWP had a queer group that met in secret, off-campus and screened all people who wanted to attend a meeting," he added. "This year

the ALLIANCE is marching in our homecoming parade...and I can't WAIT to see our right-wing assistant chancellor have a heart-attack on the spot!"

"Students are coming out — in Madison, at least — louder, stronger and quicker than they used to," says Paul Wesselman, a former Resident Life Director at Beloit College and the UW-Madison. "While many students used to wait until their junior year or later, increasingly there are 17 and 18-year-old freshmen who are coming out."

Wesselman, who is in his third month as Volunteer Coordinator at the Madison AIDS Support Network, believes that many campuses are ill-equipped to handle the special challenges facing this younger crop of out Gay men and Lesbians.

"While I love the concept of reclaiming terms like 'faggot' and 'queer,' 17 and 18-year-olds have to hear those words in their residence halls, and see them written all over the bathroom door, and it worries me."

"The other thing is that coming out quick for Gay males often means lots of sexual activity. For all of our students, unsafe sex can be the rule," he adds. "They have the naivete that comes with all new students — that feeling of invulnerability, that nothing bad can happen to me."

Given all of the challenges faced by these students, Wesselman welcomes the opportunity represented by the conference at Beloit College to gather together to share information and support. Famous for his "Stone Soup Seminar" empowerment workshops, Wesselman is a conference keynoter.

The conference is an occasion for approximately 350 Queer youth and straight supporters from midwestern colleges and universities to come together. Previous host institutions ranged in size from small liberal arts colleges (Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana in 1994) to large state universities (Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa in 1993, and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois in 1995).

POSITIVE IMPACT

Conference organizers say that the positive affects of this conference are widespread.

"It provides a chance for Queer youth to receive support from their peers and relate their personal and collective experiences," writes a conference organizer. "The communication will increase their knowledge of issues and concerns facing the Queer community in the United States and worldwide."

"Perhaps the most important effect of this conference will be the sense of optimism and empowerment that results from networking and being with Queer youth from all over the Midwest," he continues. "The sense of unity, community and pride that attendees will discover at this conference will encourage pro-active and productive activities on their own campuses. This conference will not only affect those who attend, but all individuals and communities with whom attendees interact."

Also delivering a keynote address is Lillian Faderman, an English Professor at California State University at Fresno where she has been teaching since 1967. Her books include *Surpassing the Love of Men* and *Chloe Plus Olivia*. Her most well-known book, *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers*, a history of Lesbians in 20th century America, won the Lambda Literary Award.

Faderman serves on numerous editorial and advisory boards. She is also a columnist for *The Advocate*. She was awarded the Outstanding Professor Award by Fresno in 1982-1983. In 1991, Faderman was given the UCLA Distinguished Service, Leadership and Scholarship Award by the Faculty and Staff Gay and Lesbian Network.

Miriam Ben-Shalom, the third keynoter, is well-known to Wisconsin audiences. She was honorably discharged from the military in 1976 for being a Lesbian and fought a protracted court battle to win reinstatement. In 1989 she was voted "Soldier of the Year" of her battalion. Presently, she is teaching special needs children in the Milwaukee Public School System.

Ben-Shalom founded the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America and was unanimously voted its National Chairperson in May 1990. She lectures in a variety of places on Gay and Lesbian issues to help defray her legal costs.

WORKSHOPS, AND FUN TOO!

Workshops will include "Where Have All the Old Queers Gone?" "It's Not a Lifestyle: It's A Life," "Will the Real Homosexual Please Stand Up? Teaching Undergraduate Lesbian and Gay Studies"

NGLTF Issues Manual on Campus Organizing

New Tool Can Assist LesBiGay Students, Faculty & Staff

Washington, DC — A major organizing manual for campus activists — one of the most comprehensive and exhaustive of its kind in the Gay movement — is now available from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus Organizing: A Comprehensive Manual contains resources, strategies, suggestions, tips, photographs, charts, lists and other information for gaining anti-discrimination protections, forming support groups, increasing visibility and securing equality in higher education.

The manual is based on extensive research conducted by leading educators and activists, including NGLTF Campus Director Curtis Shepard, who co-produced the publication. The 335-page manual features contributions by students, faculty, staff and alumni from campuses and organizations nationwide.

"The user-friendly manual is designed to help campus activists transform colleges and universities into safe and welcoming places for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people," Shepard says. "The manual is revolutionary, because a vast array of information now exists all in one place."

The publication is divided into three main sections: *Building a Healthy Organization*, *Practical Applications*, and *Resources*. Chapters include: "Educating Your Campus," "Building Your Group," "Organizing for Non-Discrimination Policy," "Organizing Against Hate," "Responding to AIDS," "Establishing an LGBT Resource Center," "Ending ROTC Discrimination," "The Radical Right," "Organizing Floors in Residence Halls," "LGBT Studies" and more.

ORGANIZING PROGRESS

NGLTF's Campus Project has built a network of more than 1,200 campus organizations representing nearly 1,000 different universities and colleges — almost one third of the total number of higher education institutions in the US. At least 240 campuses have non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. Some 30 campuses offer health benefits for the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. And nearly 40 campuses — more than double just two years ago — have LGBT resource centers operated by paid staff members.

"Gains such as these have not come easily," says Shepard. "On many campuses, attempts to institute policies and programs supportive of LGBT students, faculty and staff have been opposed, if not thwarted, by politically conservative or Radical Right forces."

Shepard points out that at Notre Dame the LGBT student organization has been banned by university officials from meeting on campus, despite nearly a decade of visibility and presence. And at Ole Miss, the Christian Right-controlled student government has denied student fee funding to the LGBT organization, despite that group's official status.

"The manual is a tool to help groups organize, grow and secure equal educational opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people," Shepard says. "This has profound implications for higher education."

The manual costs \$24 plus \$6 shipping and handling (\$30 total) and may be ordered by calling NGLTF Publications at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3327.

and "Queer Spirituality: From the Garden of Eden to the Garden Dance Club."

Entertainment at the Beloit conference will be provided by the WiLDe BOYS, a Chicago-based Gay comedy group — Steven Milford, Derek Nicoletto, Ryan Patterson and David Viggiano. The group does musical numbers, sketch comedy and improvisation. They were formed in 1992 and have appeared at places such as the Chicago Improv where they were voted "favorite act."

Also performing is the sharp-tongued Karen Williams, an African-American Lesbian comedian, known as

the Diva of Comedy and the Queen of Improv. She created the Humor-at-Large Workshop Series. Williams has performed in Seattle, Vancouver, New York City, Sydney and appeared on *In The Life*, the PBS variety show.

Registration begins at 4pm on Friday, February 23rd. For more information on the 4th Annual Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Conference at Beloit College, direct inquiries by e-mail to MBLGCC96@stu.beloit.edu or call (608) 363-4112.

Federal Judge Finds Restraints on Gay Campus Activities Unconstitutional

Victory for Freedom of Speech

By Jamakaya

Montgomery, AL — In a ruling seen as a green light for future organizing by Gays and Lesbians on college and university campuses across the country, a federal judge has declared unconstitutional an Alabama law which tried to restrict such activities.

The law prohibited colleges and universities from using public money or facilities "to sanction, recognize or support the activities or existence of any organization or group that fosters or promotes a lifestyle or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws."

The law was passed by the Louisiana legislature in 1992 after administrators at Auburn University granted official recognition to the school's Gay and Lesbian Association.

The judge's ruling on January 29 came in a challenge to the law filed by the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. The group had been denied financing by the school's administration.

In his ruling, Judge Myron H. Thompson said the law violated First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and association. He called it "an open effort by the State Legislature to limit the sexuality discussion in institu-

tions of higher learning to only one viewpoint: that of heterosexual people."

In what some Gay activists see as an ironic twist, Judge Thompson based his ruling in large part on a 1995 decision of the US Supreme Court in which the high court ordered the University of Virginia to help subsidize a student-run Christian newspaper just as it does other student publications.

"The university may not silence the expression of selected viewpoints," the Supreme Court declared.

CONFERENCE TO GO ON

Judge Thompson's decision was delivered in the midst of a new controversy over Gay activities on Alabama campuses. Just days before the ruling, Alabama Attorney General Jeffrey Sessions warned administrators at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa that a Gay and Lesbian conference planned there this month "would appear to violate the express mandate of the legislature."

Sessions had threatened to cite UA-Tuscaloosa with violating the statute. But in the wake of the federal court ruling, Sessions now says he plans to appeal Judge Thompson's ruling to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

A spokeswoman for the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union told the *New York Times* the Alabama law was the only one of its kind in the nation. She cautioned, however, that various county and city bodies and school boards are considering similar restrictions on public money and facilities. She said Judge Thompson's decision could be "quite useful everywhere."

Meanwhile, the 5th Annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference will go on as scheduled February 16-17 at the Tuscaloosa campus. The purpose of the conference, according to organizers, is to "initiate a respectful dialogue about our Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual culture." Administrators there have consistently stood by the Gay student group which has organized the conference, saying they followed all the proper procedures for holding the event and that the university is meant to be a place to openly discuss a wide diversity of issues.

For the record, the Alabama sodomy law prohibits both homosexual and heterosexual sodomy. It is one of 16 states with such legislation. Six states continue to prohibit homosexual sodomy only.

As the Politics in Madison Turns . . .

With Phelps Stepping Down, Will Wagner Run in '97?

Analysis by John Quinlan

When Dane County Executive Rick Phelps made a surprise announcement on January 24th that he will not run for reelection in 1997, there was a flurry of speculation about who might succeed him. Among those prominently mentioned were several openly Gay and Lesbian political leaders.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's office was deluged by reporter's calls in the days following Phelps's announcement. Baldwin, who served four terms as a county supervisor, is a former chair of the county's powerful Human Services Board, which has responsibility for a budget of more than \$100 million. Given her

expertise around county issues, and the likelihood that the County Executive's office might be a stepping stone to her all-but-stated goal of a run for Congress, a number of community leaders stepped forward to urge her to run.

After the speculation had simmered for a few days, however, Baldwin declared herself to be a non-candidate for County Exec. However, sources close to Baldwin state that, within the next couple of months, she will begin to strategize with trusted advisors in preparation for a run for Congress that could come as soon as 1998.

Also mentioned as a candidate for County Exec was retiring Sup. Mark

Pocan, who opted out as well for the time being. Speaking on WTSO Radio's show for the LesBiGay community, *Inside Out*, Pocan says he plans to remain politically active at the grassroots level, but not in the context of an elected office anytime soon.

However, political insiders say that former County Board Chair Dick Wagner is actively exploring the possibility of a run for the County Exec's seat. Wagner, the longtime dean of Dane County's openly Lesbian and Gay delegation who served for more than a decade on the board, has long considered making a run for the position, and this could be the year.

NATIONAL News Briefs

White House Pledges Effort to Overturn HIV Ban

Washington, DC — At press time, President Clinton was expected to sign a new defense authorization bill for this year which has as one of its provisions a clause discharging all service members who are found to be HIV positive. Clinton vetoed a similar measure late last year, but indicated it was imperative the new defense bill be signed.

Clinton spokesman Michael McCurry said: "The White House has continued very urgent consultations with both the Justice Department and the Department of Defense on how we can either amend or excise that language in some future piece of legislation. The President doesn't believe it should be in the defense authorization bill and will look for a way to try to take it out prior to the effective date in June."

Currently, service members with HIV can serve as long as they can perform their duties, though they are not deployed overseas. This policy is the same for soldiers with diabetes, cancer, asthma and other health problems. Many people with HIV show no symptoms at all for many years. Under the new provision, up to 1,200 military service members could be discharged within six months.

"There is absolutely no reason to treat people with HIV any differently from service members with other chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease or diabetes," said Daniel Zingale, Political Director of the Human Rights Campaign. "This measure will remove trained,

experienced, healthy and productive people from the armed forces. Even the Pentagon has said it does not want this provision."

The measure was authored by arch-conservative Rep. Robert Dornan (R-CA), who has made a career out of homophobia and AIDS-phobia.

"GOP Presidential candidate Bob Dornan and Senate Republican Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi pushed this outrageous measure through, despite the protests of more moderate members of their own party," said Zingale. "The blame for this ugly amendment belongs squarely with them."

Report Details "Hostile Climate" Against Gays

Washington, DC — People for the American Way (PFAW), the liberal think tank in the nation's capital, recently released its annual report, *Hostile Climate: A State by State Report of Anti-Gay Activity*. It chronicles a growing number of attacks on the physical safety and the constitutional rights of Gay men and Lesbians, and lambastes leaders of the Religious Right for fostering the climate of hatred.

As more Religious Right-affiliated candidates seek and win seats on local school boards, anti-Gay themes have become prominent in school board campaigns. An alarming number of students in public schools are reporting verbal and physical abuse based on their sexual orientation. PFAW cites the case of Wisconsinite Jamie Nabozny, who has sued the Ashland school district in federal court for its failure to protect him from constant harassment.

The number and scope of anti-Gay measures introduced in Congress, state legislatures and local school board races have increased dramatically in the past year. Measures that have been considered range from restrictions on major federal funding bills to prohibit discussions of Gay and Lesbian issues in classrooms and research facilities to limits on the content of AIDS/HIV training for federal employees.

Anti-Gay activists, led by the Religious Right, continue to purvey negative and defamatory images of Gays and Lesbians while seeking the censorship of more balanced images and the Gay/Lesbian viewpoint.

The report includes quotations from leaders of the Religious Right, emphasizing their responsibility for the "Hostile Climate." Typical is this comment by the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition: "Gays and Lesbians live perverted, twisted lives that feed upon the unsuspecting and the innocent, like our children."

People for the American Way President Tom Andrews issued this challenge: "It is time for these [Religious Right] political leaders to take a stand against this rhetorical poison and help to reverse this vicious trend."

MGM, DreamWorks Offer Domestic Partner Benefits

Los Angeles, CA — The giant Hollywood studios MGM and DreamWorks SKG have joined the growing list of entertainment companies which offer benefits, including health and dental coverage, to the domestic partners of their Gay and Lesbian employees.

Steve Shaw, a spokesman for MGM, said: "MGM is committed to offering a comprehensive and competitive benefits program to its employees. An essential component of our benefits review includes assessing employees' reactions to proposed changes. Their enthusiastic support has made it clear that the extension of domestic partners benefits is an appropriate step to take at this time."

Cassie Thomas at DreamWorks, the new company formed by Steven Spielberg, David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg, commented that the benefits are "a good indication of the positive environment that we promote, and indicates DreamWorks' concern for our entire employee base. We're thrilled to make this benefit available."

MGM and DreamWorks join this list of entertainment companies already offering domestic partners benefits: Atlantic Records, Capital Cities/ABC, the Creative Artists Agency, Discovery Channel, E! Entertainment Television, Home Box Office, Lucas Films, MCA/Universal (the first company to adopt such benefits, in May 1992), National Public Radio, Paramount Pictures, PBS, Showtime, Sony, TicketMaster, Time Warner, Viacom, the Walt Disney Co., Warner Bros. and the William Morris Agency.

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HRC Political Director Daniel Zingale

Openly Gay Skater, Rudy Galindo, is National Champ

Los Angeles, CA — The presence of Gay skaters on the National Figure Skating circuit has been whispered about for years, but with the capture of the US Figure Skating title by Rudy Galindo last month, the men's singles champion is now an openly Gay man.

Galindo, 26, won the national men's title January 20 at the US Figure Skating Championships held in his hometown of San Jose, California. For his short program, Galindo skated Pachelbel's *Canon in D*, for which he came in third place. The audience booed the judges' ratings. Two days later, he skated a four-and-a-half minute jazz version of *Swan Lake* and won the men's title.

The victory is a sharp reversal of fortune for Galindo. In 1987, he was the Men's Singles Junior champion, and in 1989 and 1990, he shared the Senior National Pairs title with his partner Kristi Yamaguchi. But in the 1990's Galindo has struggled to place at all. At the 1995 championships, he fell twice and came in eighth.

Galindo was determined to give it one more try this year, in part, because the championships were taking place in his hometown. Friends say he was also motivated to succeed by the deaths of his brother and two skating coaches from AIDS complications in recent years. His sister Laura, also a skater, gave up her career to finance his. Galindo dedicated his winning performance in January to his sister and "all my friends and family that passed away."

Galindo has said in the past that his struggle to succeed as a skater has been harder because he is a Mexican American and openly Gay. Skating judges are very conservative, he said, preferring "all-American" looks and "really macho men."

Georgia Attorney General Ordered to Explain Anti-Gay Bias

Atlanta, GA — A three judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit has ruled that the Attorney General of Georgia violated the rights of a Lesbian by withdrawing a job offer to her after learning she participated in a marriage ceremony with her female partner.

In 1990, Attorney General Michael J. Bowers had hired Robin Shahar to a permanent position in his office. She had previously worked there summers as she made her way through Emory Law School, where she graduated sixth in her class. When Bowers learned that Shahar married her female partner in a ceremony presided over by a rabbi, he withdrew the job offer just before she was to start work.

Bowers said that retaining Shahar would lead to the impression that the state approved of same-gender marriage and make it more difficult for his office to enforce state sodomy statutes. (*Bowers is the Attorney General who prosecuted Michael Hardwick for engaging in sodomy in the privacy of his own home. The infamous 1986 decision of the US Supreme Court in that case upheld Georgia's sodomy law.*)

The Appeals Court panel said Bowers' withdrawal of the job offer from Shahar violated her rights to freedom of speech, religion and association, denying her "the fundamental right of intimate association."

"Though the religious-based marriage in which Shahar participated was not a marriage in a civil, legal sense, it was intimate and highly personal in the sense of affection, commitment and permanence," wrote Judge John C. Godbold. "And as we have spelled out, it was inextricably entwined with Shahar's exercise of her religious beliefs."

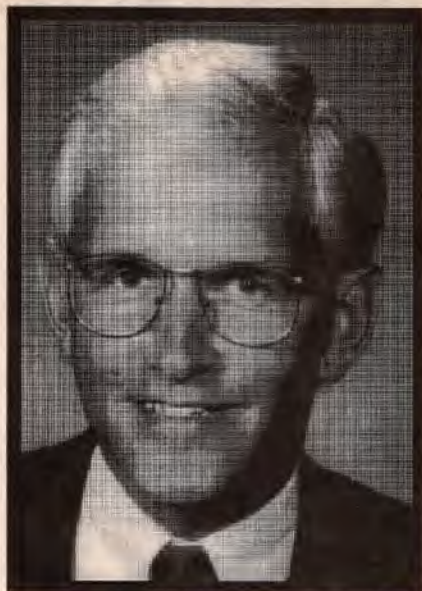
The judges ordered Bowers to prove any "compelling governmental interest" that could override Shahar's First Amendment rights. He has appealed the decision to the full Appeals Court.

Gunderson Leads Effort to Approve Ryan White CARE Funds

Washington, DC — Wisconsin's openly Gay Congressman, Steve Gunderson (R), has been playing a leadership role in the struggle to secure funding for the Ryan White CARE Act through this year and beyond. The issue has become a political football in the midst of the continuing battle over the budget.

Last year, the House and Senate passed bills reauthorizing the CARE Act for a five year period. Both bills then went to a House-Senate conference committee so differences could be ironed out before sending the final version to President Clinton for his signature. As of *In Step* press time, the bill was still stalled in the conference committee. Meanwhile, a stopgap budget measure has provided some funds for the CARE Act this year, but AIDS service organizations are con-

US Rep. Steve Gunderson



cerned that not enough money has been approved and that it could run out before the budget battle is resolved.

Enter Steve Gunderson who, together with colleague Ric Lazio (R-NY), gathered the signatures of 27 other Republican colleagues in the House on a letter urging House Speaker Newt Gingrich to guarantee that the CARE Act be fully funded through this year.

The letter says the members of Congress are "deeply concerned" at potential shortfalls in Ryan White funds. The shortage will prevent AIDS service organizations from renewing contracts with other health and service providers and giving critical support to people with HIV/AIDS.

Texas Paper Transfers Gay Editor From Children's Section

Fort Worth, TX — After a complaint from a reader, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* has transferred an openly Gay editor from working on the newspaper's weekly children's section to the arts section.

The complaint came from a reader who included samples of cartoons drawn by the editor in question, Todd Camp, and published in another paper, *The Texas Triangle*, a Gay and Lesbian publication. Camp's cartoon is called "Life Underground" and comments wryly on Gay culture. One of the cartoons had the theme, "The Religious Right — Hate Today for a Better Tomorrow," another contained a reference to the controversial North American Man-Boy Love Association.

Camp's boss at the **Star-Telegram** transferred him out of the children's section and told him his continued employment was contingent on his no longer submitting material to the **Triangle**. But she told the press: "This is absolutely not a Gay issue. We made a decision on a personnel matter independent of any outside influence."

Many Gay activists are skeptical. The **Texas Triangle** has recently been the target of a concerted campaign by the American Family Association of Texas to undermine its advertising. AFA members have been announcing over radio programs the names of businesses which advertise in the **Triangle** as a means to put public pressure on them to stop advertising. AFA leaders have said bluntly they want to put the **Triangle** out of business. Although several advertisers have bowed to the pressure, a backlash against the AFA's negative tactics has induced others to renew and expand their contracts.

Gay Batters Subject of New Book

Philadelphia, PA — The authors of a new book about men who beat their male partners say they do so for pretty much the same reasons straight men beat their wives and girlfriends: for dominance, manipulation and control. The new book is called **Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them**, written by Patrick Letellier and David Island.

Among the authors' assertions is that only AIDS and drug abuse affect more Gay men than domestic violence. They base this on statistics extrapolated from figures compiled on domestic abuse among heterosexuals.

Letellier and Island also argue that much domestic violence between men goes unreported, due to the reluctance of Gay victims to report such behavior to the police and, conversely, police failing to take such reports seriously. For instance, of 765 cases of domestic violence reported to the Dallas police in one three month period, only 12 of those cases involved Gay men or Lesbians.

Violence in Lesbian relationships has been the subject of several previous studies and is discussed in **Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering**, edited by Kerry Lobel. Power issues within the relationship and the use of alcohol and drugs are contributing factors to woman-to-woman and male-to-male abuse alike.

Gay and Lesbian community centers and battered women programs in larger

municipalities are beginning to recognize and address the issue of same-gender battering. In Wisconsin, help can be obtained by calling the Task Force on Battered Women and Children in Milwaukee, and Dane County Advocates for Battered Women in Madison.

Also on the Newswire...

Houston, TX — Demarco Markieth McCullum, 21, has been sentenced to death for the Gay-bashing murder of Michael Burzinski in 1994. McCullum and three friends kidnapped Burzinski and robbed him. McCullum was convicted of murder for killing Burzinski with a gunshot to the back of his head. Defense attorneys pleaded for mercy for the former high school football star who had no previous record.

San Francisco, CA — Police report that two Gay men recently sustained serious burns while using peep-show booths in adult bookstores. While sticking their penises through "glory holes" in the booths, an unidentified attacker doused them with acid. A spokesperson for the local Gay anti-violence group said: "Two people have contacted us. My guess is that there are plenty more."

Lansing, MI — African American Lesbian writer Terri Jewell, 41, died last November, apparently of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Her body was found in one of her favorite parks in Ionia County, Michigan. Jewell was the author of **The Black Women's Gumbo Ya-Ya** and the **Black Women's Perpetual Engagement Calendar**, due out later this year. She had dozens of stories, poems and essays published in Lesbian-feminist and Black journals like **Sinister Wisdom**, **Calyx**, **The African American Review** and **The Black Scholar**.

New York, NY — A judge on the State Supreme Court of New York has denied a request by the New York Stock Exchange to dismiss a complaint brought by a former employee who says he was fired because he is Gay. Peter Degan, a 24-year employee of the exchange, says he was dismissed shortly after disclosing his sexual orientation to a senior executive of the Exchange.

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign reports that Rep. Kweisi Mfume, the new Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has a near-perfect record on Gay-related issues in Congress and should bring that awareness and support to his new position. Mfume will step down from his House seat to work at the NAACP.

West Hollywood, CA — Thousands of people showed up on Santa Monica Boulevard in early January to watch as mega-divas RuPaul and Diana Ross teamed up for the filming of their new video, a cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive." RuPaul and Miss Ross arrived on an elaborate float to raucous cheers. RuPaul dished with the crowd while Ross reportedly fretted about their safety. "Who would have thought in a million years that me and Diana Ross would be together on Santa Monica Boulevard?" RuPaul asked. "It just goes to show you, if you hold onto your dreams, miracles can happen."

San Francisco, CA — Paul Hardman, who founded the only Gay American Legion Post in the US, died in January. He was 72. Hardman established the Alexander Hamilton Post #448 of the American Legion in San Francisco. He is survived by his longtime companion, Warren Kopp.

— *Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya*

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It is a position, Baldwin notes, for which he is "eminently qualified."

Since leaving the board two years ago, Wagner has been lauded in the press for his role as a conciliator in urging contentious board members to stop their feuding, and return the board to an atmosphere of relatively civilized discourse. Wagner, who works as a budget analyst for the state and served several terms as county board chair, is also uniquely qualified in his understandings of county budgetary issues.

If elected, he would be the first openly Lesbian or Gay official to head a county government in the country. Dane County, with almost 400,000 people, is Wisconsin's second largest county.

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Group Notes

"Gays & Lesbians in the Sticks" Forming

Delavan — Gays and Lesbians in the Sticks — GLITS — is a group forming in the Walworth County area. It's an effort to provide a supportive community for Gays and Lesbians who live in the Walworth, Rock and Jefferson County areas. GLITS hopes to organize social events, entertainment and educational opportunities.

Originally started in April of last year, the group met until August. Recently, the group got back together and 25 people showed up to a meeting, drawn only by word of mouth.

The group is planning to meet regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at a site in Delavan. GLITS is inviting all LesBiGay people who are searching for friendship and solidarity to attend. The ambience is informal and friendly.

For more information on GLITS and for meeting location, call (414) 728-2456.

Valentine's Ball in Madison, Women's Dance in Milwaukee

Madison — The Ten Percent Society at UW-Madison will hold a Valentine's Ball on Friday, February 9 from 8pm to 12:45am in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. All Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and their friends are welcome to attend. The event is open to the university community. Admission is \$3. There will be a DJ and cash bar.

Meanwhile in Milwaukee, Hurricane Productions will present its ever-popular Women's Valentine Dance Saturday, February 10 from 8pm to midnight in the private ballroom at Paloma's, 611 W. National Avenue. There will be free hors d'oeuvres from 8-9pm. Lu Shanti will be the DJ. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. They can be purchased at Outpost Co-op, Just Us, AfterWords Bookstore and People's Books.

"Countering the Right Wing" in Madison February 10

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

The conference will bring together policymakers, grassroots activists, union members and academics to examine the growing power of conservatism in Wisconsin and to develop unified strategies to combat it.

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

The *Countering the Right Wing* conference will run from 8:30am to 5pm Saturday, February 10 at the Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street in Madison. The conference fee is \$25 per person. call (608) 251-6834 or (414) 963-8936 for more information or reservations. On-site registration is available.

Gay Awareness Week at UW-Milwaukee Feb. 19-23

Milwaukee — The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community at UW-Milwaukee is sponsoring a *Gay Awareness Week* on campus February 19-23. All events will take place in the UW-M Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard.

On Monday, February 19, Dr. Jamie Washington, a specialist in Multicultural Education at the University of Maryland-College Park, will speak on "Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of Color" at 3pm in the Fireside Lounge of the UW-M Union.

On Wednesday evening February 21, comedian and "edutainer" Gail Hand will do a humorous presentation on "Coming Out" in the Fireside Lounge at 7:30pm.

On Thursday, there will be an information fair in the Union Concourse from 10am to 1pm. Then, at 1pm in the Milwaukee Room, Jamakaya will present a slideshow about the history of the Gay and Lesbian community in Milwaukee. This slideshow is based on the exhibit organized by Attorney Steven Brondino which was shown at last year's PrideFest.

The *Gay Awareness Week* programming will close February 23 with a Friday night dance from 7pm to midnight in the UW-M Union Ballroom.

For more information on any of these events, call (414) 229-6555.

Madison's Interweave Invites All to Feb. 18th Interfaith Service

Madison — A community interfaith service on the campus of the UW-Madison will be the culmination of a weekend-long national conference on LesBiGay issues sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church. The service will be in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., at 11 am on Sunday morning, February 18th. The service is free and open to everyone in the community, says conference organizer Jonalu Johnstone.

Interweave, the organization of LesBiGays and their straight allies affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association, is holding 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*.

For more information, contact local sponsors First Unitarian Universalist Society at (608) 233-9774, Prairie U. U. Society at (608) 271-8218, or James Reeb U.U. Church at (608) 242-8887.

2nd Annual Madison School Board Forum on LGB Issues - March 2nd

Madison — A Madison School Board Candidates' Forum on Gay and Lesbian Issues will be held on Saturday, March 2, 1996 from 1:00-3:00 pm at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church, 2146 E. Johnson Street in Madison.

Organized by Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) the forum will give School Board Candidates

Carol Carstensen, Peter Williams and Calvin Williams the opportunity to speak about their positions on issues of concern to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students, staff and families in Madison's schools. The forum is open to the public.

Help is needed in organizing the forum and getting out the word. For more information, contact Chris Halvorson at (608) 241-5089 or Crystal Hyslop at (608) 233-1846.

Lesbian Writers Fund Accepting Submissions for 1996 Awards

New York — Now in its sixth year, the Lesbian Writers Fund of the Astrea National Lesbian Action Foundation will be making awards of \$10,000 each to emerging Lesbian writers of fiction and poetry. The prizes will be awarded in June of this year.

Astrea is the only foundation in the world that commits substantial grant monies to support Lesbian writers," says Astrea Program Director Ivy Young. "The Writer's Fund has made it possible for past winners to have that space where creation is possible, and we are happy to be able to continue this program."

The deadline for applications is **Friday, March 8, 1996**. Interested writers should request guidelines and an application form by calling the Astrea Foundation at (212) 529-8021 or by writing to the Foundation at 116 East 16th Street, New York, NY 10003, Attn: Lesbian Writers Fund.

Astrea also awards the Sappho Award of Distinction (including \$5,000) to an already established Lesbian writer. Previous Sappho Award winners are Audre Lorde, Gloria Anzaldua, Adrienne Rich, Joan Nestle and Chrystos.

"Hearts & Flowers" Potluck, Dance at Just Us, Feb. 17

Milwaukee — Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE)/Milwaukee will hold its annual *Hearts and Flowers Potluck and Tea Dance* on Saturday, February 17 from 1-5pm at Just Us, 807 S. 5th Street. Reservations are not required, and the event is open to the public.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Warming ovens are available. Non-alcoholic beverages, plates, cups and flatware will be provided, and a cash bar for alcoholic drinks will be available. For those who do not cook, remember that Milwaukee has lots of fine delis and bakeries!

This elegant potluck, featuring slow dancing and door prizes, is becoming an event that everyone looks forward to attending. It's free and *not* a fundraiser for SAGE, although a hat will be passed, as usual.

"Ending Homophobia in Schools" Conference in Chicago

Chicago — *Educating Children, Educating Society*, the 2nd annual Midwest Conference on *Ending Homophobia in the Schools* will be held March 8-10 at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. The conference is sponsored by the Chicago chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN).

Among the many valuable workshops for educators, counselors and students alike are: "What If a Kid Comes Out To Me?" "Leveling the Playing Field: Homophobia in Athletics," "Setting Up Support Groups for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth and Their Allies," "Integrating Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Information Into the Curriculum," and "Understanding and Responding to Anti-Gay Rhetoric."

The keynote speakers include Jonathan Wilson, an openly

Gay former school board member from Des Moines who was targeted by the Radical Right, and Phoebe Hanshew, a high school student who started a Gay/straight student alliance at conservative Bloomington South High School in Indiana. The conference also includes a "Speakout" for young Gays and Lesbians.

The conference fee is \$55 for GLSTN members, \$65 for non-members. For further information or for a registration form, call (312) 769-9009.

Forum on Milwaukee Community Center Set for March 11

Milwaukee — A community forum will be held on March 11 at 7pm in the Common Room of the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street, to discuss the recent proposal for a community center for the local LesBiGay and Transgendered community.

In December, a respected Gay couple offered to donate up to \$120,000 over a ten year period to help support such a center. The individuals involved left it up to the whole community — individuals and groups — to discuss the proposal and come up with a workable plan.

The March 11 meeting will be the first opportunity for members of the community to discuss the proposal. All Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people are invited and urged to attend this forum to offer their input into the nature of the community and the type of center that might best suit everyone's needs.

Milwaukee PFLAG to View "An Unexpected Journey"

Milwaukee — A video entitled *An Unexpected Journey* will be shown at the Sunday, February 18 meeting of the Milwaukee chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

The half-hour video, *An Unexpected Journey*, was produced as a fundraiser by the Denver PFLAG group. It details PFLAG activities and goals, and tells the real-life stories of parents and their children.

The February 18 meeting will also feature a postcard mailing blitz to legislators in Washington, DC in support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill that would outlaw workplace bias based on sexual orientation. All those interested in attending should call (414) 299-9198 for the location and further information.

Wisconsin Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest Set for April

Milwaukee — The 1996 Wisconsin Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest, the fifth annual contest, will be held Friday to Sunday, April 26-28. The contest is sponsored by the Argonauts of Wisconsin, Castaways of Milwaukee, the Oberons of Milwaukee and the Unicorns of Madison.

The weekend will start with a pre-cocktail party followed by the Boy contest and an after-bar party on Friday. A dinner will be held Saturday evening, followed by the Daddy contest and an after-bar party. On Sunday, an auction will be held, the proceeds of which will be divided among the clubs for distribution to local organizations helping people with AIDS.

Watch for future details on times and locations. Tickets will be available for individual events or for the entire weekend pack-

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age. Anyone interested in being in the contests or who would like further information about the weekend should contact the Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest, P.O. Box 1104, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Key West Welcomes Gays for Spring Break

Key West — The 400 members of the Key West Business Guild are planning America's first ever "Gay Spring Break." Starting on March 1 and running through April 7, Key West will be bustling with many activities designed for Gay and Lesbian college students, faculty and staff.

"Most resorts discourage Spring-break students, but we're rolling out the rainbow carpet for our Gay sisters and brothers," says Dennis Beaver, President of the Business Guild. "Until now, there's never been one place for Gay students to enjoy their mid-winter break in style and among friends — so c'mon down!"

Among the planned events are weekly sunset pool parties, barbecues, movies at the outdoor theater, snorkeling and sunset cruises, sock hops, a condom modeling contest, theater, and discounts on gourmet meals. The Guild promises young Gays and Lesbians a warm welcome wherever they go, from the museums and the historical sites to the leading stores on Duval Street.

Information on accommodations and activities can be obtained by calling the Key West Business Guild at (800) 535-7797.

BESTD Clinic Offers "Thanks" for 1995 Fundraisers

Milwaukee — Because the Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic does no fundraising on its own behalf, it depends on gifts and fundraisers from the Gay and Lesbian community and other supporters. This generosity, in turn, allows the BESTD Clinic volunteers to offer services and programs without charge or fee.

The BESTD Clinic gratefully acknowledges the groups, individuals and businesses who raised the following funds on behalf of the Clinic last year: in January — \$75.94 from Designing Men; in February/March — \$44 from the sale of pink shamrock pins; in April — \$100 from the Holiday Invitational Tournament; in May — \$250 from the BEST Bowling League and \$2,960 from the Possum Queen Contest; in July — \$58 from the Wreck Room; in September — \$53.22 from PrideFest merchandise at Block Party; in November — \$250 from the LINKS Labor Day Block Party, \$150 from a Boot Camp benefit and \$70 from the Different Drummer Theater benefit; in December — \$850 from Dr. Kelly Balliet's Tree Trimming Party, \$40 from Designing Men's Red Ribbon Ornaments, \$35.02 from the AfterWords/Quest Marketplace and \$26 from the "A Rose by Any Other Name" event held at 3 B's.

The BESTD Clinic has not, however, received the funds or a report on the Feb-

ruary 12, 1995 "Love is the BESTD Medicine Show" at La Cage (reported to be \$765).

Scholarship for Children of Gay/Lesbian Parents Available

Washington, DC — For the third year, the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) and Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) will award \$1,000 in scholarship money to further the education of deserving children of Lesbian or Gay parents.

"We hope this scholarship program will continue to grow over time," says GLPCI's Director Tim Fisher. "And, of course, your contributions to the fund are always welcome." All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Applicants must have at least one Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual parent and be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary institution. The scholarship recipients will be announced July 6 at GLPCI's 17th annual conference in Minneapolis.

Applications for the 1996 Lee Dubin Memorial Scholarship are available now by writing to GLPCI at P.O. Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091, or fax (201) 783-6204. The deadline for applications is May 15.

For further information on GLPCI, call (202) 583-8029. For further information on COLAGE,edgewater call (415) 861-KIDS.



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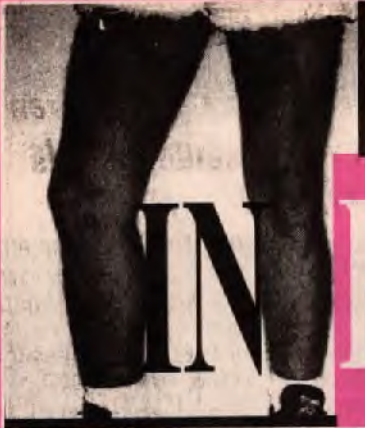
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Interview with Emerging Photojournalist Carmen Balentine

"All People Are Beautiful, Worthy of Respect"

By Carmen Alicia Murguia

Amidst the colorful and vibrant crowd that surrounded us at last year's Pridefest Celebration, there roamed an eager and determined African-American photographer with a passion for capturing Queer life in its most natural state: new lovers walking and kissing openly; performers dressed, poised and ready for the camera; and couples exchanging vows of commitment among throngs of supporters.

Carmen Balentine, 26, worked the lakefront grounds like a newly hired reporter on the beat. The difference though, is that Balentine put in his time, money and energy at his own expense. He saw this as his chance to do something he's always wanted to do — photograph extraordinary people doing ordinary things. Some of his photos grace *In Step's* cover, others accompany this story.

While listening to jazz vocalist Nina Simone, we sat in his east side apartment surrounded by images of Malcolm X, Michael Jackson, and Ella Fitzgerald, as well as photographs of his maternal grandparents. Born in Peoria, Balentine came to Milwaukee at age five and grew up with an avid interest in music videos, television and films. It was this interest



"Bye, Meelah" by Carmen Balentine



A portrait of Vantaza Mahon by Carmen Balentine

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that led him to his true desire of becoming a performer and entertainer. But Balentine soon discovered two grave realities: the instability of the arts, and the fact that being an openly Gay Black male, he could wait a long time to be recognized.

His love of the visual arts drew him to photography. "I've been taking pictures steadily since high school," he says.

As a student at UW-Madison, Balentine worked through his fear of being intimidated by the technology of photography. He earned a degree in Communication Arts, specializing in radio, TV

and film.

His primary interest is film and video-making although his photography hobby, in some ways, has been more consistent and rewarding. After college, he worked for a time with a video company but the assignments, often shooting stock footage for corporations, were not very inspiring.

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"I'd much rather focus on images and stories and people—that interests me—things that pertain to race and sexuality and even class..."

Two members of the Chicago band "Pulsations" party at last year's PrideFest. Photo: Carmen Balentine



One of his early influences was the Spike Lee film *She's Gotta Have It*. The imagery and responsibility of Spike Lee's work inspired Balentine to strive onward as a Black artist. His favorite subject to photograph? People, of course! "I believe it is easier to evoke an emotion and an expression from people than I can in landscape. As a Black person, I also believe it is important to document ourselves, and I work to represent people in a manner that *they* like to see themselves in."

Also, says Balentine, "The camera is a tool that I socialize with. It has given me a lot of courage to meet people by saying, 'Can I take your picture?'"

Balentine has experienced another level of growth in photography—a spiritual growth. "I've come to believe all people are beautiful, worthy of respect. We live in such an image-conscious society that tells us we are not worthy because we're African-American, we're Gay, or we're poor. I want to combat that with my photographs, and I want to work *against* this image-conscious society."

"I want to see more representations of our different experiences. We can't wait to see if the white, heterosexual dominated system will acknowledge us. We must recognize each other in all our diversity *now*."



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By Dr. John D'Emilio

THE CBC WAS THERE!

My favorite Gay Liberation publication in the 1970's was the now-defunct **Body Politic**, published in Toronto. On its masthead, it carried a quote from Kurt Hiller, a Gay activist from pre-Nazi Germany: "The liberation of homosexuals can only be the work of homosexuals themselves."

At the time, his political judgment made perfect sense to me. After all, we were just beginning to find our voices as a visible community and, as the numbers of us who came out of the closet grew, it created a heady sense of power. Meanwhile, there was no long line of heterosexuals waiting to embrace our cause. If we were going to win our freedom, we would have to do it ourselves.

I still believe we need to take initiative on our own behalf, but I no longer think we can do it alone. It's not just that even if every last one of us came out of the closet, we would still be a numerical minority. Rather, the last few years have demonstrated that identifying our likely allies and winning them over — even more than coming out — is the key task for our community and movement.

The victories we have achieved, whether it be AIDS funding from Congress, civil rights laws from local governments, or the defeat of statewide initiatives in Oregon and Maine, only happen because non-Gay people have supported us. The need for allies is even more critical now that a rabid group of right-wing extremists is growing in political power.

As part of its understanding that allies are essential, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has organized an *Honoring Our Allies* event in Washington for several years. Last fall, we spotlighted the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). It seemed especially important to choose them as recipients, since one of the first actions of the Republican-controlled Congress was to de-fund the CBC and other key House caucuses, labeling them "special interest" groups.

What has the Congressional Black Caucus done for the Gay and Lesbian community?

In thirteen key House votes on Gay-related issues since the early 1980's, the CBC has been our most consistent supporter. In seven of them, members of the Black Caucus voted unanimously in our favor; in another three, the lone dissenter among CBC members was the one Republican in the Caucus.

Not surprisingly, African American members of the House were far more supportive on Gay issues than Republicans. But they were also way ahead of Democrats as a whole, and of women legislators too.

The support came on a wide range of issues: Gays and the military; domestic partnership benefits in the District of Columbia; action against hate crimes directed at us; funding for Gay-related legal services; AIDS education and prevention efforts.

Support was there on issues where a broad consensus had already been achieved, as in the final vote for passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in 1990. But the CBC also stood by us in situations where it was not so easy to do so, including issues where political passions ran very deep, and where a pro-Gay stand could be deemed a liability.

In describing the leadership role of the Congressional Black Caucus, Barney Frank, a Gay Congressman from Massachusetts, put it this way: "The Congressional Black Caucus is so far in front on our issues that no one is even in second place."

The record of the CBC doesn't surprise me. The African American community has been at the forefront of struggles for justice in this country. It has led campaigns to translate ideals of equality and fairness into fact. The quest for justice is deeply ingrained in the values and in the actions of its political leaders. The CBC was supporting us back in the days when our movement had no political muscle. They supported us before we asked and before we could give anything in return. They supported us, in other words, because it was right.

Alliance-building is a two-way street. Can we develop the same instinctive outrage at injustice and inequality

whenever we encounter it? Can our organizations and our leadership do the right thing even without being asked? Will we be the kind of allies we want others to be for us? The answers to these questions will tell us — and our potential allies — a lot about the integrity of our cause.

D'Emilio is Director of the Policy Institute at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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Popular Milwaukee bartender Tommy Polubinsky died on Sunday, January 28, 1996.

He began working in the late 1970's at the original Factory and then worked at the Factory II and Factory III. Since 1984, he had been bartending at Club 219 Plus in Milwaukee.

Tommy was an outstanding and caring member of Milwaukee's Gay community. Along with bartending, he always found time for fundraising efforts. In 1994, Tommy raised the most money in the "Possum Queen" event and was proud to have captured the title. Tommy was always a caring person, and he will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Tommy is survived by his mother, four brothers and two sisters. Kevin, other relatives and many dear friends also mourn his passing. Rest in Peace, my friend!

A memorial service for Tommy was held Saturday, February 3 at the Ritter-Larsen Bros. Funeral Home in Milwaukee. Memorials to the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry would be appreciated.

Tommy Polubinsky



Scott R. Miller

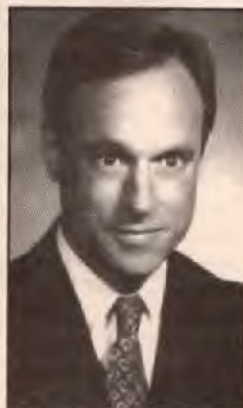
April 6, 1961 - January 6, 1996

Scott R. Miller passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 1996.

Scott lived in Canton, Ohio but visited Milwaukee on numerous occasions. He worked as a waiter and manager, and always was professional at what he did. He gave love and compassion to all his friends, and dedicated his last few years to care for his mother, Donna Miller.

Scott and I met while I was in the Navy, and he devoted six glorious years together with me. He followed me from city to city wherever I went. I can say he was my lover and companion until we went our separate ways, but we still loved each other and kept in touch.

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By Belle Pepper

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The modern celebration of St. Valentine's Day probably grew out of a tradition that started in about the 14th century. For many years young people in France and England would get together on St. Valentine's Eve. Each person became the "valentine" of the one whose name was drawn from a valentine box.

Today it is customary to exchange cards, flowers, sweets and other gifts with loved ones, close friends, and family members on Valentine's Day. According to recent statistics, it is one of the most popular days to get married.

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The perfect recipe for Valentine's Day romance is simple: Music, Meal and Mood! Here are some suggestions for cooking up a little romance.

If you're under 25, crank up *November Rain* by **Guns 'N Roses** over burgers. Follow that with *The Cure Just Like Heaven* and apple turnovers.

Rappers might try **Heavy D** and the **Boys' Now that We Found Love**. If you're into contemporary rhythm & blues, try **Boyz II Men** *On Bended Knee*.

For the mainstream traditionalist, try **Barbra Streisand's** *My Funny Valentine* with a small tossed salad, medium rare steaks, a California red wine and a view.

Fans of traditional rhythm and blues may want to start the evening off with

Ray Charles' Georgia On My Mind and just let Ray do the cooking while you serve up roast and cross-cut, buttered green beans. If the evening goes perfectly, serve anything by Barry White for dessert. If not, turn on David Letterman and talk.

If your taste runs to smokey tunes and spicy flavors, go for a Louisiana Modern Mood with shrimp Creole, maybe some boudain, a white French wine and, of course - **Aaron Neville**.

For the So-Very-Tasteful mood, try this combination: **Kenny G's** sax from his *Duotones* album with pasta tossed with herbs, real butter and some toasted pine nuts. The dry white wine must be from California and the salad must be spinach.

Country love songs aren't really required to have hound dogs and tears mixed in. But face it, **kd lang** could make you cry if she were singing your winning lottery number.

Who cares, but on anything by **kd lang**, serve something deep fried and pour the beer into tall, pretty glasses to make it special. Apple crisp or cherry cobbler for dessert. If you're a sentimental sort - substitute **Melissa Etheridge**.

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Arts

Theatre X and Wild Space Host Mardi Gras Masquerade

Milwaukee — Two of Milwaukee's best performance groups, Theatre X and the Wild Space Dance Company, have teamed up for a lively Mardi Gras fundraiser to take place at the Milwaukee Arts Center/War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, on Saturday, February 10 beginning at 6:30pm.

The Masquerade begins at 6:30 with cocktails on the bridge level of the Museum and a silent auction of unique gifts and services, many with a Mardi Gras theme. At 7pm, a delicious Cajun meal will be served to the sounds of the Scott Sherrard jazz combo. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Mayor John Norquist.

The evening's highlight will be the auction of original masks created specifically for this event by some of Milwaukee's most eclectic visual artists. A special performance by the Wild Space Dance Company will feature the masks. Those who stay can dance the night away to the rhythm and blues of the Chesterfield Kings.

Tickets for the event are \$60 for the entire evening, or \$10 for the mask presentation and dancing (after 8:30pm). Costumes are optional. For tickets, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

Take a "Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" at the Fireside

Fort Atkinson — A stirring tribute to Patsy Cline's memory comes to life on the Fireside stage in Fort Atkinson in a one-woman revue featuring all her hits: "Sweet Dreams," "Walkin' After Midnight," "Crazy" and many more.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline features Leslie Jo Bissett as the beloved singer who met an early, tragic death. The show was written by Dean Regan and is being directed by Ed Flesch. The

cast includes many singers and musicians from the Grand Palace in Branson, Missouri.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline runs through February 25 with ten performances weekly from Wednesday through Sunday. The 700-seat Fireside, a theatre-in-the-round, is located at Hwy. 26 South in Fort Atkinson (40 minutes from Madison, an hour from Milwaukee). For show times and tickets, call (800) 477-9505.

Master Classes in African Dance Offered in Madison

Madison — On Sunday nights, MetroDance at 3009 University Avenue in Madison has been the scene of Master Classes in African and African American Dance technique taught by Tyrone King. King is formerly with the Ko Thi Dance Company of Milwaukee and the Pittsburgh Drum and Dance Company.

"African Dance is very feeling, very participatory," says King. "The idea is simply to get people moving, dancing."

All levels of dancers, from beginners to experienced, are welcome to join the weekly two-hour dance and drum circle which has met since the Spring of 1994. Live drumming is provided by the Kenkene Drum Ensemble.

Classes run from 7-9pm Sunday nights. Registration is on a drop-in basis. Fees are \$12 for a single dance, \$10 per class for four classes, \$8 per class for eight classes. For more information, call (608) 846-7032 or 271-7219.

Performers Sought for 2nd Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest

DeKalb, IL — Preparations have already begun for the 2nd Annual Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest, to be held Sunday, September 1, 1996 near Rockford, Illinois. Last year's festival brought together over 700 women from the greater Midwest area in a celebration of women's music and culture. Festival producers expect an even greater turnout this year.

Athena Productions is currently accepting submissions from performers in music, comedy, theater and other performing arts. The deadline for performer submissions is March 21, 1996.

Athena productions is also seeking festival volunteers and craftswomen. For further information, contact Athena Productions at 217 S. Second Street, #193, DeKalb, IL 60115.



Leslie Jo Bissett portrays the legendary Patsy Cline in the Fireside's production of "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline," running through February 25

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"Celebrating Carnival" - With Caribbean, Brazilian, New Orleans Art

Milwaukee — *Celebrating Carnival*, an exhibit featuring costumes and festival pieces representing Caribbean, Brazilian and New Orleans traditions by artists Tina Girouard, Nick Cave, the Philadelphia Mummers Museum, the Louisiana State Museum, and private collections, will be on display February 18 through March 31 at the Walker's Point center for the Arts, 911 W. National Avenue in Milwaukee.

Artist Gerald Duane Coleman, who has extensive experience in Caribbean and Brazilian arts and culture will speak about Carnival at 2pm during the opening reception. Music, refreshments and exhibit tours will also be available at the reception, which is free and open to the public from 1-4pm on Sunday, February 18.

On Sunday, March 10, renowned authority on carnival and Caribbean festival arts, Dr. John Nunley, will speak at the Walker's Point center at 2pm. Dr. Nunley's talk is also free and open to the public. For further information on the Carnival exhibit or lectures, call (414) 672-2787.

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre Presents 14th Annual Shaw Festival

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre will present its 14th Annual Milwaukee Shaw Festival from February 10 through March 3. This year's offerings include *Arms and the Man*, *Androcles and the Lion*, *The Six of Calais* and *Shaw Shorts* (featuring Shaw's *Press Cuttings* and William Butler Yeats' *The Land of Heart's Desire*).

The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre established the only con-

tinuing Shaw Festival in the US, because of George Bernard Shaw's unique place in the English-speaking theatre world. His writing, with its comic emphasis on social, political, scientific, economic and gender issues, remains very relevant today.

Arms and the Man, set during the Balkan war of 1885, makes witty observations about heroism and cowardice. *Androcles and the Lion* takes an irreverent look at the uses and abuses of Christian values. Director Denise Coffey promises *Androcles* will be "half Cecil B. DeMille and half Monty Python." *The Six of Calais* will be presented as a curtain-raiser for *Androcles*.

Among the familiar faces taking roles in this year's Shaw Festival will be Ruth Schudson, Troy Dunn, Jonathan Smoots, C. Michael Wright and Richard Halverson.

Shaw Shorts will run February 10-18 in the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. *Arms and the Man* will run from February 17-March 3 and *Androcles* runs from February 23-March 3, both in the Center's Cabot Theatre. For show times and ticket information, call (414) 291-7800.

Michelle Waide and Jonathan Curvin perform in the Boulevard Ensemble's production of Edward Albee's *Seascape*, February 16-March 10



Boulevard Ensemble Presents Edward Albee's "Seascape"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only microtheater, continues its 10th anniversary season with a production of Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Seascape*. The witty play tells the story of two couples — one human, one

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lizard — who meet on a beach and have more in common than they realize!

Pamela Brown, who appeared in the Ensemble's productions of *Wenceslas Square* and *The Learned Ladies*, is directing *Seascape*. The cast includes Michelle Waide, Jonathan Curvin, Terry Tuttle and Craig Halstead.

Seascape is running Thursdays through Sundays from February 16 to March 10 at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. For performance times and ticket information, call (414) 672-6019.



Detail: Anna and Bernhard Blume, "Im Wald" ("In the Forest") series, 1980-1991. "Metaphysik ist Mannersache III" ("Metaphysics is Men's Work III") 12-part sequence, 1991. Gelatin silver print. Photo courtesy of the Milwaukee Art Museum

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Madison Arts Center Seeks Entries for "Fair on the Square"

Madison — The Madison Arts Center is inviting artists to submit slides of work for jury review to the 38th Annual Art fair on the Square, to be held July 13 and 14 this year.

One of Madison's major cultural events, the Art Fair on the Square is also one of the finest juried art fairs in the Midwest. Occupying eight blocks around the State Capitol, Art fair on the Square attracts up to 200,000 people, providing artists with an excellent opportunity to show and sell their work. Sales for the two-day event last year were estimated at \$1.7 million.

To get an application with jury and booth fee information, call (608) 257-0158 or write to the Madison Arts Center, 211 State Street, Madison, WI 53703.

In other Madison Arts center news, the center has just launched a new page on the World Wide Web. The home page offers information and images from current exhibitions, a complete listing of educational programs and a detailed events schedule. Internet users can find the Madison Arts Center at <http://users.aol.com/MadArtCtr/MadArtCt.htm>.

"Off-Kilter" Event to Complement Blume Photo Works

Milwaukee — *Off-Kilter*, on February 16 and 17, is a new performance event by the Wild Space dance Company in collaboration with the Milwaukee Art Museum's exhibit of the photography and sculpture of German artists Anna and Bernhard Blume.

Off-Kilter will be an evening of dance/performance emphasizing the Blumes' huge, double-hung vertical black and white

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Victoria Adams and Michael Herold star in the musical *Quality Time* at the Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret through March 3. Photo: Jay Westhauser

photographs. The photos include the Blumes themselves with objects like potatoes, kitchen utensils, lamps and vases. The objects are often in motion and appear to be flying through the air, suggesting human anxiety and life gone out of control. Wild Space's *Off-Kilter* performance will complement and expand the visual field of the Blumes' exhibit.

The Blume exhibit runs at the Milwaukee Art Museum through April 21. *Off-Kilter* will be presented at 8pm on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17. For tickets, call Wild Space at (414) 271-0307.

"Portrait, Allegory, Icon" -Women's Art at the Mode

Waterloo — *Portrait, Allegory, Icon*, an exhibit featuring mixed media images of the female form by artists **Theresa Abel, Debra Gottschalk** and **Kelli R. Hoppmann** will be on display February 10 through March 31 at the Mode Theatre, the Residential Gallery and Performance Space in Waterloo, Wisconsin.

The Mode promises that these artworks will "haunt us, disturb us and lure us in to a web of fantasy, symbolism, ancient goddesses and modern angst. From the classical to the post-modern, these women select their styles, subjects and symbols, weaving them into images about women and life that hint at almost more than we care to know."

The Grand Opening of *Portrait, Allegory, Icon* will be on Saturday evening, February 10 from 7-9pm. It will feature the digital and electronic sounds of **Oneiroid Psychosis**. For more in-

formation on the exhibit or on other upcoming events at the Mode, call (800) 280-9632.

New Musical "Quality Time" at the Stackner Cabaret

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Repertory Theater continues to stage the premiere engagement of **David Frishberg's** new musical, *Quality Time*, through March 3 in the Stackner Cabaret.

Quality Time takes a wry look at a nostalgic songwriter in today's slick music business and the panic that overtakes him when his muse leaves to pursue a career of her own. The score includes such Frishberg classics as "My Attorney Bernie" and "Blizzard of Lies."

Playwright/songwriter Dave Frishberg has enjoyed a career as a pianist, songwriter, recording artist with four Grammy-nominated CD's and as a solo performer with a loyal following. Frishberg was recently interviewed on NPR's *Fresh Air* with **terry Gross**.

Fred Weiss directs this premiere production of *Quality Time*, and the cast includes **Michael Herold** as Frank, **Victoria Adams** as Eloise, **Larry Raiken** as Morris and **Mark Burnell** as the Pianist/Musical Director.

For show times and tickets to *Quality Time*, call the Milwaukee Rep at (414) 224-9490.

Also on the Arts Scene...

Milwaukee — Late Night Theatre X is presenting **Joseph Rabensdorf** in *Hat Matter*, a series of performance pieces incorporating poetry, dance, characterization and costume (hats). Joining Rabensdorf will be **Sarah Moore** performing *Parts Inside the List* and **Carolyn Thomas** in her dance piece *Sounds-Like*. The shows are at 10pm Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 at the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. Call (414) 276-2243.

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Zodiacscope

Astrological Forecast for February, 1996

February gets off to a roaring start with the Sun in humanitarian Aquarius. We forge ahead in our various areas of need, seeking truth and justice and maybe a nice warm handshake. Don't worry about Valentine's Day though, dear friends. Wait until the Sun enters sensitive, romantic Pisces. Justice be damned! Love conquers all!

ARIES

Outer directed Rams get the jump on other signs this month by concentrating more on friendships and self-improvement through the warm comfort and support of the group effort. Can you possibly improve on perfection? Of course! Welcome all views, no matter how widely divergent, and listen to all sides. You'll be hailed as the Great Gay Conciliator.

TAURUS

Career inroads are possible. Keep a keen eye out for political opportunity. Demand what is rightfully yours. On the other hand, keep friends at arm's length or you'll fall under the yoke of the old adage, "A friend in need is a pest." Proud Bulls should use this month to examine inner needs and motivations. How can you best get along with others without draining yourself?

GEMINI

Career progress may hit a snag, or you may be told you need more training before you can advance. That's okay; listen to the advice of bosses. Compromise and do what you must to succeed. Relationships, however, are in for a major overhaul or transformation. You will reap what you have sown with partners. I hope you like what's sprouting.

CANCER

Feisty Gay Crabs feel their oats this Valentine's month when sexual energy is high. Enjoy the heat, and try to channel this impressive energy into more areas of your life, such as work and travel. Your job may change tremendously, but this is good as long as you keep your eyes open and your outlook flexible. You'll successfully overcome any psychological barriers.

LEO

Partnerships take on an added importance this month as the planets heighten any one-to-one relationship. Proud Lions thrive with a Significant Other and are in a position to make others very happy and fulfilled. Return to creative pursuits now and expand your artistic horizons. Immense opportunity will serendipitously channel through these efforts.

VIRGO

Work may be much busier than usual but you won't mind: the planets give you ample energy to get the job done efficiently and easily. Focus more of your

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DO AS SHE SAYS: The Doyenne of Queer Manners Speaks Out

Meryl Cohn is Ms. Behavior

By Owen Keelmen

Ms. Behavior is the sassy and brassy self-appointed doyenne of queer manners and a real persona created by Lesbian columnist Meryl Cohn. Houghton Mifflin has published her hilarious and frequently astute collection of 49 tongue-in-cheek essays on Gay and Lesbian life- and love-styles: Do What I Say: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay and Lesbian Etiquette.

The book is a teasing volume, adept at tweaking the collective noses of the community with wit and aplomb. Reading Do What I Say was every bit as fun as talking with Meryl Cohn about her book and her alter ego, advice dominatrix Ms. Behavior.

OWEN: MS. Behavior began and still is a column for the Boston Gay and Lesbian paper *Bay Windows*. How did that come about?

COHN: Well, I had been doing some arts reviews and a health column for *Bay Windows*, and when they started their second section they asked if there was anything I'd like to do, and I said I always wanted to be an advice and etiquette columnist.

What talents uniquely qualified you for that position?

I'm very bossy. When I was in college, I used to think I wanted to be a therapist and was prepared to go to graduate school for clinical psychology. Then I realized I'd have to spend my entire day listening to other people's problems, and they don't do what you tell them to anyway!

Does the title come from that belief?

Meryl Cohn, author of DO WHAT I SAY: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay and Lesbian Etiquette. Photo: Benno Friedman



Yes, it's a command. A lot of what I do is make fun of pop psychology as well as give tongue-in-cheek answers to people who write me, so it blends my skills.

Was the drive to advise always inside you?

I was always the person people came to in crises. I was the unofficial Lesbian chauffeur to the abortion clinic for pregnancy testing, things like that. I remember when I was 12, I went with a friend of mine for his first VD test. I looked up in the phone book where we could have free and confidential testing and then we rode our bikes twelve miles to the hospital.

The tone and voice of Ms. Behavior is so lovingly irreverent and demurely regal. What was your biggest influence on the development of the persona?

It's weird. It's hard for me to say what the influence was because, quite honestly, the voice was just there from the start. It was almost like I was channeling or something.

Thank goodness you were channeling someone with breeding. Do you see Ms. Behavior more as a writing voice or as a performance persona?

I'd never experienced it as a performance thing till I went on tour. I'd only written as Ms. Behavior, so it's been interesting to make these appearances. But I can feel it beginning to happen whenever I put on that red dress.

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Hmmm. Channeling is becoming possession. Along those lines, what is the primary difference between her and Meryl?

Ms. Behavior is a little bit more irreverent. I will say what I think, but Ms. Behavior will say it a lot faster and without thinking about it. She has an almost id quality and doesn't censor any of her thoughts.

That sounds like a great form of therapy in itself.

I think that's true. I think a reason Ms. Behavior evolved as easily as she did was that it allows me to sometimes be the person I would like to be.

Have there been any hurdles of etiquette that Ms. Behavior herself has had to overcome?

People assume I have all the answers, and in regard to their problems, I may be able to come up with something, but that doesn't mean I'm any more astute than anyone else with all the stuff in my own life.

The book is great and includes 49 essays on a myriad of topics from Gay and Lesbian types to penetration to body hair to tattoos to your cervix to women's music festivals to recovery to size queens. Do you have a favorite entry in *Do What I Say*?

There are a few, but one of my favorites is "Co-Dependent If You Want Me To Be."

That's a hilarious title. When people write you for advice, what's the usual subject matter?

There are four basic topics: coming out questions; relationships and love; sex and dating; and cultural rituals, which is anything from body piercing to tattooing and fashion — that sort of thing.

Has your flippancy ever resulted in angry mail?

I've gotten two letters from angry Bisexuals who felt I'd slighted them, but otherwise most of what I've gotten has been very positive. There may be a lot of others walking around despising the things I say, but they haven't come forward and said so.

Your book contains something to slightly offend everyone who takes themselves too seriously. Why is it

necessary for the community to lighten up a little?

Because there's so much in Gay and Lesbian culture that's wonderful and fun and funny. I think as a community, we've evolved to a place where we can and should laugh and be amused with ourselves.

I've heard your idol is Lucy Van Pelt from *Peanuts*. What things do you most admire about her?

She says what she means, whether that's opening her mouth and yelling or punching someone in the nose. Her psychiatric advice is dispensed very reasonably — I think it's still only five cents, even with inflation.

I noticed in the back of the book there's an address for letters and questions. Is that paving the way for a sequel?

I'm definitely going to do some sort of sequel but rather than question and answer, it will probably be another collection of essays.

If you could eradicate one breach of etiquette from the Gay and Lesbian community, what would it be?

The first thing that popped into my head was this boundary-free thing. It takes place on a physical level like at the beach as well as on an emotional level where everyone is sort of into everyone else's business.

Upon thoughtfully closing *Do What I Say*, what do you want the reader to come away from the book feeling?

I want them to come away feeling somebody knows me, somebody knows my life and the things I think are funny or entertaining. I also want them to feel that this is indeed a culture and to recognize themselves as a part of it. Mostly, I want them to have fun and just to laugh.

I did. Thanks, Meryl.

Thank you, Owen.

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- Afrekete: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Writing**
Edited by Catherine McKinley & L. Joyce DeLaney. Anchor Books, 1995
\$14.00
- Brother to Brother: New Writings by Gay Men**
Edited by Essex Hemphill, 1991
\$9.95
- Home Girls: A Black Feminist Anthology**
Edited by Barbara Smith
Kitchen Table
Women of Color Press 1983 \$15.95



Barbara Smith, editor and founder of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, is writing the first comprehensive history of African American Gays and Lesbians.
Photo: Tee A. Corinne

NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHY:

- James Baldwin: A Biography**
By David Leeming
Henry Holt, 1994 \$15.95
- Lettin' It All Hang Out**
By RuPaul, Hyperion, 1995 \$19.95
- Lesbians Talk, Making Black Waves**
By Valerie Mason-John
Scarlett Press, 1994 \$8.50
- Black Men — White Men**
By Michael Smith
Gay Sunshine Press, 1983 \$14.95
- Critical Essays: Gay and Lesbian Writers of Color**
Edited by Emmanuel S. Nelson
Harrington Park Press, 1993 \$19.95
- Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches**
By Audre Lorde, Crossing Press, 1984 \$10.95
- Zami: A New Spelling of My Name**
By Audre Lorde
Crossing Press, 1983 \$10.95
- Last Night on Earth**
By Bill T. Jones, Pantheon, 1995 \$35.00
- Silent Interviews**
By Samuel Delaney
Wesleyan U. Press, 1994 \$16.95
- One of the Children: Gay Black Men in Harlem**
By William G. Hawkesmood
U. of California Press, 1995 \$15.00

FICTION:

- In the Game**
- The Lavender House Murder**
- The Long Goodbyes**
All by Nikki Baker, Naiad \$9.95
- Another Country**
By James Baldwin, Vintage, 1993 \$12
- Giovanni's Room**
By James Baldwin, Dell, 1985 \$5.99
- The Big Mama Stories**
By Shay Youngblood
Firebrand, 1990 \$8.95
- Trouble the Water**
By Melvin Dixon, Pocket, 1992 \$8.00
- Vanishing Rooms**
By Melvin Dixon, Plume, 1992 \$10.00
- The Threshing Floor**
By Barbara Burford
Firebrand, 1987 \$7.95
- Hogg: Black Ice Books**
By Samuel Delaney
Fiction Collective Two, 1994 \$24.95
- They Fly at Ciron**
By Samuel Delaney, Tor, 1996 \$6.99
- Blackbird and Tangled Up in Blue**
By Larry Duplechan
St. Martin's, 1987, 1990 \$8.95

- Captain Swing and Eight Days a Week**
By Larry Duplechan
Alyson, 1993, 1995 \$15.95, \$5.95
- The Gilda Stories**
By Jewelle Gomez, Firebrand, 1993 \$10.95
- B-Boy Blues**
By James Earl Hardy, Alyson, 1994 \$10.95
- Invisible Life and Just As I Am**
By E. Lynn Harris
Anchor, 1994, 1995 \$9.95, \$10.95
- Let the Dead Bury Their Dead**
By Randall Kenan, Harcourt, 1993 \$11.00
- Visitation of Spirits**
By Randall Kenan, Anchor, 1990 \$9.95



Randall Kenan, author of A Visitation of Spirits and Let the Dead Bury Their Dead. Photo: Kate Simon

- Traitor to the Race**
By Darieck Scott, Bantam, 1995 \$20.95
- The Black and White of It and Say Jesus and Come To Me**
By Ann A. Shockley
Naiad, 1987 \$7.95, \$8.95
- Coffee Will Make You Black**
By April Sinclair, Avon, 1995 \$10.00
- Ain't Gonna Be the Same Fool Twice**
By April Sinclair, Hyperion, 1996 \$19.95
- The Color Purple**
By Alice Walker, Pocket, 1982 \$6.99
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By Hattie Gossett, Firebrand, 1988 \$8.95
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attention on relationships. Try to untangle any problems there, especially those that have to do with family mandates and restrictions. A new broom will sweep the closet clean, and you will feel fresh and affirmed!

♎ LIBRA

Words take on an entirely new hue, so think before you speak or take the heat. No matter what you say, fun is mandatory, so visit Party, USA and send us a postcard. All play and no work makes pink Libra a bad child, so be sure to take care of stuff on the job as well as maintain diet and exercise regimens. Sassy Scales have their work cut out for them this Valentine's month.

♏ SCORPIO

Closeted Scorps are in for a change of perspective. Family schlock hits that fan this month, but you are well prepared to do what needs to be done to inspire, convince and reunite. Once the dust has settled, you will be able to truly enjoy yourself and apply your talents to something artistic and creative. Inspired Scorp, try writing the Great American Gay Novel!

♐ SAGITTARIUS

Queer Sags are never shy about asking for what they want. Now you may even get what you ask for. (May I suggest that you ask for the perfect Valentine?) Home related problems bubble to the surface but if you can restrain your temper and frustration, you'll make necessary and beneficial changes. Money matters take on a decidedly lucky turn. Don't spend it all in one place!

♑ CAPRICORN

Even demure Caps command center stage this month with grace and aplomb. Your part is meant to be played for an Oscar. Get ready for your close-up! Bank on your considerable charisma to meet the right people at the right time to make the right first impression. Intuitive ideas can be karmically transforming. Try volunteering for one of our charities, You won't regret it!

♒ AQUARIUS

Friendships can transform the working patterns of your life and help you energize any social scene you launch into right now. Watch out for gusty winds by zipping the lip; off-the-cuff remarks have a way of scuttling the ship. You can make already iffy situations worse by speaking out. Let pals do the work for you. Just keep quiet, relax and enjoy!

♓ PISCES

Pink Fish continue to suffer from an unfounded lack of confidence, but don't sell yourself short! You have plenty of spunk and wherewithal to make people sit up and take notice of your many accomplishments. Career opportunities open up; take advantage of the sage advice of superiors, the kindness of strangers and the lucky advice of friends. Grab your success!

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PBS Programs Focus on Black Gays and Lesbians

Watch "Black Is...Black Ain't" and "In the Life"

Among several programs on Black history and culture to be aired on PBS in February — Black History Month — are two shows which will focus on African American Gays and Lesbians.

The more outstanding of these is the 90-minute must-see documentary *Black Is...Black Ain't*, the last film made by Gay filmmaker Marlon Riggs before his death from AIDS complications. *Black Is...Black Ain't* will be broadcast on Thursday evening, February 22 at 10pm on Wisconsin Public TV, and at 11pm on WMVS, Channel 10 in Milwaukee.

The second program, *In the Life*, will be aired earlier in the month — on Thursday, February 8 at midnight on Channel 10, and on Friday, February 16 at 11pm on Wisconsin Public TV. (People with Warner Cable in metro Milwaukee can get Wisconsin Public TV on Channel 21.)

"BLACK IS..."

Black Is...Black Ain't is award-winning filmmaker Marlon Riggs' up-front examination of how definitions of "Blackness" — especially those equated with masculinity — hurt and divide Black people. Bringing together personal stories, interviews, music, history and performance, *Black Is...Black Ain't* asks African Americans: *What is Black, Black enough, or too Black?*



Marlon Riggs, writer/director/producer of "Black Is...Black Ain't." Photo: Janet Van Ham

For centuries, American culture has stereotyped Black Americans, but equally devastating have been the constraining and contradictory definitions of "Blackness" African Americans have imposed on each other: the right attire; hair from "conk" to Afro; ghetto slang or "proper" speech; "true" Black religion versus the "false"; macho man or super woman; authentic, Afrocentric or Eurocentric; sexuality and gender roles. Each of these has been used as a litmus test in defining the *real* Black man and the *true* Black woman.

But is there an *essential* Black identity? Can Blackness be reduced to a single set of experiences that African Americans should share or even aspire to?

From gang members on the streets of South Central Los Angeles to farmers on the Georgia Sea Islands, from a corner juke joint in Mississippi to the middle class suburbs of Washington, DC, Riggs questions the restrictions inherent in "Black Unity."

We hear from many who have felt silenced within their own communities of color because their skin shade, class, sexuality, gender or even speech has labeled them either "too Black" or "not Black enough." Cultural critics including Angela Davis, bell hooks, Michelle Wallace, Cornel West, Barbara Smith, Kwaanza founder Maulana Karenga, choreographer Bill T. Jones and the late poet Essex Hemphill offer thoughtful commentary about their own experiences.

Most damaging, Riggs argues, is the common identification of Blackness with a hyper-masculinity, a cultural equation the film traces to the Black Power movement of the 1960's and the current media fixation on inner-city streetwise youth. Some of the film's most shocking moments are revealing clips of Eddie Murphy's macho strutting during his one-man show *Raw*, and Rev. Louis Farrakhan's "rooster in a hen house" defense of convicted rapist Mike Tyson.

Colorism, the Black church, the civil rights movement, family — all continue to be defining factors in today's Black communities. *Black Is...Black Ain't* brings it all to the table, knowing, as Riggs says, that "there's a cure for what ails us as a people, and that is for us to talk to each



Angela Davis speaks out in "Black Is...Black Ain't" February 22 on PBS

other. We've got to start talking about the ways in which we hurt each other...because nobody can unload the pain or the shame or the guilt by not speaking."

Tying all these threads together is Riggs' own story of difference as a Black Gay man with AIDS. Hospitalized with AIDS in November 1993, Riggs became an onscreen character in his own film, talking about the illness and giving instructions on how to complete his film. When Riggs died in April 1994, colleagues Nicole Atkinson and Christiane Badgley finished the shooting and editing. The final product, as seen on PBS, was made possible with support from the Independent Television Service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Black Programming Consortium.

The brilliance of *Black Is...Black Ain't* is a painful reminder of just how great a loss the death of Riggs is to American filmmaking and culture. In his short career, he created a handful of controversial but award-winning films focussing on race, homosexuality and AIDS: *Ethnic Notions*, *Tongues Untied*, *Color Adjustment* (his survey of how commercial TV has

Part of the Gay contingent at last year's Million Man March, discussed in February's episode of "In the Life." Photo: (c) 1995, Jonathan Atkin



depicted Blacks), *Affirmations*, *Anthem* and *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*.

Black Is...Black Ain't, Marlon Riggs' final meditation on the African American experience, is a fitting capstone to his outstanding legacy. Don't miss it on your PBS station February 22!

"IN THE LIFE"

The February episode of the hour-long Gay and Lesbian newsmagazine show *In the Life* will include several segments in recognition of Black History Month.

In Atlanta, *In the Life* explores with organizers the significance of Gay and Lesbian participation in the National March of Celebration, the annual march honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. While in Atlanta, *In the Life* also attended a rally remembering Bayard Rustin, the Gay civil rights leader who organized the great 1963 March on Washington.

In the Life then travels to Washington, DC to interview Keith Boykin, the new Executive Director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. Boykin, a Harvard Law School graduate who served in the Clinton White House, works through the Leadership Forum to educate the Gay community about racism, and the Black community about homophobia. Included in this segment is a photographic essay of the Gay contingent at last October's Million Man March, with photos by Jonathan Atkin.

Other segments include a talk with members of "Think It's Not What It Is," an African American Lesbian theatre troupe, and a look at South Africa, a country poised to become the first nation on earth to guarantee the rights of Gays and Lesbians in its constitution.

In the Life airs on WMVS-TV in Milwaukee Thursday, February 8 at midnight and on Wisconsin Public TV at 11pm Friday, February 16.

During February, PBS is also offering other programming focusing on aspects of Black history and culture. Check your local listings for: the "Midnight Ramble" and "Freedom on My Mind" episodes of *The American Experience*; *Tuskegee Airmen: Men of Distinction*; *Frederick Douglass: When the Lion Wrote History*; *The Nicholas Brothers: We Sing and We Dance*; and *Mississippi, America*.

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Spirituality

Dignity/Milwaukee Celebrates 21st Anniversary

Milwaukee — Dignity/Milwaukee is celebrating 21 years of serving the LesBiGay and Transgendered communities, their families and friends with a Mass and social beginning at 6pm, Sunday, February 11 at St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue in Wauwatosa.

The anniversary Mass will commemorate the many women and men who have built and maintained the local, regional and national Dignity organization. Everyone is invited to help remember the past, celebrate the present and build the future.

After Mass, the celebration will continue with refreshments and fellowship. Present members look forward to hearing from and seeing many past members. All are welcome to participate in the Mass and/or social that follows.

Dignity/Milwaukee was founded in February 1975, six years after the founding of the national organization of LesBiGay Catholics. Originally, the group met at the Newman Center at UW-Milwaukee. In 1978, the group was invited into the St. Pius X faith community where they have celebrated every Sunday at 6pm since. Dignity also met monthly at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cathedral for several years.

Dignity serves all the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian faith community. One third of its members are actually of other faiths. Members of the chapter work with the Milwaukee AIDS Project and, last year, received a St. Camillus AIDS Ministry Award. Members have also been involved annually in the planning of the Interfaith Service at PrideFest.

For more information about Dignity/Milwaukee, call Joe at (414) 873-9591.

Integrity Holds Retreat February 23-24

Milwaukee — At what points do sexuality and spirituality intersect? Must one of them always be seen negatively and one positively? How can those individuals who live with the added wild card of gendered sexuality develop the depth of their own spiritual experiences in a church that often ignores or rejects them?

Men and women from various faith communities are invited to share their stories at a retreat called *Offering Our Stories: Gay and Lesbian Spirituality* to be held February 23-24 at the DeKoven Center, 600 21st Street in Racine. The retreat is sponsored by the Metro Milwaukee chapter of Integrity. (A second similar retreat scheduled for June 28-29 will invite heterosexual friends to join in.)

The retreat will begin on Friday, February 23 with registration between 5-6pm, soup and sandwich, an opening focus by the Rev. Jan Doleschal, and small group discussion ending at about 9pm. On Saturday the 24th, registration will be from 8-9pm. There will be breakfast, a short talk by Dr. Dennis Jackson, small group dis-

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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

Brrrrrrrr. It's Monday, January 29th. I couldn't wait to get home from my real job so I could slip into some warm fuzzy PJ's and curl up in front of a crackling fire place with the faint smell of burning firewood drifting through the air.

Add to that scene a very handsome man, about 6'1", 150 lbs or so, short dark hair and big blue eyes.

OK, in reality I am really just in a big sweat shirt sitting here at my desk with the comforting hum of the fan motor and the radiant heat of a space heater. Add to that scene a computer. Oh well, so it's not going to be a very romantic evening. Maybe another night.

Speaking of romance . . . Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Actually just a couple of days from this cover date. Remember as a kid, you would buy a box of Valentine cards to give to your teacher and all the other kids in your classroom? I can remember spending a little extra time making sure the cards going to the cute boys in class looked better than all



Roy & Kevin (center) say "See Ya" at the recent Going Away Party held for them at the 1100 Club. Photo by Jamie.

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the other ones. The cute boys always got the best cards. Up until just a couple of years ago, my mother would still give me one of those grade school cards. This year I might even get a card and it won't be from my mother.

Let's get you up to date on what has been happening these past couple of weeks. As you may have noticed, Triangle has been getting a make-over. There is a shiny new oak top on the bar with plans for oak wainscoting along the walls. New carpet bordered with oak will take the place of the old flooring. Corrugated sheet metal will also be part of the new look, along with new shapes for the tables. Any guesses what shape that will be??? Project completion date should be April-ish.

M&M has been booking *Singsational* every other Saturday, so if you think you got what it takes, *Singsational* will provide the microphone and M&M will provide the audience.

Good Riddance, I mean farewell to Kevin and Roy. 1100 Club had a going away party for Kevin and Roy on the 27th. Both are off to St. Louis. Kevin worked in the kitchen at 1100 Club and Roy worked the bar. Hope you have as much fun in St

Louis as you did here!!!

Sunday, January 29th there were Superbowl Parties all over town. Boot Camp was my first photo shoot. Just after half time we walked in. Standing at the bar was the impromptu half time entertainment. Two guys wearing only briefs. They never really told me what the actual entertainment was but by the size of one guy's thingy it must have been pretty interesting. Second stop was Just Us with lots of people hootin' N hollerin' for their favorite team. By the way, Just Us has a great Friday night fish fry. Also throwing parties (I heard standing room only) were Mama Roux and of course, Ballgame.

I would like to say goodbye to Mandi McCall. Lots of people came by to pay last respects at the funeral. I must say, anyone I talked to felt it was inappropriate for Carl to go on and on about drug and alcohol abuse in the Gay community. We were there to remember Mandi, not listen to Carl preach. That being said, thanks go out to C'est La Vie for providing an after-service buffet and party, not to mention handling a lot of the other details. Thanks, John.

Well it is time for me to crawl in bed now. work is just a few hours away, so until the next I see ya, keep warm and as always: slower traffic keep right.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT ISSUE:
7pm - MONDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 1996**

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**The Marvelous Arithmetic of Distance
and The Black Unicorn**

By Audre Lorde, Norton, 1994 \$8.95,
\$9.99

**Milking the Black Bull: 11 Gay Black
Poets**

Edited by Assotto Saint, Vega, 1995
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(This book list was prepared by Carl
Szatmary of AfterWords Bookstore, 2710 N.
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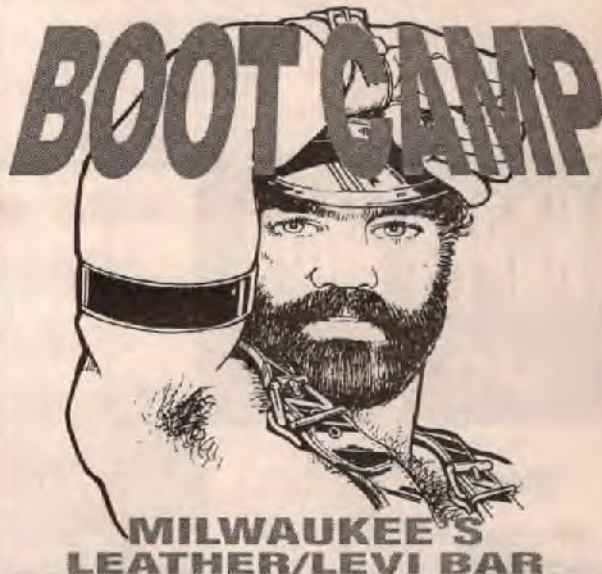
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Thursday, February 8

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.

Friday, February 9

10% Society (Mad): Valentine's Ball, 8pm. Great Hall - Memorial Union. \$3 admission. DJ, Cash Bar.

Valentine's Ball (Mad): 10% Society sponsored. 8pm-12:45am in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. \$3. DJ and cash bar.

Saturday, February 10

Positive Voice (GrBay): Day of Self Discovery III. 8am-4pm, Downtowner Best Western, 321 S. Washington. FMI (414) 499-5533.

Positive Voice (GrBay): Have a Heart Dinner. DePere, 6:30pm, St. Norbert College Sensenbrenner Memorial Union. Silent auction and show. FMI 800-675-9400.

Frontiers (Mad): Bridge for Everyone. For locations and membership information please call David at (608) 274-5959.

Countering the Right Wing (Mad): 8:30am-5pm at the Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street. Sponsored by Wisconsin Community Fund. FMI (608) 251-6834.

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

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Wreck Room (Milw): Oberons' Club Night Match Your Meat. \$5 Beer Bust and special Valentine's Raffles.

Women's Valentine Dance (Milw): In the private ballroom of Paloma's, 611 West National. Presented by Hurricane Productions. Hors d'oeuvres 8-9pm. Lu Shanti will be the DJ. \$7/advance; \$8/door.

M&M (Milw): Singational performs.

Sunday, February 11

Positive Voice (GrBay): Angel of Hope MCC Worship Service, 11:30am. 614 Forest Street.

Wednesday, February 14

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

Manoeuvres (Mad): An evening of romance (or lust).

1100 Club (Milw): Valentines Day Show, 10:30pm.

Ballgame (Milw): Valentine's Day Fun with door prizes and food. 6-10pm.

Gargoyles (Milw): Valentine's Day Party - Take Your Pants Off Underwear contest.

3B's (Milw): Valentine's Dance featuring Stardust. 10pm, \$3 Cover.

M&M (Milw): Enjoy a romantic dinner for 2. Reservations recommended.

Mama Roux (Milw): Romance at Mama Roux's. Dinner & wine. Reservations recommended.

Thursday, February 15

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. To House People with HIV with Marie D'Amico, Monica Pope and Maurice Wince.

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

Friday, February 16

Interweave Convo '96 (Mad): Thru February 18. At First Unitarian Society-UU, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison.

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

Saturday, February 17

Frontiers (Mad): Home Improvement. For locations and membership information please call David at (608) 274-5959.

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Geraldine's (Mad): Pool Tournament. Bar opens at 11am. Doubles at 11:30am, singles at 4pm. \$5 entry fee.

Just Us (Milw): Hearts & Flowers Potluck & Dance. 1-5pm. Bring a dish to share.

Sunday, February 18

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Monday, February 19

UW-Milwaukee (Milw): Start of Gay Awareness Week. All events will take place in the UW-Milwaukee Student Union, 2200 East Kenwood Boulevard.

Gay Awareness Week (UW-Milw): Dr. Jamie Washington will speak on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of Color. 3pm, Fireside Lounge.

Tuesday, February 20

Frontiers (Mad): Man-to-Man Rap. For locations and membership information please call David at (608) 274-5959.

MATC Downtown Campus (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling for Health Fair, 9am-1pm.

Wednesday, February 21

Gay Awareness Week (UW-Milw): Comedian and edutainer Gail Hand will do a humorous presentation on Coming Out. 7:30pm, Fireside Lounge.

Thursday, February 22

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Another Wave: Gay Youth Milwaukee with Mike Lisowski.

St. Camillus (Milw): 7-9pm at St. Camillus Health Center, Education Room, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa. No cost to participate. Caring for Ourselves: Preventing Caregiver Burnout.

Gay Awareness Week (UW-Milw): Information fair in the Union Concourse from 10am-1pm.

Gay Awareness Week (UW-Milw): Jamakaya will present a slideshow on the history of Milwaukee's Gay & Lesbian community. 1pm in the Milwaukee Room.

Friday, February 23

Midwest LesBiGay Conference (Beloit): Thru Sunday, February 25. At Beloit College, 700 College Street, Beloit. FMI (608) 363-4112.

Geraldine's (Mad): Ronnie Nyles Return. \$3 Cover.

Get Out there & Dance (Milw): Presented by Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community at UWM. 7pm-Midnight. UWM Ballroom. \$4.

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Maybe Life CAN Be A Bed of Roses

Anyone who fell in love with Mary Stuart Masterson in her breakout role as Idgie in John Avnet's *Fried Green Tomatoes* has waited a long time to see our heroine again in anything worth the loyalty.

Sure, Stu (as she is affectionately referred to in her chat board on America Online) went on to star opposite a grungy Hart Bochner in the wildly forgettable *Mad At The Moon* immediately following FGT's quiet emergence as 1992's sleeper hit. Fortunately, that misguided effort never even made it to the big screen, instead heading straight for the dust of the video racks. And she reappeared some years later with the ever-surprising Johnny Depp and versatile Aidan Quinn in the loopy, too-cute *Benny and Joon*.

Stu did a turn as a down-and-out widow-turned-hooker in the spirited but ultimately disappointing *Bad Girls*, sharing the screen with such winsome widow dressing as Madeleine Stowe, Drew Barrymore and Andie MacDowall. She even took a stab at comedy with the doomed farce *Radioland Murders*, which came and went without so much as a whimper, despite a not insignificant amount of Hollywood hype.

But for those of us who longed for the clarity and strength of character that shone through in Masterson's portrayal of the hard-drinking, Towanda-spouting, "maybe I am, and maybe I ain't" Idgie — every mother's nightmare and every baby dyke's wet dream — a new slug of Stu was nowhere in the offing till now.

With the arrival of her newest release, *Bed of Roses*, in theaters this month, Masterson once again delights, this time opposite a gentle and complementary Christian Slater. Some die-hard dykes may bridle at the thought of Stu starring opposite anyone other than Mary Louise Parker — an incomprehensible notion to those who can't imagine Idgie without her Ruth — as a love interest. Truly open minds, though, must admit that Slater is an easy and natural choice for

Mary Stuart Masterson. Photo: Michael O'Neill



Masterson's supporting lead. His low-key persona is just the right touch as a character sympathetic to her own adeptly underplayed part.

A GREAT DATE MOVIE

The premise of the story lies with Masterson as Lisa Walker, an ambitious young securities broker driven to succeed in business to atone for her perceived failure in personal matters. After receiving extraordinarily disturbing news at work, she receives a gorgeous arrangement of cheer-up flowers from a mystery person. Much of the first half of the film concentrates on her attempt to unravel the secret of her admirer's identity, at the same time introducing Pamela Segall as her best pal and confidante, Kim. (One senses hope for this girl, in more ways than one...)

Unsurprisingly, the sender of the flowers is revealed to be Slater's character, Lewis, and it's not difficult to figure out what goes on from there. The enjoyment of the film comes not from an overly original plot, but from the slow way in which it unfolds to reveal its true beauty, not unlike the petals of the blooms for which it is named. Don't be misled, how-

ever. Just because the old saw, "girl meets boy, girl gets boy, girl loses boy" is played once again, you needn't expect tinny, uneven notes from this instrument.

The subtle nuances of both lead performances are refreshing, both among current cinema fare and when compared to the over-the-top parts Masterson was forced to negotiate in *Bad Girls* and *Radioland*. And the performance turned in by Segall as Kim is funny, real and perfectly timed, an inspiration as the needed comedic balance to topics that could have become dark and ultimately too heavy. Thanks to the gifted directing of Michael Goldenberg, and a script that moved right along, these possible thorns in the bed of roses were deftly avoided.

Some neat plot twists and intriguing character developments, along with situations that engage without approaching uncomfortably close to the edge, blend skillfully to make *Bed of Roses* the perfect date movie, for anyone who longs for the sweetness of "movies" the way they used to be. Without dodging some real and painful issues, the film manages to leave a sweet taste in the viewer's mouth to mercifully cut that singular, greasy film only theater popcorn can leave.

Apparently, many agree; the film debuted at #2 in weekly box office tallies.

But even if you can't imagine Masterson in any but her Idgie role, take heart; Stu-isms abound in *Roses*. That certain way she tilts her head like a bewildered puppy dog; the cute, nervous giggle; and a stylish, short 'do that just begs to have someone's fingers run through it are all there, waiting for you to fantasize away for another few years. Let's hope it's not so long this time before one of Hollywood's best young talents chooses another vehicle so perfectly matched to her skills as an actor.

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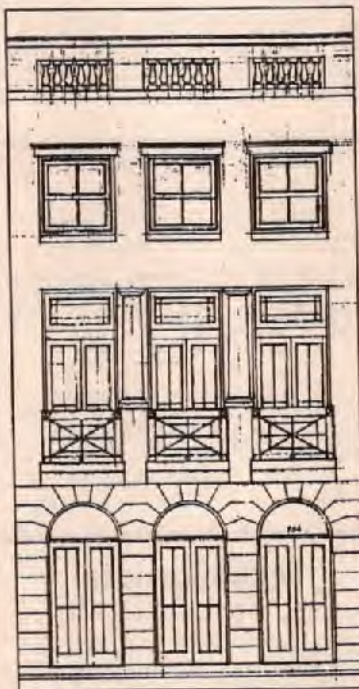
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- 2 Za's (MW, DL, V)
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- 4 Sass (WM)
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ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
PO Box 672, Green Bay 54305 432-0830
- Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
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PO Box 1901, Green Bay 54305 497-8882
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Green Bay 54305 437-7400 or (800) 675-9400
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ACCOMMODATIONS

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Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202 839-9222

MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

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HIV/AIDS Service Organization
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18-21 Yr Old Social Group (608) 256-2667
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G/L Educational Employees
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UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
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ORGANIZATIONS

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Alcoholics Anonymous
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BiDefinition Carol 961-0082 or Steve 483-5046
PO Box 07541, 53207 Steve 483-5046 or Carol 961-0082
BiNet USA (Milw. Contact) Steve 483-5046 or Carol 961-0082
Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) .. 272-3009
Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
Caring Bridges (Wholistic Health & Service for PWAs)
10101 W Wisconsin, 53226 259-6334
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PO Box 1697, 53202-1697

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

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

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
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Box 204, 53201 265-0880

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

Cream City Cummers (Safe Sex J/O Club)
Box 93421, 53203

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PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 229-4054

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

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PO Box 1900, 53201 425-2146

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UW
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Gay Lesbian Education Employees
of Metro Milw. (GLEEMM), Larry 384-9695

Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild
209 East National, 53204

Gay People's Union
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Gay Youth Milwaukee
(regular peer group meetings)
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Marquette LesBiGay Student Group
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 268-6873

MATC's Gay & Lesbian Organization (GLO)
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Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 962-6124

Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) 543-1850

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Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
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Pathfinders (Youth counseling, shelter)
1614 East Kane Place, 53202 271-1560

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17-21 (support) 271-2565

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Dave 871-3048 Vent 347-0580

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Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 276-6936

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PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202 272-3009

Wi. Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.
PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746

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Integrity Metro Milw (Open & Affirming)
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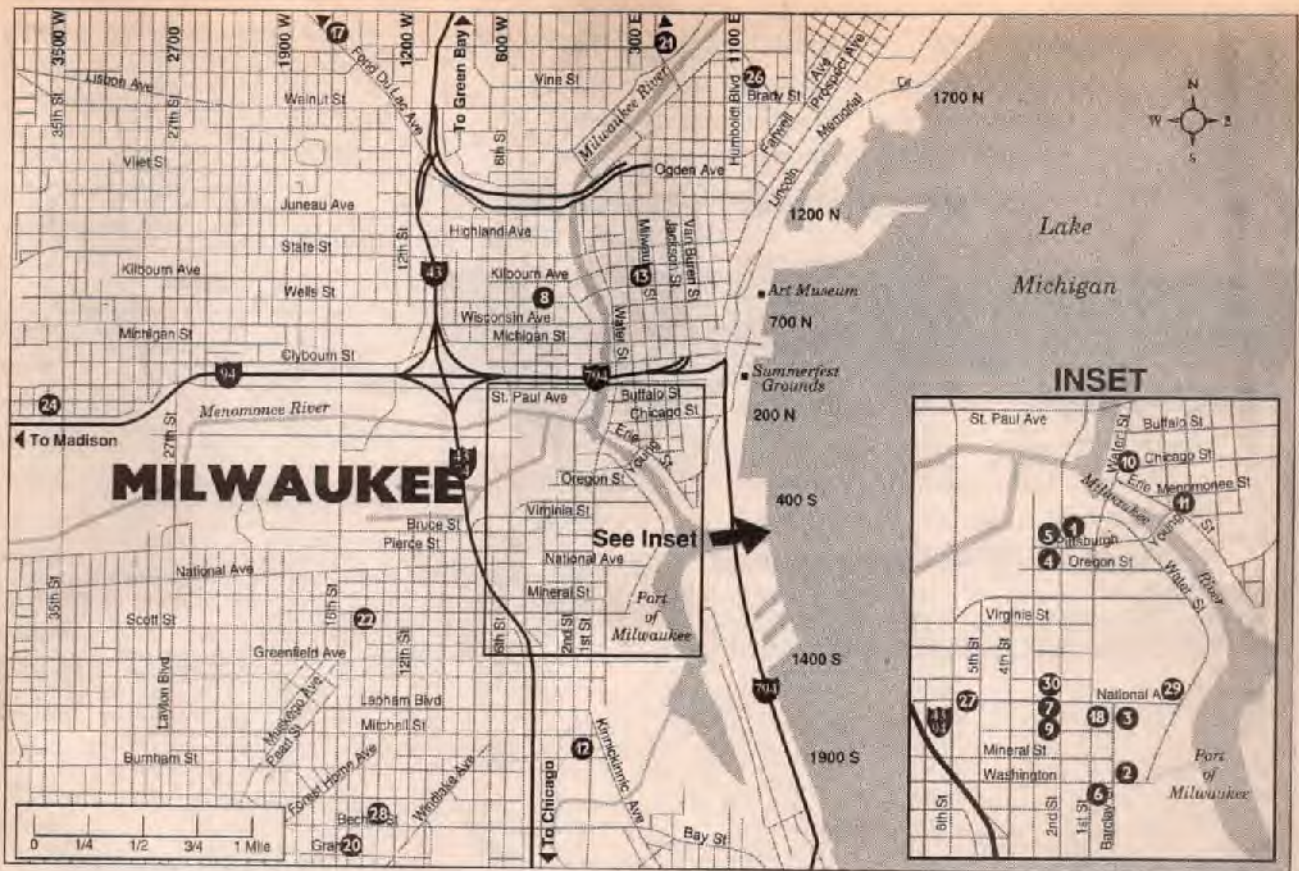
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1311 W Lincoln, 53215 643-9313
- First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N Astor 273-5257
- Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave 273-7617

MEDICAL

- Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
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- BESTD Women's Clinic
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- Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group
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- Gay Men's Support Group for Partners of HIV+ Men
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HIV/AIDS Service Organization
820 N Plankinton, 53203 Office/Staff 273-1991
AIDS Information 273-2437
- Positive Health Clinic
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945 N 12, 53233 283-7908
- STD Specialties Clinic
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(Gay listings, messages) 933-7572
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231 S. 2nd 53204 291-9600
- 5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
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354 E. National, 53204 225-9676
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- 17 10% Club
4322 W. Fond du Lac 447-0910
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- 10 M&M Club (MW, F)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
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3500 W Park Hill Ave (I 94& 35th) 933-RENE
- 20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755

- 13 This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192
- 12 3B's Bar (MW, D)
1579 S. 2nd, 53204 672-5880
- 18 Triangle (M, V)
135 E National 53204 383-9412
- 11 Wreck Room (M, L/L)
266 E. Erie 53202 273-6900
- 9 Zippers (Mw)
819 S 2nd, 53204 645-8330

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- 8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F)
720 N. Old World 3rd St 53203 291-9889
- 7 Grubb's Pub
807 S 2nd St, 53204 384-8330
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- Gay People's Union Hotline 562-7010
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- Pathfinders (24-hour Youth
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- Wisconsin AIDS Info Line 273-AIDS
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Marge Beil 286-2200

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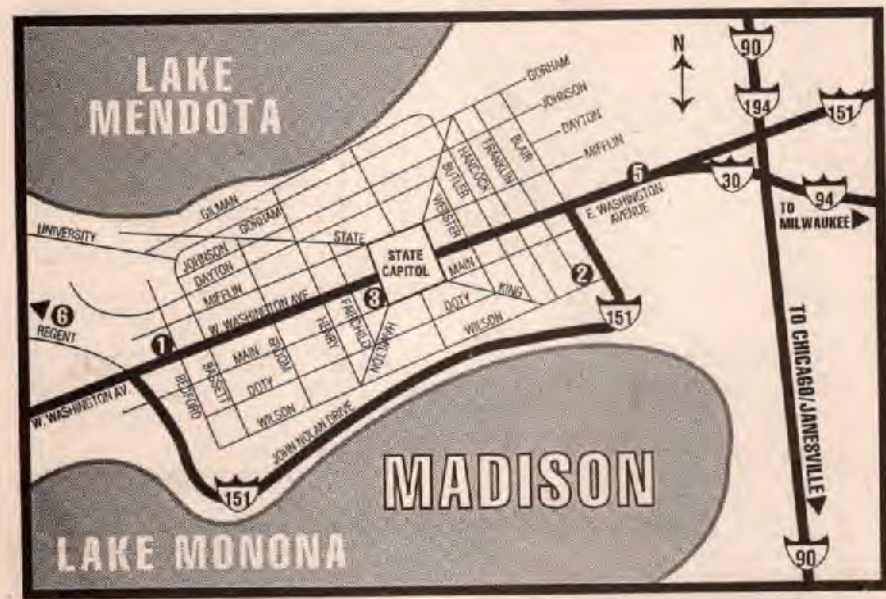
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NORTH CENTRAL WI (715)

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
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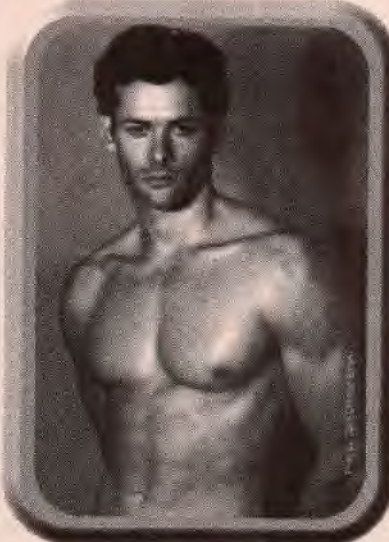
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