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NEWS

Right Wing Zealots Ovadal and Greer Repudiated Madison Fire Chief Amesqua Responds to Homophobia

By John Quinlan

Madison — In the weeks following the burning of the Hotel Washington and the temporary turning back of an anti-Gay marriage bill, Madison continues to be a politically volatile place for supporters of Gay and Lesbian rights.

However, recent events have proven to be a rallying point for local LesBiGay community leaders, who find their community newly energized with enthusiasm and action-oriented thinking. At a

going nowhere fast, as only a handful of co-sponsors had signed onto her bill one week after the original deadline for its introduction.

Most observers believe that the Republican leadership of the State Legislature is actively discouraging the introduction of such a bill, after a similar bill was proposed and then dropped by moderate Republican Dean Kaufert (R-Necnah). Given the limited time left on

OVADAL: "REPENT!"

Wisconsin Christians United director Ralph Ovadal, of Monroe, and a band of seven conservative ministers stormed the offices of Mayor Paul Soglin and State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, demanding that they either repent of their sins and be "born again" or resign. (Soglin is Jewish; Baldwin, of course, is the state's only openly Lesbian legislator.)

The community's reaction to the anti-Semitic and homophobic action was swift, and on Thursday, March 7, over 40 Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and Unitarian religious leaders came together to denounce the hatred, and to pray for understanding. Editorial boards roundly condemned Ovadal and his supporters, and local news operations were under fire for giving so much print space and air time to a group of people whose actions had become so universally discredited.

Ovadal and the others claimed to be speaking out in support of the statements of Madison fire fighter Ronnie Greer. Greer, who also serves as a pastor at Trinity Church, a small fundamentalist ministry, is facing disciplinary action for handing out anti-Gay literature while on the job.

The off-duty Greer, on the scene at the February 18th Hotel Washington fire, had told reporters, "It's a tragic loss of an historic building, but I'm glad to see that certain establishments in the place are gone. If it means the end to certain types of business, I don't have a problem with that."

The reasons for Greer's anti-Gay crusade became clearer in a March 11 interview with the *Capital-Times*. Previously, Greer's actions had been tied to the anti-affirmative action backlash on the part of some Madison firefighters that surrounded newly-hired Fire Chief Debra Amesqua. As is often true in cases where women are assuming new positions of power, Amesqua's critics explicitly and implicitly invoked homophobia as a weapon against her, through anonymous calls to radio talk shows, and through intra-departmental gossip.

For the first time in print, however, Greer's comments took the form of a



*Madison Fire Chief Debra Amesqua.
Photo: Theo Kramer*

Sunday, March 10 gathering at the UW Memorial Union, almost 50 local activists gathered to build a firmer foundation for the movement in Wisconsin, working to form better communication networks and alliances with PFLAG chapters and religious leaders.

The latest threat had come in the form of a co-sponsorship memo sent out by extreme northeastern Wisconsin Rep. Lorraine Seratti (R-Town of Florence) on February 28th in regards to another bill prohibiting same gender marriage. As of press time, it seemed her efforts were

the legislative calendar, and a consensus that hearings around such a bill would be brutally contentious, it seems unlikely that the bill will advance during this session.

However, no one was taking any chances, and organizing meetings like the one in Madison were being replicated all over the state. Meanwhile, as the forces of the Radical Right continued to become more emboldened by their presence in the media spotlight, the outrageousness of their actions was becoming more and more apparent to the general public.

homophobia-based personal attack against the chief. Commenting on a reporter's observation that much of the criticism Greer has received in the community is being generated because of his conservative Christian stance against homosexuality, Greer said: "I think my case was singled out. What got lost in my opposition to the new chief, who is Lesbian, is that the city hired her over more qualified candidates."

CHIEF AMESQUA RESPONDS

Fire Chief Amesqua, responded that "what Greer says on his off day and away from his job is his opinion. I will not verify his comments one way or the other."

Amesqua's unwillingness to engage Greer directly is due to the on-going investigation of charges against him. Amesqua, on the job for less than two months, has been proceeding cautiously as she gets a sense of the lay of the land in Madison.

However, some Lesbian and Gay

community leaders have been critical of that approach. Given the daily anxiety facing many openly Lesbian firefighters who wonder if they can trust colleagues outspoken in their opposition to Gay rights, they question whether she has established an atmosphere in which those concerns can be addressed. Given the persistent perception that some of these same firefighters might not respond to a fire at a Gay or Lesbian household with the same vigilance they would elsewhere, they are critical of Amesqua for not confronting issues of homophobia within the department more directly.

In an interview with *In Step*, Amesqua defended her approach. She restated her belief that questions Greer was raising relative to her own sexual orientation were irrelevant.

And she assured firefighters that homophobic harassment at the workplace would not be tolerated.

"All employees in our department are part of a hierarchical structure and that structure is set into place so that you

do have a supervisor who is with you at all times," she said. "I feel very confident that our company officers make sure that they do the work that's necessary in case of an incident that occurs. So I have no doubt in my mind that we would respond and mitigate the situation appropriately."

On the matter of whether a firefighter who expressed anti-Gay sentiments would be any less vigilant in fighting a fire at the home of a Gay or Lesbian family, she responded, "I have no fear of that whatsoever. We take an oath to respond to calls, and we have a duty to serve, and each and every fire fighter in this department will do that to the best of their ability."

Amesqua cautioned that much of what is happening in response to these incidents cannot yet be revealed, and she observed that long term strategies, not short term remedies, are much more effective when it comes to combatting intolerance within an institution.

"You must remember, I plan to be around for a long time — a very long time," she said. ▼ ▼ ▼

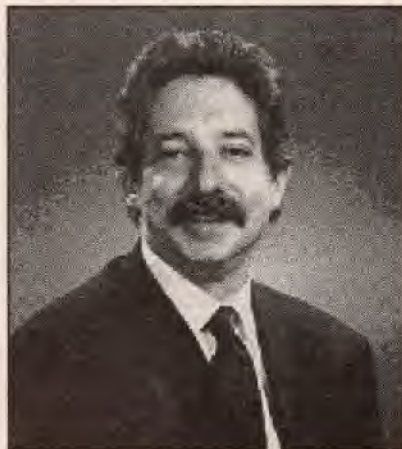
Soglin's Run for Congress May Delay Baldwin's Bid But It Highlights Smith's Openly Gay Candidacy for Madison Mayor

By John Quinlan

Madison — Mayor Paul Soglin's surprise announcement that he will challenge U.S. Rep. Scott Klug (R) in November has turned the political world on its head in this part of Wisconsin. And nowhere has this been as true as in the realm of Gay and Lesbian politics.

Openly Lesbian State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, who was believed to be a likely candidate for the seat in 1998, describes Soglin's decision as a "win, win" proposition. If he wins, a Democrat will regain control of a traditionally Democratic seat. (Klug, a former Channel 27 news anchor, had wrested the seat from 30 year incumbent Democrat Robert Kastenmeier in an upset victory in 1990.)

Given Klug's current popularity, it is equally possible that Soglin will come close, but not win. In any event, political veteran Soglin is likely to present a much more formidable challenge for Klug than Democratic challengers Ada Deer in 1992, or Tom Hecht in 1994. Under that



Mayor Paul Soglin

scenario, it's likely that Klug will be "softened up" for any challenger who takes him on in 1998 — and that would likely include Baldwin.

ENTER NAPOLEON SMITH

One year ago, as Soglin began what he said would be his last four-year term as mayor, the jockeying had already begun for the race to succeed him in 1999. With the possibility that Soglin will be leaving for Congress in January of 1997, potential mayoral candidates have begun to campaign in earnest.

Among the projected frontrunners is Ald. Napoleon Smith, a former Common Council President. Smith is in his third term representing Madison's diverse 13th district, which stretches in an arc from Madison's near south side to the neighborhood bordering Edgewood College. His district is a microcosm of a changing Madison, encompassing some of its more economically distressed neighborhoods and its more affluent ones.

Smith, who is Management Information Services Manager for Anchor Bank,

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has a long and extensive history of community involvement, in the community-at-large and in south Madison. A prominent African-American community leader, he was an early supporter of Tammy Baldwin's campaign for the State Assembly.

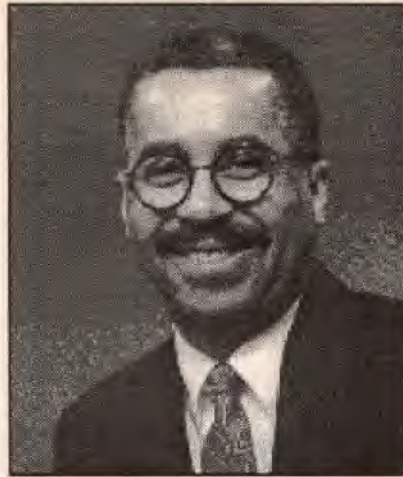
During a recent interview on WYOU-TV (Cable 4), Smith was asked to "tell our viewers a little bit about Napoleon." Asked specifically about his marital status, Smith replied matter-of-factly that he was neither single nor married, but that he is in a twenty year relationship with his partner, Tim.

In past conversations with this reporter, Smith has always emphasized that he wants to be judged by his qualifications, "not as the African-American candidate, or the Gay candidate."

Ironically, several years ago Smith was paired off in a mentoring relationship at a national League of Cities gathering with Kenneth Reeves of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who would later become the nation's first openly Gay African-American mayor. The two men have remained close.

SOGLIN SEEKS GAY SUPPORT

Mayor Soglin and Rep. Baldwin met for the first time following Soglin's



Ald. Napoleon Smith

announcement at the Olbrich Park benefit for The United on Saturday, March 9th. They greeted each other warmly, and joked about their recent joint ignominious claim to fame — being on the receiving end of Radical Right political leader Ralph Ovdal's public injunctions to repent and be "born again," or resign.

Two weeks previously, Soglin had announced his candidacy for Congress in the extremely homogeneous community of Waunakee, a community not noted for its tolerance of diversity. While most

reporters concentrated on Soglin's potential liabilities in the rural areas of the district given his outspoken history as an urban mayor, In Step turned that question on its head, asking instead, "How do Gays and Lesbians, and other people from minority constituencies, know that you won't water down your support of our issues in order to play to people in the outlying areas of the district?"

Soglin's response was immediate and emphatic.

"Too often today, politicians shirk their responsibilities by constantly wetting their fingers and sticking them into the air to determine the direction of the political wind at any given moment. As a candidate for Congress, I have an obligation to lead. Politics aside, I believe you have to stand for certain basic fundamental values regardless of whether or not that's the most politically popular thing to do."

"We must constantly remind ourselves of how dependent we are on one another," Soglin replied. "Education is the key. When a child learns the first things about prejudice, we must be there for that child."

"The true mark of leadership is knowing when to speak up — and never hesitating to do so," he continued. "In the ongoing struggle for civil rights, we achieve our goals by speaking out." ▼▼▼

State News

HUGE TURNOUT AT MEETING FOR MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY CENTER



Eru Uecker and Ross Walker, whose generosity spurred the effort, listen attentively at the March 11 forum about a community center for Milwaukee. Photo: Jamiakaya

Milwaukee — One hundred forty people crowded the Common Room at the First Unitarian Society in Milwaukee Monday evening, March 11, to discuss the prospect of establishing a community center for the city's LesBiGay and Transgender population.

The two-hour forum allowed dozens of people to express their views about who and what the LesBiGay community is, what sort of building in what area of metropolitan Milwaukee might be required, how such a venture should be structured and organized, who should be part of the effort and what kind of services such a center might offer.

Veterans of the first Gay groups that sprouted in Milwaukee in the 1970's offered their opinions and expertise. Some speakers said the plans should start out small and take time to expand; others warned that modest efforts were likely to fizzle out and a more aggressive, large-

scale plan is necessary. In Step publisher Ron Geiman got one of the biggest laughs when he commented that a "2-door Polish flat" will "just not cut it."

Several speakers expressed concern that any organizing effort must have more inclusive race, gender and age (especially youth) representation before plans proceed. Others warned that waiting for "perfect" representation of all facets of the Queer community at the outset could delay progress, and that broader representation would occur as plans move forward.

People who spoke represented groups as diverse as the Lesbian Alliance, Dignity, the Galano Club, Orgullo Latino/Latin Pride, the Gay People's Union, Senior Action in a Gay Environment, Lesbians of Color, ACT UP, St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, the GLB Community at UW-Milwaukee, the Metropolitan Community Church, the Cream City Foundation, PrideFest and



Top: Jo Bruns of the Lesbian Alliance makes a point at the forum.

Bottom: Veteran Gay activist Eldon Murray addresses the community forum. He is flanked by Wisconsin Light publisher Jerry Johnson to the left.

Photos: Jamakaya

many others. But almost a third of the audience raised their hands when asked if they came as individuals unaffiliated with organizations.

Volunteer chairs B.J. Daniels and Niki Cunningham did their best to keep discussion on track. But when neither they nor anyone at the forum felt they had the authority to schedule a second meeting, the need for leadership became dramatically apparent.

Cunningham volunteered to call all those who indicated (on forms handed out to attendees) that they might be willing to sit on a steering committee. It will be the responsibility of this committee to plan the next meeting and establish some structure for the venture. Please watch In Step for news of future meetings and developments.

The latest impetus for a community center for LesBiGay and Transgender people in Milwaukee came from Erv Uecker and Ross Walker, longtime Gay activists and mainstays of the Brady East STD Clinic, who in December pledged up to \$120,000 over a ten year period to support such a center. Their hope is that such a community center will help to truly unify the Milwaukee's sometimes frac-

tious Queer community.

To volunteer for the community center effort, or to have your name placed on its mailing list, write to: Community Center, c/o BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

ARCW'S NELSON URGES STATE TO COVER COSTS OF AIDS DRUGS

Milwaukee — In a strongly worded letter to Secretary Joe Lee of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin called the cost of new AIDS drugs "unmanageable for middle income working people." He urged Lee to expand Wisconsin's AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program to include four new AIDS medications including Saquinavir, the protease inhibitor providing new hope to people with HIV/AIDS by slowing disease progression.

"We have waited far too long for effective AIDS therapies to have them denied to the people who need them because of outrageous costs," Nelson said.

The cost of Saquinavir alone is \$7,000 per year. Combination drug therapies, which are increasingly being used as effective treatments, cost up to \$10,000 per year. Drug costs for some people with advanced AIDS can run as high as \$18,000 per year.

Nelson also called on Lee to add the new anti-retroviral drug 3TC to the AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program

(ADRP). He recommended that Fluconazole, which is used to treat and prevent debilitating fungal infections, and Clarithromycin, used to treat and prevent severe infections, be added as well.

Nelson criticized Wisconsin's ADRP for falling far behind most other states and national standards. "Wisconsin's program was once among the best in the country and is no longer keeping pace with critically important medical advances," he charged.

Nelson said Wisconsin's drug formulary includes only 10 medications and does not include antibiotics. He cited the state of Michigan which provides reimbursement for 15 drugs, Minnesota which reimburses for 35 drugs, and Illinois which reimburses for 106 drugs as states that are keeping pace with medical advances.

Nelson urged Secretary Lee to recommend \$470,500 in funding to include the four new drugs in the state ADRP.

"This is a wise investment of state funds," Nelson said, "because it will enhance the health and independence of people with HIV and AIDS and will significantly reduce reliance on the state Medicaid program, thereby saving the state far more money in the future."

The final decision on adding the new drugs to the ADRP will be made at a special hearing of the legislature's Joint Finance Committee in April. Concerned citizens are encouraged to call their state representatives and senators.



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NATIONAL News Briefs

Surprise, Surprise - NOT! HRC Endorses Bill Clinton

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign, the largest national Gay and Lesbian group, has endorsed President Bill Clinton for re-election, calling him the best President Gay America has ever known.

"This is a critical hour for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "As we move into this election year, the political climate is marked by increasing demagoguery, hatred, ignorance and upheaval. On every front, the stakes for Gay Americans are high."

Birch praised Clinton for these actions during his first administration: endorsing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill that will outlaw discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation; and appointing more than 100 openly Gay people to administrative jobs, including Roberta Achtenberg as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Bruce Lehman as US Patent and Trademark Office Director.

HRC also praised Clinton for convening the first-ever White House summit on HIV/AIDS, for ordering all federal agencies to implement non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation, for issuing an executive order mandating that security clearances no longer be denied based on sexual orientation, for changing US policy to grant asylum to people who fear anti-Gay persecution in their home countries, and for increasing public health spending for HIV/AIDS by 40% since taking office.

"In the 1990 election," Birch commented, "the focus of our community was to defeat Jesse Helms. In 1992, our priority was to elect Bill Clinton. In 1994, Lesbian and Gay Americans helped to defeat anti-Gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Idaho. Now, in 1996, it is necessary for us to do all three."

Report Exposes More Discharges, Witch Hunts in the Military

Washington, DC — Secretary of Defense William Perry has ordered the Pentagon to investigate new allegations of abuse by the military services of the

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexuals.

The new investigation was prompted by the release of a report by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a civilian watchdog/monitoring group. The report cites 363 violations of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and notes that the number of Gays and Lesbians discharged from the military services in 1995 — 722 — is the highest number in the past four years, and rose 21% from 1994. President Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has been in effect for about two years.

The report documents 77 instances in which service members were asked about their sexual orientation; 18 cases in which service members were punished for making statements about their sexual orientation that are permissible; 141 instances of witch hunt-like intimidation and criminal prosecution; and 127 cases of harassment based on perceived sexual orientation.

Women, who make up just 13% of the military services, were disproportionately affected by the anti-Gay activities; they constitute 21% of the 722 discharges in 1995.

Of the Pentagon's investigation, Michelle Beinecke of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said: "We'll be pushing our hardest to make sure that the inquiry is taken seriously."

Senate Considers Renewal of Hate Crimes Statistics Act

Washington, DC — As In Step went to press, the Senate Judiciary Committee was scheduled to hear testimony on a bill renewing the landmark Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which expired at the end of 1995. The law required the Justice Department to collect data on bias-motivated crimes involving prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation.

Congress originally passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in 1990 by a vote of 92-4 in the Senate and 368-17 in the House. It was signed into law by President Bush, making it the first piece of federal legislation ever to include sexual orientation within its scope.

At the Committee hearing, March 19, representatives of law enforcement

bodies, religious and ethnic groups, civil rights organizations and Gay groups were expected to testify on behalf of the bill. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act reauthorization bill is expected to be introduced in the Senate by Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Paul Simon (D-IL).

"Hate crimes against Lesbian and Gay people and other communities continue to be a national epidemic," said a spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign. "By documenting these outrageous attacks through ongoing federal monitoring, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act provides the critical information local law enforcement needs when deciding how best to respond to these crimes."

In 1994 alone, the Justice Department reported 5,852 bias-motivated incidents under the law, ranging from harassment to physical assault and even murder. Of these, 780 involved prejudice based on sexual orientation.

To contact your Senators or Representatives in support of the bill, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Montana Court Rules State Sodomy Law Unconstitutional

Helena, MT — A District Court judge in Montana has ruled that state's sodomy law to be unconstitutional and issued a permanent injunction making the law unenforceable. The ruling follows by just a few weeks a similar decision in Tennessee, in which the State Appeals Court there said the sodomy law violated the constitutional right to privacy. Both rulings may be appealed.

In Montana, District Judge Jeffrey Sherlock ruled in February that the sodomy statute there, which prohibited only same-gender sodomy and called for 10-year prison sentences and \$50,000 fines, violated the right to privacy.

"...It is certainly true that many Montanans do not approve of homosexual activity," Judge Sherlock wrote. "That, however, is not to say that society is unwilling to recognize as reasonable an expectation of privacy as to private, adult, consensual homosexual activity."

The victory in Montana is especially significant coming on the heels of the Tennessee decision and because it comes just 11 months after right wing legislators in Montana used the sodomy law as justi-

fication for a "Gay Registration Bill." The bill was defeated after a public outcry.

The Tennessee and Montana decisions coincide with a ruling in Alabama in which the state was told to stop using its sodomy law to try to prevent Gay groups from meeting at the state's public universities.

Barney Frank Pushes for Hearing on ENDA

Washington, DC — Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), along with Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) are pressing for a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The bill would prohibit the hiring, firing and promotion of people based on sexual orientation.

Though the "chance of passage of this bill is slim in this Congress," Frank said, "that should not prevent us from moving forward with the normal hearing and legislative process."

ENDA currently has 131 co-sponsors in the House and 30 in the Senate. ENDA has been endorsed by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the nation's largest civil rights coalition which represents more than 185 religious, civil rights and labor organizations.

More than 200 members of Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) recently lobbied in support of ENDA on Capitol Hill. Their day of political activism ended with a candlelight vigil on the steps of the Capitol.

The Human Rights Campaign is seeking the stories of people who have been discriminated against on the job because of their sexual orientation. These stories or personal testimonies could be submitted to the Congressional committees assessing the bill. To share such a story, call (202) 628-6140, ext. 4000.

Gay Issues in Workplace Focus of April 19-21 Conference

San Francisco, CA — The 5th annual "Out and Equal in the 90's" National Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Workplace issues will be held April 20-21 at the Ramada Hotel in San Francisco. In conjunction with the conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a special pre-conference institute for human resources professionals will also be held April 19.

The workplace conference attracts hundreds of top-notch representatives

from LesBiGay and Transgender employee groups as well as labor organizers, human resource executives and others. Topics at "Out and Equal in the 90's" will include: creating or expanding a LesBiGay employee group; using labor resources to fight the Right; HIV in the workplace; how to get domestic partners benefits; influencing small business employee policies; employment issues for Gay-owned businesses; and linking to other Gay groups.

For further program information and registration, call (202) 332-6483, ext. 3444.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili has expressed his opposition to the Congressional bill which requires that military service members found to have HIV be discharged. Under the law, more than 1,200 military personnel could be discharged by early this summer. The Clinton administration and leaders in Congress are seeking to have the law repealed.

Los Angeles, CA — National Gay and Lesbian leaders are praising former President Jimmy Carter for his recent statement to the press condemning anti-Gay bigotry in politics. In a recent inter-

view, Carter said: "We must make it clear that a platform of 'I hate Gay men and women' is not a way to become President of the United States."

Washington, DC — GOP Presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan has declined an invitation to debate Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign. Citing Buchanan's continuing anti-Gay rhetoric, Birch has called Buchanan "a walking hate crime."

New York, NY — The family of Geoffrey Bowers, an attorney who died of AIDS, has filed a lawsuit against Tri-Star Pictures and the creative team behind the Tom Hanks movie Philadelphia, claiming they misappropriated Bowers' story and did not compensate Bowers or his estate.

Richmond, VA — A Richmond judge has rejected the second attempt by Lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms to regain custody of her son, Tyler. Last year, the Virginia Supreme Court sustained a lower court ruling that Bottoms' "lifestyle," and public condemnation of it, could harm her son. Judge William Boice also accused Bottoms of turning her son into a "poster boy" for Gay rights by cooperating in a TV movie being made about the case.

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Group Notes

"Oscar Madison" at the Barrymore Theater March 25

Madison — A special treat awaits Madison's LesBiGay community on March 25, the night the Academy Awards are given out in Los Angeles. Madison is hosting its own "Oscar Madison" Academy Awards Show at the Barrymore Theater, with proceeds going to the Rodney Scheel House for People with AIDS and the New Harvest Foundation.

The fun begins with a special VIP reception at 5:30pm featuring the finest in food and wine. At 7pm the main event will begin, with a variety of Madison's best LesBiGay talent entertaining the audience just prior to the Oscar telecast and during commercial breaks. The Oscar telecast will be viewed on a large screen in the Barrymore, so the Queer community can have a rollicking fun time together whistling and making catcalls at the likes of Tom Cruise and Jodie Foster.

The pre-event reception costs \$25, with the show at the Barrymore just \$10. For tickets, call the Barrymore Box Office at (608) 241-8864. For more information, call Scott at (608) 244-0289.

MAP Holds Client Open Assembly March 28

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP's) Consumer Advisory Panel (CAP) will conduct the first of its Open Assemblies for 1996 on Thursday, March 28 from 6-8pm. Clients of MAP are invited to the agency's Training Center, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue, to discuss the panel's background, task forces and future plans. Panel representatives will address questions and concerns about MAP's programs and services.

"Your ideas are valuable," says Ken Fondots, a CAP panelist. "Watch them being used as programs and services develop. Your CAP representatives want to hear about issues regarding you."

CAP is made up of MAP clients who volunteer to monitor existing programs and provide input on new services offered by MAP. Based on CAP's success, the State of Wisconsin recommends that each of the nine AIDS service organizations across the state create a Consumer Advisory Panel.

For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

SAGE/Milwaukee Holds Annual Meeting March 31

Milwaukee — On Sunday, March 31, Senior Action in a Gay Environment/Milwaukee will hold its Annual meeting at 1pm at the historic Turner Hall Restaurant, 1034 N. 4th Street. A full luncheon will be served in the restaurant's newly remodeled private dining room. Reservations are required.

This event is not open to the public but is limited to SAGE members and their paid guests. However, current paid-up 1996 membership dues are not required for eligibility. Those who have been a paid member at any time since SAGE's inception, even if membership is currently inactive, may still reserve places.

The cost of the event is \$11, which includes cost of the hall, the complete luncheon and tip as well as entertainment by the a cappella sensation, Singational.

The reservation deadline is March 26, so call (414) 271-0378 after 4pm as soon as possible.

Hotel Washington Tenants Relief Fund Raises \$2,500

Madison — The special fund for the displaced tenants of the Hotel Washington has already raised \$2,500 for the hotel's former tenants. The Fund was created to provide support for the residents to meet their transitional housing, food, clothing and other critical needs. The goal is to distribute at least \$5,000 to the 12 people who lost their homes because of the Hotel Washington fire February 18.

Tax-deductible contributions of any size can be sent to: The Washington Hotel Tenants' Relief Fund, c/o The Wisconsin Community Fund, 122 State Street, Suite 508, Madison, WI 53703.

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"Lesbian Pulp Fiction" Slide Show April 1

Milwaukee — A slide show about the Lesbian pulp novels of the 1950's and '60's called What Do the Covers Cover? will be presented on Monday, April 1 at 7:15pm at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street in Milwaukee.

The slide show presentation will be given by Mary Elliott, an Associate lecturer in the Department of English at UW-Milwaukee. Elliott has analyzed the sometimes lurid book titles (Women's Barracks, Torrid Wench, Odd Girl Out) and the texts on their front and back covers. Elliott has discovered discrepancies in marketing strategies often designed to appeal to men and the actual contents, which were often more thoughtful stories of Lesbian relationships. Some were written by Lesbians, others by hack exploitation writers.

Everyone is invited to attend this fascinating presentation/discussion about Lesbian romance and sleaze as depicted in the old pulp novels. It is free.

PrideFest Offers Booths to Craftspeople, Groups, Businesses

Milwaukee — PrideFest '96, Wisconsin's LesBiGay Pride Festival set for Maier Festival Park — the Summerfest grounds — June 7-9, has booth spaces available in the Market Place area.

The Market Place will be located in Williamsburg Village of the Summerfest grounds. It contains four open-air buildings divided into 10' by 12' spaces. The Market Place will be open from 11am to 10pm Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9.

PrideFest is especially interested in renting space to LesBiGay craftspeople and artists. Each space can be rented for \$250. This includes both days of operation, power, admission and parking passes and a table and chairs.

Businesses and groups can also reserve booths in the Market Place. Business sales booths are \$400 and information booths are \$75. Organization sales booths are \$100, with information booths \$50.

Booth rental fees in all categories may rise as festival time approaches, so groups, individuals and businesses are encouraged to apply for space early. To reserve a booth, call PrideFest at (414) 272-FEST.

"A Course in Miracles" Meeting at BESTD Clinic

Milwaukee — A group studying and discussing the spiritual path, A Course in Miracles, is meeting each Thursday at 7:30pm at the Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street.

The meetings are open to anyone interested in studying A Course in Miracles. The weekly meetings focus on reading and discussing Miracles and related materials.

Parking is available in the lot across from Mimma's Cafe at Arlington Place and Brady. Please use the side entrance to the clinic. The group meets in the north room of the second floor. For further information, call (414) 353-4798.

Bi?Shy?Why? Sets April Meetings and Events

Madison — Bi?Shy?Why? — the support and social group for Bisexual men and women in the Madison area — will hold three meetings in April and participate in a conference for Bisexuals in Minneapolis.

Bi?Shy?Why? meetings are held at the United, 14 W. Mifflin Street (on the Capitol Square) in Madison from 7-9pm. On Monday, April 1, the group celebrates its 4th anniversary with a mixed meeting — men and women. On Monday, April 8, Bi?Shy?Why? holds its women's meeting. On Monday, April 15, a men's meeting will be held.

Members of Bi?Shy?Why? will participate in "Out and About Week" at UW-Madison April 20-27. Members are also expected to travel to Minneapolis April 27-29 for the 5th Annual Bisexual Empowerment Conference. For information on the conference, call (612) 813-1383 or attend one of the Bi?Shy?Why? meetings in April.

"Very Cool" Street Beat Fashion Show March 30

Milwaukee — Mary Richards, Miss Gay Wisconsin, will perform at the Street Beat Fashion Extravaganza and Benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Saturday, March 30 at the Survival/Revival Resale Shop, 346 E. Chicago Street. The show will be hosted by B.J. Daniels.

Chrisanne Robinson, also known as Sister CashBox, will provide fashion commentary. Customers, donors and students will model retro and club fashions sold at the store. Hair styling, make-up and wigs have been donated by Beauty Salon.

"It's a trip," said MAP Gay and Lesbian Outreach Manager Andy Bagnall, who attended the first "Street Beat" show last September. "It's very fun, very cool. It's like the Village or Soho in New York transplanted to Milwaukee's Third Ward."

Highlights of this year's show are a raffle, musical entertainment by the Melting Prophets, and refreshments. Huge discounts will be available storewide.

There's a \$6 admission fee. For more information, call (414) 291-2856.

ARCW Distributes AIDS Walk Funds to Groups

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), producer of AIDS Walk Wisconsin, has distributed \$455,555 of Walk proceeds to 17 AIDS service agencies and activist groups throughout the state. Ten thousand people participated in the 10K Walk last September.

The recipients of AIDS Walk Wisconsin funds were: Milwaukee AIDS Project, \$204,522; Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, \$40,904; Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project, \$20,452; Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium, \$61,387; Madison AIDS Support Network, \$69,857; Center Project, Inc., \$26,868; East Central Wellness Project, \$6,387; Counseling Center of Milwaukee, \$5,322.

Other recipients included: Camp Heartland, \$4,176; Planned Parenthood, \$3,193; ACT UP Milwaukee, \$3,009; Central Wisconsin AIDS Network, \$2,722; Milwaukee Indian Health Board, \$2,116; Northern AIDS Network, \$1,670; Wisconsin Conference of Churches, \$1,000; Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, \$1,000; and Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition, \$1,000.

This year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin will be held Sunday, September 22, 1996.

Lesbians Sought for Participation in Health Study

Madison — Dr. Diane Lauver, a Nurse Practitioner and faculty member of the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing, is seeking Lesbians to participate in a study of women's views and barriers regarding breast exams and tests. The research is being funded by the National Cancer Institute, the Office of Research on Women's Health and the National Institute for Nursing Research.

The study is intended to identify barriers Lesbians have experienced in seeking breast exams and to determine Lesbians' feelings and beliefs about such exams. The results will help

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Spirituality

Madison Church Speaks Out Against Homophobia

The following statement was adopted by University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue in Madison, at a Special Church Conference in February. The church is affiliated with the Wesley Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. Its pastor is Dianne Reistroffer.

It is with much sadness that we read a leaflet that was produced by an individual or individuals identified with Wisconsin

Christians United and titled **Homosexuality: THE TRUTH**. This leaflet blatantly attacks Lesbians and Gays and asserts that they do not deserve the same civil rights as so-called "moral" people. Wisconsin Christians United claims to speak in the name of God, but the language in this leaflet is hurtful, unjust, and goes against God's command to love one

another, our neighbors, even our enemies.

Out of our sadness, we feel compelled to respond to this and other literature being distributed in the community that portrays a negative image of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered persons. We respond as a caring and liberated Christian community that not only accepts all people regardless of their sexual orientation but respects and celebrates diversity. Although we are not problem-free, our church community is a safe place, a place for all of us to grow together, and to love and nurture one another. It is a particularly safe place in which Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered persons can feel free to "come out."

We are one of many congregations throughout the country that willingly accepts Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered persons as equal members and acknowledge their rights. We are as much a faith and a Bible-based church community as any other. We find our strength and courage in God's words of love and try to live our lives as God would want: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

After much study we have concluded that Biblical accounts of God's wrath and anger are as much related to the injustices that the powerful have leveled against the poor and vulnerable as they are to individual acts of "sin." We do acknowledge our individual shortcomings, but sexual orientation is not one of them.

In the Spirit of love, we wish to remind those who would want to deny basic civil rights to any group of people, that in terms of defending human rights, we and communities like ours are a tenacious lot, and we are not going away. Out of our tenacity, and because of our strongly held, Bible-based beliefs, we feel called by God to defend, protect and to work towards the expansion of the rights of all oppressed people. In this instance we are specifically concerned about defending the rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered persons in the Madison community. Perhaps one day we can all work together to forge a more just and humane world free of prejudice and fear of each other's differences.

In Step seeks news from religious and spirituality groups. Send information to: *In Step*, 225 S. Second Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Or fax us at: (414) 278-5868.



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Independently Speaking

A Room of Our Own

Community Centers Help Bring Us Together

By Marvin Liebman

There is much talk of the American Gay and Lesbian "community." But just what is it? We have no real national leadership, and the national political organizations supposedly representing "us" are not accomplishing much, except trying to raise money and then spending it as quickly as they get it. We are in mortal danger from the Religious Right, and little is being done to counter this except empty rhetoric and posturing. We have neither a central institution nor a national journal to serve as rallying points.

What, then, is the American Gay and Lesbian "community?" An ephemeral figment of the imagination of both our enemies and the national groups who claim to represent us? Perhaps there is no national Gay and Lesbian "community," but many "communities" across the country.

The question is in the process of being answered, and not by holding the usual endless caucuses to arrive at some consensus definition. While I am no fan of creating more national Gay groups, there is a new one that is actually on to something. And although it needs to raise its profile, the grassroots clamor for its services may soon prove advertisement enough. It is uninterested in a grandiose notion of political coalitions, which too often prove short-lived. Its plan is to give American Lesbians and Gay men roots in their own communities and rooms of their own.

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers (NALGCC) was born late last year to "encourage development of new Lesbian and Gay community centers" in cities across the country. Its founders recognized a crucial truth. With Gay communities already thriving in cities across the nation, we are more plural than singular, and our strength is more potent locally than nationally.

The new group already has a head start. There are now 65 Gay and Lesbian community centers throughout the US, employing over 300 people and with combined budgets exceeding \$38 million. The two largest centers are in Los Angeles and

New York, with Chicago, Minneapolis, San Diego and Dallas close behind.

There are also smaller centers in such places as Fort Wayne, Indiana; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Boise, Idaho. Some of our major cities have no centers, including Boston, Washington, DC and San Francisco. Their absence makes local social and political action fragmented and renders our efforts weaker.

NEEDED: SAFE SPACES

In trying to increase these numbers by creating more centers, the NALGCC faces one reality and one key problem. The reality is that causes and movements such as ours need a launching pad, a safe place in which to plan and strategize. Without a center of some sort, groups aspiring to change the world too often end up having to change their meeting place — repeatedly — until the inconvenience proves too much, and participation diminishes. The civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960's had classrooms and churches. Today, the Religious Right has enormous resources. Gay and Lesbian communities, too, need rooms of our own.

The major problem which community center organizers face is that Gay men and Lesbians are far from the unified entity hawked by those who speak of a national "community." Although we share a common experience and a common enemy, rarely do we integrate. Lesbians hang out with Lesbians; Gay men with other Gay men. There is a gulf between Lesbians and Gay men in America which is bridged only sporadically — in rallies and marches, political campaigns, religious services or fundraisers for various enterprises important to us. We can weep together for our dead — from AIDS to breast cancer and hate violence — but we laugh together far too little.

The lack of common ground between Lesbians and Gay men is a problem which community centers are uniquely equipped to handle. In the cities in which centers already exist, enormous progress has been made. A common

space fuels interactions of all kinds, deeper and more enduring than those which flourish in rallies or campaigns. Meeting and interacting with each other — outside the closet-like environments of jobs and even religious congregations — means dispensing with the pantomime of distance. It also offers an option from the stultifying bar scene.

From an old organizer, here's a cheer for the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers. I will be watching closely for the signs of its success. It will be registered not merely in the numbers of new rooms for our local communities — some erected, some restored. It will most of all be manifested in the substance of our interaction with each other, both men and women. Out of the many communities may finally come the solidarity and strength of one valid Lesbian and Gay American community.

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Legal

Knocking Down the Wall of Sodomy Laws

Recent Court Rulings in Alabama, Tennessee

By Attorney Arlene Zarembka

Two recent court decisions punched gaping holes in sodomy laws. One allows college students in government-funded student groups to promote sodomy, the other allows them (and other adults) to do it.

In Alabama, a federal District Court struck down that state's "no promo homo" statute on First Amendment grounds. In Tennessee, a state Appeals Court held that state's Homosexual Practices Act to be a violation of Tennessee's constitutional right to privacy.

The Alabama decision (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance v Sessions) struck down a 1992 Alabama law, which, although neutrally worded, was intended to prevent funding of Gay and Lesbian student groups by public universities. The statute prohibited any public funds or facilities from being used to support "any organization...that fosters or promotes a lifestyle or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws." This provision caused the University of South Alabama to refuse funding of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance at the university.

The law also prohibited college groups receiving public funds from permitting or encouraging their members to engage in

illegal acts, and from providing information on how to perform illegal acts. This latter portion of the law resulted in college administrators investigating the lives of Alliance members, to determine if the Alliance was "fostering" or "promoting" a "lifestyle" and actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws. Needless to say, this investigation caused the Alliance to lose members.

SUBTERFUGE EXPOSED

The Alabama legislature, undoubtedly knowing that the statute was subject to attack on First Amendment grounds, tacked on a final provision that the law would not apply to any organization that merely advocated a change in the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws. The District Court saw through the legislature's subterfuge, noting that the statute's history demonstrated the legislature's intent to limit discussions of sexuality to only one viewpoint, "that of heterosexual people."

In a delicious irony, the court relied strongly on a 1995 Supreme Court decision in favor of university funding of Christian groups (*Rosenberger v Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia*), which had been applauded by Christian right groups, as precedent for its ruling that publicly-funded universities could not refuse to fund Gay and Lesbian student groups on campus if they funded other groups.

The issue in the Supreme Court's controversial 1995 decision was whether the University of Virginia was required to support a Christian student newspaper by helping to pay for its publication. The conservative wing of the Court (Kennedy, Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, and O'Connor) held that the university could not refuse to fund the newspaper, when it funded other student groups, because this would amount to discrimination against a viewpoint based on the religious content of the viewpoint. The liberal wing of the Court (Souter, Stevens, Ginsburg, and Breyer) dissented, arguing that using tax money to pay for publication of a religiously-based student publication violated the Establishment of Religion Clause of the First Amendment.

If the newspaper at issue in *Rosenberger* had not been religiously-based, there is no doubt that the liberal wing would have voted with the majority, resulting in a unanimous decision. The dissenting opinion, like the majority opinion, agreed that viewpoint discrimination violates the First Amendment. The basic difference between the dissenting and majority opinions, therefore, was the Establishment Clause issue. Thus, should the Alabama case ever wend its way to the Supreme Court, it is certain to result in a definitive victory for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance, since there is no religious aspect to that case.

One other part of the Alliance opinion is sure to provoke apoplexy from the right-wing. The District Court ruled that not only must state universities fund Gay and Lesbian student groups, but they cannot even prohibit them from advocating criminal conduct. Only when the advocacy of criminal conduct (i.e. violation of the sodomy law) is intended to and is likely to incite "imminent lawless conduct" can the state prohibit such advocacy.



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TENNESSEE DECISION

If the Alabama District Court allows members of student-funded groups to talk about and advocate sodomy, the Tennessee Appellate Court allows them to do it (so long as they are adults). The Tennessee court in *Campbell v Sundquist* simply thumbed its nose at the United States Supreme Court's *Hardwick* decision. It struck down Tennessee's Homosexual Practices Act, ruling that it violates the constitutional right to privacy under Tennessee's Constitution, a right only recently recognized in Tennessee in a case involving disposition of frozen embryos.

In the 1992 case of *Davis v Davis*, the Tennessee Supreme Court had established a Tennessee constitutional right to privacy, which gave Mr. Davis the right to prevent his ex-wife's donation to a childless couple of frozen embryos created from the sperm of Mr. Davis and the ova of Mrs. Davis. It held that the Tennessee

right to privacy included a right not to procreate. The Appeals Court in the *Campbell* case expanded the *Davis* decision to include private consensual adult non-commercial sexual activity. Significantly, it did not find the supposed moral choices of the State of Tennessee (to outlaw homosexual acts) to be sufficiently compelling to justify the Homosexual Practices Act's infringement on private adult sexual behavior. Thus, it refused to follow the morality-based *Hardwick* decision of the United States Supreme Court.

Should both the Alliance and *Campbell* decisions be sustained on appeal, they may become knock-out blows against sodomy laws. The fact that both emanate from the South is particularly significant, as decisions from conservative southern states are likely to carry more weight with courts elsewhere than decisions from northern and coastal states.

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Memoriams

Thomas H. Schwalbach

August 1, 1960 -
December 31, 1995

Thomas H. Schwalbach, 35, died due to AIDS complications on December 31, 1995.

Schwalbach was born in Appleton on August 1, 1960 to John F. Schwalbach and the late Rita C. (Maher) Schwalbach. He graduated from Xavier High School in 1978 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Schwalbach had worked at the Outagamie County Health Center for five years and at RCDD as a group home manager for seven years. He was a volunteer for the Wisconsin Association for Retarded Citizens, the Special Olympics and Winnebago County ARC.

Survivors include: his father, John, of Appleton; his partner in life, Fred Grosse; two brothers, John M. (Joan) Schwalbach of Menasha and Edward G. Schwalbach of Appleton; a sister, Mary (Scott) Hawkinson of Menasha; and special friends G. Hansen, P. Kiel, D. St. James and Allison.

A memorial service was held January 4th at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery in Appleton.

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health practitioners learn what information and interactions are most useful to Lesbians about breast screening.

Women who are 51 to 80 years old, live in Wisconsin, have not had mammograms in the last 13 months, have not had cancer, and who define themselves as Lesbian or woman-identified are asked to participate. Participation involves talking by telephone about breast exams to registered nurses two to three times within the next year.

All names, phone numbers and answers to questions will remain confidential. To volunteer to participate, call the toll-free number: 1-800-991-5539.

Oral Sex Topic at Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee — "Oral Sex, Part II" will be the topic for discussion at the Gay Men's Discussion Group which will meet Sunday, March 31 from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

Though the debate about oral-genital transmission of HIV is still active, the medical community continues to publish research finding that oral sex, even without condom protection, is safer sex.

Dr. David G. Ostrow of the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin will facilitate the discussion which will revolve around such questions as: What is the latest information available about oral-genital sex and HIV? Is oral sex safer only up to a certain point? Where do I draw the line?

For more information about the group, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Bodies R Us Wins First Place in John Cowles Volleyball League

Milwaukee — On Saturday, March 9, the 1995-96 season of the John Cowles Volleyball League ended with a double elimination tournament at UW-Milwaukee's Engelmann Gym.

Bodies R Us (formerly 219) took first place honors, BESTD Clinic came in second, GAMMA was third, Triangle captured fourth place, Just Us came in fifth, with M&M sixth and the newest team, CCF, last but not least. Joe Woller reports that all players had a great time, with the joy of playing more important than competitive rivalries.

In other sporting news, the Triangle and a team combined of BESTD and Bodies R Us called "Vogue" recently competed in tournaments in Madison, Chicago and St. Louis. ▼ ▼ ▼

SKYLIGHT PRESENTS MILWAUKEE PREMIERE OF "FALSETTOS"

Milwaukee — The Skylight Opera Theatre is presenting the Milwaukee premiere of *Falsettos*, the Gay-friendly 1992 Tony Award-winning musical from the team of **William Finn** and **James Lapine**. *Falsettos* will be performed in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center from March 20-April 14. The Monday, March 25 performance is a benefit for the **Milwaukee AIDS Project**, with 40% of ticket proceeds going to MAP.



The cast of "Falsettos," playing at Milwaukee's Skylight Opera Theatre through April 14. Photo: Paul Horpedahl

Falsettos is a musical of highly personal chamber pieces that revolve around a charming, spoiled and neurotic hero named Marvin. Marvin becomes aware of his homosexuality and leaves his wife and son to take up his new life. Just as he discovers his capacity for real, unselfish love, however, AIDS crashes in to disrupt his peace.

David Pevsner plays Marvin, **Wendy Baila** is his wife, Trina, and young **Ryan Dance** is his son Jason. Marvin's boyfriend Whizzer is played by **Tony Clements**. **Elaine Petrikoff** is Stage Director and **Richard L. Carsey** is Music Director.

On Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the run of *Falsettos*, the musical madness of **Carolynne Warren** in her *Carolynne Show* will be featured in the Miller Cabaret of the Skylight Bar. Admission is free.

For showtimes and tickets to *Falsettos*, call (414) 291-7800.

"PINKBEARD: PIRATE OF MEN" AT MADISON'S BROOM STREET THEATER

Madison — Swashbuckling pirates set sail on the open seas in **Broom Street Theater's** latest production, *The Legend of Pinkbeard, Pirate of Men*, an original musical comedy written and directed by **Callen Harty**. Love, lust, adventure, treasure and murder are all part of the show running at 8pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through April 14.

The Legend of Pinkbeard is Harty's fourth original play for Broom Street Theater. Most of the script is pure fiction, yet it is

historically based. Harty got the idea for *Pinkbeard* while playing *Trivial Pursuit* with Broom Street Theater actors.

The Legend of Pinkbeard boasts a cast of seventeen actors, including Broom Street veterans **Jessica Callahan** as Fakebeard, **Buck Hakes** as Pinkbeard, **Adam Seeger** as Blondbeard, **Clare Sorman** as Whatbeard and **David Gapen** as Nobeard. In his stage debut is young **David Hansen** as Peachfuzz, the cabin boy. All the music is composed by **Brian Wild**, with choreography by **John Ferguson**.

Tickets for *Pinkbeard* are \$6 and available at the door only. The Broom Street Theater is at 1119 Williamson Street. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

GREG LOUGANIS TO SIGN BOOKS AT AFTERWORDS MARCH 25

Milwaukee — On Monday, March 25 at 7pm, Olympic champion and AIDS activist **Greg Louganis** will be making his only Milwaukee appearance at **AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar**, 2710 N. Murray Avenue.

Louganis's appearance at AfterWords is one stop on a nationwide 10-city book tour promoting the paperback release of his bestselling autobiography *Breaking the Surface* (Plume, \$12.95). Louganis was interviewed in the last issue of **In Step**.

AfterWords expects an enthusiastic and diverse crowd to greet Louganis. To help coordinate this event, numbered tickets will be available beginning at 10am the day of the event. These free tickets will be available throughout the day, including during Louganis's appearance. For those unable to attend, copies of books can be reserved in advance.

For further information, call AfterWords at (414) 963-9089.

CREAM CITY CHORUS PREPS APRIL 13 CONCERT AND AUCTION

Milwaukee — The **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** will hold its second annual *The Gay Concert: Anything Goes* at 8pm Saturday, April 13 in Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. A cabaret-style performance, *The Gay Concert* will feature solos and ensembles from within the chorus, as well as numbers by the entire chorus.

Also, immediately before *The Gay Concert*, the Cream City Chorus will hold a silent auction whose proceeds will help with the Chorus's expenses and special projects. Bidding will continue during intermission. Items include 1-2 night stays at hotels, CDs, gift certificates, tickets to sports events and more.

Tickets for *The Gay Concert: Anything Goes* are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at the BESTD Clinic, Designing Men, AfterWords Bookstore, the M&M Club and the MCPA Box Office.

The Chorus will also hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street, at 7pm. For more information, call (414) 344-9222.

WILD SPACE DANCE COMPANY FOCUSES ON "HOME" MARCH 29-30

Milwaukee — The **Wild Space Dance Company** will pre-

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sent a new show, *Drive a Nail/Home*, in the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells Street, March 29 and 30 at 8pm.

Drive a Nail/Home is an evening of dances that offers humorous and poignant perspectives on our associations and feelings about home. It features choreography by Wild Space Artistic Director **Debra Loewen**.

The program includes: "Standing in the Doorway of Her Mother's House," a wistful dance for women about to be married; "The Porcine Chronicles," the re-enactment of a children's story performed to Alfred Hitchcock film music; and "Where They Have to Take You In," a dance which explores how we make ourselves at home.

Drive a Nail/Home will also feature guest performances by New York City choreographer **Scott Cunningham**, who will present a dance monologue based on George Orwell's essay "Shooting the Elephant," and **Janet Lilly** of the UWM Dance Department Faculty.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for students and seniors. Call (414) 224-9490.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR GAY/LESBIAN MUSIC AWARDS

New York — The Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards (GLAMA) is calling for nominations for the 1st Annual Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards to be presented October 6 in New York City. GLAMA is the first and only music awards program to celebrate the work of queer recording artists.

Founded by **Michael Mitchell** and **Tom McCormack**, the awards are intended to honor both nationally recognized artists and lesser-known, independent recording artists. Recordings by self-identified Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual artists released for sale in the US between June 1, 1995 and May 31, 1996 are eligible for consideration.

Award categories include: Female Artist; Male Artist; Duo or Group; Debut Artist, Duo or Group; Album of the Year; Out Recording by an Out Solo Performer, Duo or Group; Original Out Song.

Submissions will be reviewed by panels of recording artists, producers and music journalists. An advisory committee will choose two special awards: The **Michael Callen** Medal of Achievement and the Outmusic Award.

To obtain a nomination form, call GLAMA at (800) 956-5262 or E-mail: GLAMAS@aol.com.

ROOM OF ONE'S OWN HOSTS AUTHORS, GODDESS SLIDESHOW

Madison — A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore is hosting several readings by authors and a slide show on images of the Goddess in late March. All events are free and held at the bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison.

On Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm, the editors of **Food for Our Grandmothers: Writings by Arab American and Arab Canadian Feminists** will read from their collection of essays, poems and recipes which honor the spirit of Arab women past, present and future.

On Thursday, March 28 at 6:30pm, **Ann Aswegan** will present a slide show featuring images of the Goddess through time and around the world. While watching the show, *Glimpsing the Goddess Around the World*, the audience will be able to enter a guided imagery to seek "the inner dwelling feminine spirit."

Then on Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm, Cedarburg author **Philia Geotes Hayes** will read from her memoir-in-progress, **Twice My Child**, an exploration of her Greek roots and the story of five generations of women.

For further information on these events, call A Room of One's Own at (608) 257-7888.



The Wild Space Dance Company presents "Drive a Nail/Home" March 29-30 at the Stiemke Theater. Photo: Jim Brozek



Lesbian folksinging legend Alix Dobkin performs at Alverno College March 22 and at Madison's Hillel Foundation March 23.

THEATRE X REVIVES GOOFY "OH WOW! NANCY DREW"

Milwaukee — Theatre X takes a hilarious look at growing up when it revives John Schneider's mini-classic *Oh Wow! Nancy Drew* at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, from March 29 through April 14.

With *Oh Wow! Nancy Drew*, Theatre X takes a classic American pop icon and "Theatre-Xizes" her. Based on the book *The Hidden Staircase* from the original Nancy Drew series, the play follows the story of the famous teenage sleuth and her best friend, Helen. They wrestle with the mysteries of a haunted house and the sinister disappearance of Nancy's lawyer father — always finding time to prepare delicious meals and tidy up when needed.

The original production featured Willem Dafoe dressed in drag as Aunt Rosemary. The new production has Dan Harmon of the Dead Alewives as Aunt Rosemary, Deborah Clifton as Nancy Drew, and Marcie Hoffman as Helen. Also in the cast are Theatre X vets John Kishline and Flora Coker. Sean McKenna of the Dead Alewives, Rip Tenor and 13-year-old Malachi DeLorenzo, son of the famed Victor DeLorenzo, round out the cast.

For tickets and showtimes, call (414) 291-7800.

FEST CITY SINGERS HOLD AUDITIONS, PLAN PRIDEFEST GIG

Milwaukee — The Fest City Singers will perform for the first time at the Summerfest Grounds during PrideFest '96.

The Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Lozier, is set to kick off the evening of Saturday, June 8 with a performance at 7pm in the Children's Theater.

Fest City Singers is holding its annual membership drive prior to rehearsals for the PrideFest gig. Auditions for the LesBiGay chorus will be held Wednesdays, March 20 and 27 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2308 E. Bellevue. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7pm at the church.

In addition to rehearsing for the PrideFest performance, the Fest City Singers will begin preparing a repertoire of songs to be performed at commitment ceremonies, memorial services, birthdays, anniversaries and other events in the community.

For further information, call the Festline at (414) 263-SING.

ALSO ON THE ARTS SCENE...

Madison — Apple Island Women's Cultural Space and the Madison Hillel Foundation are presenting the Jewish Lesbian folksinging legend Alix Dobkin in concert Saturday, March 23 at 8pm at Hillel, 611 Langdon Street in Madison. This follows Dobkin's Milwaukee performance at Alfonsa Hall of Alverno College March 22. Sliding scale tickets from \$8-\$12. For more information, call (608) 258-9777.

Milwaukee — A Mozart & Bernstein program presented by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra April 4 at 7:30pm in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts will benefit the Galano Club, the Lesbian Alliance, PrideFest, the BESTD Clinic, St. Camillus AIDS Ministry and the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The program features Mozart's *Requiem* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Soprano Marvis Martin, tenor Jon Garrison, and bass-baritone John Cheek are soloists. Call (414) 372-2773.

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Film "French Twist" is Funny But Predictable Sex Farce

By Cynthia J. Fuchs



Lesbian home wrecker or savior? Josianne Balasko plays the tough dyke who enters the lives of Victoria Abril and Alain Chabot in the sex farce "French Twist." Photo: Miramax

One of the promotional images for Josianne Balasko's film *French Twist* prominently features Victoria Abril's curvy backside. A wire-back chair frames her with an approximate heart shape, leading your eye to her just below-the-frame derriere. She glances right, in profile, and wields a cigar. She looks demure but seductive, winsome but assertive.

The mixed message of Abril's pose is to the point of *French Twist's* affects: it's charming and obnoxious, progressive and retro. It is full-force French Farce, with standard emphasis on sexual appetites and domestic abuses, all played as broad comedy and all resolved by film's end so no one feels bad.

The apparent "twist" is that the routine sex play includes Lesbianism, which still passes for daring, or at least somewhat unconventional subject matter. That this subject matter is used to exactly the same end that more typical subject matter might be used (say women and men finding their places in the "natural" order of things) is perhaps a kind of step forward. Jokes made at the expense of "diesel dykes" are granted equal opportunity now. They can be as inane as those jokes made at the expense of "ditsy housewives" or "lunkhead husbands." Does this mean we've come a long way?

In *French Twist*, Abril plays a French housewife, Loli, who's feeling a little confused. She's beautiful, sexy, a good mother, but she's also unhappy, sensing but not sure that her husband is sleeping around.

Laurent (Alain Chablot, who plays unctuous and annoying extremely well) is a real estate agent, and he apparently has sex with all his sophisticated female clients. It's not exactly clear why the women desire the boorish, self-absorbed Laurent, but this is the film's narrative point of departure: Loli is lonely and Laurent is not.

ENTER THE TRUCK DRIVIN' DYKE

Enter Marijo (played by the writer/director Josianne Balasko), whose elaborately painted minivan breaks down near Loli's suburban driveway. Conveniently and symbolically, Loli's sink has just sprung a leak, and Marijo, being a truck driver and a "mannish" Lesbian (she smokes cigars, has short hair, etc.) knows how to fix it.

When Loli learns that Laurent is skipping dinner for an evening "meeting," she invites Marijo to stay. The women talk and smoke and laugh, and by the end of the evening they're both quite smitten with each other.

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"Rat Bohemia" is Fast and Brutally Funny Sarah Schulman's Latest an "Astute" Character Study

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Rat Bohemia

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Dutton, \$19.95
By Cynthia J. Fuchs

Over the past decade, with the publication of *The Sophie Horowitz Story* and other novels, Sarah Schulman has been consistently one of the most exciting and perceptive writers of Gay and Lesbian literature. In her latest book, the fast and brutally funny *Rat Bohemia*, Schulman has not disappointed her many fans.

Perhaps less a novel than an astute, slice-of-life character study, *Rat Bohemia* spans a decade in the lives of three individuals, two Lesbians and a Gay man — friends all, yet each existing in a unique domain of his or her making and surviving on a variety of levels as outsiders to both the world and themselves.

Sarah Schulman is a master at creating memorable characters who have, for whatever reasons, eschewed the mainstream. They find their own niches on the margins of life. They may be 20-somethings but, never fear, her protagonists are not the sort to appear freakishly on an episode of *Friends*.

The emotional heart of *Rat Bohemia* is Rita Mae Weems. She is bright, articulate, and a loner. A youthful Lesbian affair left her, as a teen, living and surviving homeless on the streets. Out of necessity, Rita was forced to become self-sufficient and independent, at the cost of robbing her of openness and vulnerability.

A woman who now lives and breathes solely for the destruction of rats, Rita has taken rat extermination to heart. She is clearly no typical rat exterminator for the Department of Health's Pest Control. Instead, Rita gives the impression that she possesses an understanding of, if not downright empathy for, New York City's large and ever-growing community of deadly vermin. For Rita, rats, not people, are comfortable, predictable and safe.

RITA'S FRIENDS

Rita's best friend is a Lesbian nicknamed "Killer." Killer lives a rather aimless existence. Currently, her position is that of a plant waterer. Killer, however, is madly in love — in love with the enigmatic but

devastatingly gorgeous Troy Ruby. Despite Troy's many assurances, Killer remains very insecure in the relationship.

Schulman's third protagonist is a Gay man named David. David is a very angry young man who is HIV-positive. He is an activist who has spent the last few years angrily attempting to force AIDS awareness on the world in general and on his family in particular.



Author Sarah Schulman.
Photo: Michael Wakefield

David is a fascinating character, sympathetic while not especially likable. Even as a little boy, David was not like other little boys: his voice was high-pitched, his personality a bit too excitable, his gestures too exaggerated and flamboyant. Without his saying so, one imagines that David, from an early age, had that annoying difficulty with pronouns.

Like Rita, David had struggled for survival and formed an independence of spirit and character. An early attempt by David's father to teach David submissiveness backfired when David refused to cower back to the car that abandoned him on a snowy road. The episode forever shadowed his parents' attempts to make David conform. He absolutely refused to acquiesce.

In *Rat Bohemia*, New York becomes a microcosm of our ever-increasing, dangerous world. In a very real sense, it is as though rats have taken control of the city; they live with little if any actual fear of

humans. Unlike humans, rats are free to go where and when they please, oblivious to the myriad of technological advancements meant to keep them in check. In a marvelously humorous, if decidedly grotesque scene, Rita watches nonchalantly as a workman clubs to death dozens of rats. Nevertheless, Rita continues to believe (as does the reader) that humans are powerless against this mighty hoard. Co-existence is perhaps our only and best scenario.

In a literal narrative sense, little happens in *Rat Bohemia*. Sure, Killer falls in love. Rita doesn't. Troy starts a book. David will inevitably succumb to his disease. Still, Schulman has created a delightfully compelling read, filled with characters we find impossible not to care deeply about. We may be outsiders ourselves, but at least we are not alone.

Recommended. ▼ ▼ ▼

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Laurent, who is evidently much more observant than his wife, picks up on the women's mutual attraction immediately, and huffs and puffs and worries about his reputation and his manly apparatus.

Farical action follows. The three of them (plus the kids, who get pushed to the sidelines for the most part) decide to live together. Marijo and Laurent taking turns sleeping with Loli. You see how this becomes irritating as a simple change of gender suffices to make a banal plot look vaguely new but familiar enough to be reassuring.

Premiere recently spotlighted Balasko as someone who might "make French film accessible" to an apparently resistant US audience. (What about Depardieu? Truffaut? Malle? Deneuve? Adjani?) As France's nominee for the Best Foreign Film Oscar, French Twist is getting media attention, which means it might even garner an audience beyond the art houses.

That it makes nice with these potential viewers isn't a bad thing. And there are some good reasons to see this film. Abril does physical comedy (including elaborate hurumphing and wide-eyed reaction shots) as well as anyone (see her also in *Tie Me Up, Tie me Down!*). But as farces go, French Twist is no surprise, full of cheap shots, naked bodies and hokey humor.

Feature

The Importance of Women's History Feminist Scholarship Challenges Old Methods, Theories

By Jamakaya

Getting emotional about women's history is pretty easy for me to do. I've been involved in women's history for about 20 years, drawn to it by the happy convergence of the new feminism and my love of history.

As a feminist activist, a journalist covering the women's and Gay and Lesbian movements, and as a teacher and lecturer, I can testify to the dramatic ways in which feminism and the new women's history which flowed from it have enhanced and transformed the lives of women.

Jane Lazarre caught the wonder of it all best in a review of one of the early works of the new feminist scholarship. In 1974, she wrote: "How we see ourselves anew, daughters and sons alike, when the myths begin to crumble. How familiar it is, like a dream suddenly recalled out of a once apparently empty night, when women write their own history."

As women *have* written their own history, the myths have begun to crumble and we are beginning to see ourselves anew — a profoundly political effect of what began as an inquiry into our past. Questioning traditional assumptions about women, uncovering and re-defining women's true experiences and reclaiming a heritage we didn't even know we had is pretty heady business. It is empowering for women and stirs intense emotions:

— **curiosity and excitement** at the discovery of ideas and contributions made by women;

— **anger** at the extent to which the church, state and other institutions throughout history have repressed and restricted women;

— **respect** for the ways in which women have coped with and transcended their limited circumstances;

— **consternation** at the prospect of having to rewrite all of human history (for that is exactly what is required);


— and **pride** in the realization of a rich cultural heritage denied women for so long.

Now, historians (especially women!)

are not supposed to get emotional about their subjects. But women's history, for better or worse, elicits strong emotions in those who study it and those who teach it as well as in those who feel threatened by it.

I'm not embarrassed by the emotions this new study of history elicits, for to rephrase Susan Griffin in her inspiring book *Woman and Nature*, "In this matter of women and history, we have cause to feel deeply."

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Women's Studies and the new scholarship into women's history emerged at the time of the feminist resurgence of the late 1960's and early '70's. Since then, an enormous amount of valuable research has been conducted into women's past.

But the new women's historians have not been content to settle for what Gerda Lerner calls a "compensatory" history that adds a few token names and photos of women to textbooks in a (usually) inadequate attempt to balance the record. Instead, they have asked profound questions that directly challenge established methods and assumptions of the historical profession.

For instance, in the 1970's, Joan Kelly wrote a ground-breaking essay in which she asked the provocative question: "*Did Women Have a Renaissance?*" After detailing the contraction of social and personal responsibilities available to Italian women during this era, Kelly came to the pithy conclusion: "There was no Renaissance for women — at least, not during the Renaissance."

Feminist scholars have also pointed out that while this alleged "Renaissance," this rebirth of western culture was occurring, thousands of women, accused of heresy and witchcraft, were still being drowned, hanged, crucified and burned at the stake.

Who writes history?

Who determines historical significance?

What criteria are utilized?

What values — whose values — are reflected in such judgments?

Gerda Lerner has also exposed how periods traditionally viewed as progressive and reform-minded, in her words, "frequently have the opposite effect on

women." The first half of the nineteenth century, long labeled the era of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy, has been extolled for its extension of political rights and economic opportunities.

Whose rights? Whose opportunities?

During this period, the political, economic, legal and professional position of American women deteriorated considerably. During this time, the enslavement and genocide of African and Native American people accelerated.

So, who writes history?

Who determines historical significance?

What criteria are utilized, and what values — whose values — are reflected in such judgments?

These questions aren't just academic; they are deeply political. And they are very threatening to an male-dominated academic hierarchy which, for centuries, has claimed dominion over all knowledge: controlled information; denied access; destroyed or dismissed alternative documentation; crushed dissent; and then written the official account of it all!

They have reason to be threatened by the new scholarship.

REFOCUSING THE PAST

Feminist scholars are challenging the widely accepted periodization of his-

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Wendy Pologe leads chants while Miriam Ben-Shalom carries the banner at a protest against the homophobic movies "Cruising" and "Windows" in 1980. Milwaukee's Lesbian activists have been tireless. Photo: Workers World

WOMEN' HISTORY MONTH BOOK LIST

Women's America: Refocusing the Past

Ed. by Linda K. Kerber, Jane DeHart Mathews

Century of Struggle: The Woman's Rights Movement in the United States

By Eleanor Flexner

Better Than Rubies: A History of Women's Education

By Phyllis Stock

Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in 20th Century America

By Lillian Faderman

Women, Race and Class

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The Creation of Patriarchy

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By Dell Richards

When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America

By Paula Giddings

We Were There: The Story of Working Women in America

By Barbara Mayer Wertheimer

Making History: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights

By Eric Marcus

Becoming Visible: Women in European History

Ed. by Renate Bridenthal, Claudia Koonz

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tory into neat, tidy little eras of progress or regress. They are critiquing many of the generalizations and conclusions traditional historians have arrived at, often without ever taking the position of women into consideration.

They have joined with social historians in asking why the history of elites and the political and military affairs of nation-states are the primary measure of historical significance. They have attacked the exclusion of women from historical narratives and exposed the misogynist attitudes that underlie such neglect and hostility.

Mindful of the mistakes of the past, the new women's historians stress the diversity of women's experiences and strive always to draw distinctions of race, class, ethnicity and other factors when exploring the position of women in any given time, place or culture.

The result is understandably complex — a variegated, sometimes contradictory set of conclusions that burst the confines of traditional theory and confound the patriarchal desire for order.

In the last 25 years, feminist scholars have only begun to refocus the past, to ask new questions and to uncover and recover women's historical experiences. In the process, they have revolutionized the way history is perceived, how it is researched and how it is assessed. That they are achieving these amazing results while working within institutions so alien to their own values — the hierarchical, competitive and bureaucratic halls of academia — is a tribute to their persistence and vision. ▼ ▼ ▼



Sisterhood is powerful!! These hand-holding women marched in an early Women's Liberation parade in Milwaukee in 1973.

A Photo Album of Recent Lesbian History in Milwaukee

THE PHOTOS ON THESE PAGES ARE A SAMPLING OF THE KINDS OF ACTIVISM MILWAUKEE LESBIANS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS. THEY WERE COLLECTED BY IN STEP EDITOR JAMAKAYA FOR HER RESEARCH ON THE MILWAUKEE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY. ENJOY!



Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom, pioneer, 1976.



Thousands of women took to the streets on October 19, 1979 for the first massive "Take Back the Night" March. Most of the major organizers were Lesbians. Photo: Sharon Allen



Karen Voltz was the proprietor of Sistermoon Feminist Bookstore. From 1976 to its close in 1984, Sistermoon was a meeting place for many Milwaukee Lesbians. Photo: Amazon



Legendary Lesbian activists Judy Greenspan and Rosemary Caravella strike a militant pose in front of the Women's Coalition on Women's Strike Day in 1976. Photo: Amazon



Many Lesbians found sensitive health care services at the women-founded, women-run Bread and Roses Health Care Center, established in 1979. Photo: C. Goldsworthy

Wanderings

A Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins With a Single Step

By Mary Shafer

Women's History Month is once again upon us, and instead of the usual treatment of a famous figure from the past, I thought it might be appropriate to talk about history in the making, specifically, our own lives.

What do we have to do with Women's History Month? Well, other than the fact that we're women and we've lived (which is all it takes to make history, in the simplest sense), there's something more. Specifically, we're Gay women, and we've suffered all the injustice and indignity that entails. Yet, like many other people throughout history, we've borne those burdens and more, and come through alive.

As a student of history, I've often been fascinated by one period or another, for many reasons: the turn of the century,

for its promise and disappointment; the great land rush in America's West, for its excitement and grandeur; and the intensity and heartbreak of the two world wars.

It's easy to get caught up in the apparent excitement of a different era and to become disenchanted with the everyday-ness of our own. I admit escaping more than once into a history book to forget about the seeming bleakness of my own era. But if you think about it, we ourselves are living in a time of immense change and are witnessing events of potentially life-altering magnitude.

In my own lifetime, I have witnessed such events as the first person on the moon, the first space shuttle launch (and tragedy), the discovery of any number of miracle drugs, accessible computer technology, and music reproduced with the fidelity afforded by compact discs. I've watched a woman run for the Presidency and another achieve the status of US Attorney General.

WOMEN WHO DARED

But of all the events of my generation, perhaps none has so directly affected me as the bravery shown by a few women who dared, finally, to break the silence about how many of us have garnered our achievements without the help of men as lovers, partners or business associates. These women have stood up and been counted as members of that historically spurned class, Lesbians.

I'm talking about women like Martina Navratilova, Sandra Bernhard, Melissa Etheridge, Kate Clinton and a host of others who have made us proud to claim them as "our own." They have proven that to be a Lesbian and be honest about it is not always social or career suicide. They've made room for others of us to follow in their brave footsteps, and have given hope to the baby dykes of tomorrow for a shot at a fulfilling, happy and open life, lived as the persons they truly are, not as facades they think the world wants to see.

But just as we today are able to freely patronize Gay bars and nightclubs without fear of police raids only because of the bravery of our forerunners at Stonewall and in a thousand less-celebrated places, so too do these remarkable women owe a debt of gratitude to others who went before them.

Less lucky in their quests to be forthright about their identities and assert their civil rights are our own Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom, many mothers whose children have been taken from them, and countless other Lesbians who struggle daily just to hold onto a job or live in a community.

Nevertheless, because each of these voices has spoken out and been heard, the ground has been broken, never to be just as it was again. And every time that ground is broken, a new seed is planted. Each one of those seeds that manages to grab hold of the fertile soil of the public imagination seems little or nothing by itself, but all of them together form a garden that continues to bear the fruit of our reality: We are. We can. We will.

I recently read a quote that went something like this: 'A mind that is stretched to accommodate a new idea can never quite shrink back to its original shape.' Let's be the Jane Fondas of mental aerobics then, and encourage everyone to "go for the burn."

Today, I'd like to say thanks to all who have had the opportunity to Speak Our Name and the courage to use those opportunities for the betterment of us all. To those who want to speak and can, I encourage you to do so intelligently and without hyperbole. And for those who cannot, I urge you to find comfort and strength in those who can, and to keep hope alive within yourselves for a day when eyebrows will be raised not because of who we choose to love, but because there was once a time when we were denied that choice.



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We Carry Our History With Us

By Yvonne Zipter

The web of connections in one's life can sometimes be hard to understand. When you flat out love someone and have a lot in common with that person, the connection to him or her is easy enough to comprehend. But often, one's ties to others are much murkier, and you can find yourself wondering, "Why the heck is this person still in my life?"

I have thought about this most recently in association with my grandmother. Actually, it is a question that has come up repeatedly for me with my grandmother, as she is not, to put it mildly, a nice person. Let me be clear: when I say she's "not nice," I don't mean that she gossips a little. Or that she says catty things. Or that she's manipulative. She is guilty of all of those things, but there is much more that makes up her not-niceness. Through some combination of mental illness and just plain meanness, my grandmother has emotionally and physically abused me and everyone else in my life.

My grandmother — having come through life in much less enlightened times than these, back when people were more often than not simply accepted as they were and never sought professional help — my grandmother was able to amass a small army of enablers. Four generations of us — from my grandmother's mother, to her husband and her sisters, to my mother, right down to my sister and I — have retained our sanity by simply doing what she has wanted us to, which, mostly, has meant doing almost literally everything for her.

She has never been someone I liked; even as a child, I told my mother I didn't want to spend time with my grandmother because "she made me nervous." But for the first half of my life, there was a buffer between us, my grandfather and mother mostly doing for her, so that I wasn't confronted in the same way with questions such as the one I posed above.

WHY DO I GO?

But since my mother and grandfather have both passed away and since neither my sister nor my mother's brother live in Milwaukee anymore (our family nexus), I have found myself in the per-

verse position of becoming one of my grandmother's major caretakers as one of her most proximal kin. So it's up to Milwaukee I go to spend time with this woman, sometimes as often as every month or two, sometimes only two or

three times a year. And I have asked myself repeatedly, Why do I go?

Undoubtedly, there is some version of love at play here — even severely

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abused women who end up killing their husbands feel love for those men — but I have always felt that what little love I felt for my grandmother was not enough to account for my loyalty. Pity, too, has almost certainly played a role in my dutiful visits, for my grandmother in old age has come to lead a rather pitiful existence: lonely, ailing, and in precarious financial straits. And yet pity doesn't fully account for my faithfulness either, especially as she has brought much of her piteous state on herself.

So why do I go? Why do I visit her, when each visit brings with it mental duress, churning up decades of bad history and just generally causing anxiety? I have spent years pondering this conundrum without arriving at a suitable answer.

Another curious relationship in my life is that with my first girlfriend, with whom I split up in the late seventies. I am hesitant to juxtapose her with my grandmother in this way because, other than the fact that the exact nature of our ongoing relationship puzzles me sometimes as well, she and my grandmother are nothing alike. B is kind, and generous, and thoughtful. As a person, I have no com-

plaints about her. There is no reason for us not to have remained friends, and yet in some ways, there is no reason that we should have either; our lives have taken rather divergent paths and we no longer have a great deal in common. We aren't in touch as often as we used to be, but instead of feeling like a diminution of the relationship, the casually sporadic nature of our contacts now seems like a strength: we don't need regular or frequent contact to know we are permanent characters in one another's lives. Still, it's not like we are an actual presence in one another's lives. It's not like we do the same things, know the same people, or even share many of the same concerns. So why does this relationship persist for me?

BRIDGES TO THE PAST

Oddly enough, the answer I have finally arrived at for why these two relationships mysteriously continue in my life is the same in both cases. And it is this: both of these women are a bridge to my past, a vital connection to who I once was but no longer am. In some weird way, each of these women helps make me a whole person. I have my own memories of the past, of course, but the farther one

travels (mentally, physically, whatever) from the earlier parts of one's life, the less anchored that past seems in reality.

As troublesome as it can be sometimes to have someone around to tell you what you used to be like, it can also be helpful. I can look at a picture of myself as a child, for example, and say, "That was me when I was five," without having any sense of who that child actually was. My grandmother can tell me things I said then, things I did, what I was like.

And for me, another very important factor in all of this is that both women are a link to my mother. They, along with my sister, form a very real connection for me between now and when my mother was alive. Both B and my grandmother knew me with my mother, me with my family. They have seen and are a part of the forces that shaped me. There is an element of comfort in this, the comfort of having someone just know things about you without you having to tell them. My girlfriend knows me quite well, knows as much of my history as I can remember to tell her. I can tell her about my mother and I, but she can never actually know me as I was with my mother.

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Often, when I think about the elements that formed my early life, I think only of how lucky I am to have survived them, to have gotten past them, to have

outgrown them. It has been somewhat startling to realize, through pondering the importance of B and my grandmother, that there is a part of me that clings to these threads that tie me to my past. What I have come to realize is that no matter who I am now — an outspokenly Lesbian author, a passionate lover to my girlfriend, etc. — those old pieces of myself and those old relationships are still part of who I am. You can forget about the past, but it is still right here with you.

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— **Singer/Songwriter Jill Sobule in *The Advocate***

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— **Milton Berle on what attracted him to his wife**

"It is difficult to be an advocate for an invisible constituency. We need more Lesbian and Gay elders to come out, to participate in sensitivity training, and to help create a Gay-friendly environment in our local senior services centers."

— **Del Martin in *The Advocate***

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— **Actor/Director Forest Whitaker about Jaye Davidson's role in "The Crying Game"**

"Instead of spending time on the freedom to marry, I think we should try to talk straight people out of getting married. It's not going well for them: Enid/Joe; Nicole/O.J.; Di/Chuck/Camilla; Lisa Marie/Michael."

— **Lesbian comic Kate Clinton in *The Progressive***

"Why would a Gay writer be labeled a Gay writer? I think any label's dismissive. It's a form of ghettoization. If you call James Baldwin a Gay writer, what do you call Norman Mailer? It's always pejorative, I don't care how they try to dress it up."

— **Lesbian writer Rita Mae Brown in *The Washington Blade***

"Barbara Jordan, *The Other Life*: How the revered Congresswoman kept her Lesbianism a secret for almost two decades."

— **Cover Story, *The Advocate*, March 5, 1996**

"I know I am not alone in feeling less respect for Barbara Jordan for not coming out in death. But I am especially anxious for all those of every community who idolized Jordan to know she was a Lesbian."

— **Letter writer to *The Advocate***

"We do kiss in this thing. OK, so we



Nathan Lane camps it up in "The Birdcage."
Photo: Lorey Sebastian

don't make out! There's no exchange of saliva! I'm sorry! Are we playing it safe and placating a straight audience and putting forth these Uncle Tom stereotypes? Yes! That's what I really set out to do, and I hope to make a lot of money from it, too. So sue me!"

— **Nathan Lane on his role as Albert (to Robin Williams' Armand) in "The Birdcage" in *OUT***



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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

Spring is definitely in the air! It's almost 60 degrees right now and you know what that means: Cute young men with very little clothes on. That also means it is time to clear the cob webs off my bench press and dust off the weights. It's work-out time! This summer I would like to be able to take my shirt off in pub-

lic and feel good about it. Every year it seems to get more and more difficult.

Milwaukee has a "new age" and "jazz" radio station again! I found this new station looking for 93.3 WQFM. WQFM is gone. In it's place is... well... the new QFM. Anyway if your into jazz check out 93.3 FM.

OK, it's time to get you updated. February 27th was the Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus Pageant held at Club 219. Two contestants showed up for the pageant with hopes of winning the title, but apparently one of the contestants (who was actually there hours earlier preparing for the show) was a little late for the interview and was penalized points. I am unsure of what exactly happened, but before the contest started one of the contestants was heading out the door with all of her props. So by default, Shannon Dupree is the new title holder.

Congratulations and apologies go out to Mama Roux and staff. March 2nd marked their 2nd anniversary. I was supposed to cover the party but I got my Saturdays mixed up so I missed the photo shoot. I also missed Bobby's Birthday Show at 3B's that same night. Both events (from what I heard) were very successful events. I will try harder to watch the calendar better.

In Between had a week-long Grand Opening Celebration March 3rd through



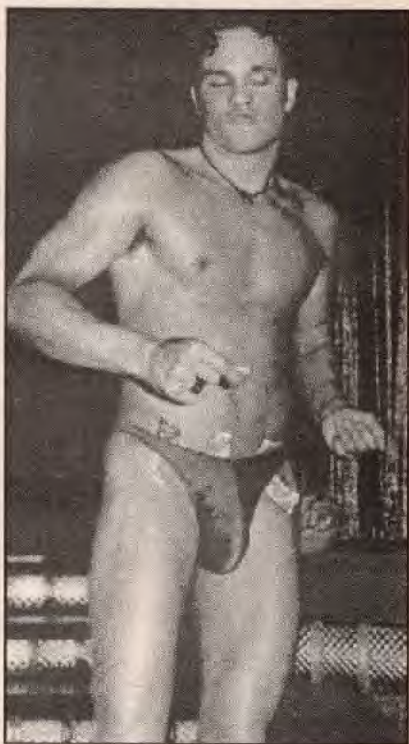
Shannon DuPree was named Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus at Club 219 Feb. 27. Photo: Jamie

the 9th. Kurt had lots of things going on that week to make the week fun. Actually if you watch their ads you will see that there usually is something goin' on. Check

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Kimberly Ann brings down the house and rakes in the dough at Club 219's Ginger Spice Memorial show March 11. Girl, you look faaabulous! Photo: Jamie



This hunk had all the right moves during the sizzling hot male entertainment at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



DuWanna Moore (center) was recently named Miss Gay Great Lakes USA 1996. She's accompanied by (l-r) Loretta LaMour, Miss Gay Wisconsin USA, 2nd runner-up Dynasty DuPont, 1st runner-up Ashley Andrews, and the former Miss Gay Great Lakes Kyllie West. Photo: Lily White



Mimi Marks, Cezanne and B.J. Daniels backstage at the Ginger Spice Memorial Show. \$2,271 was raised for Milwaukee AIDS Project.
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QUEER DUCK

by Hofmann



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out the photographs in this issue.

The 5th annual I Remember You Ginger Spice Benefit Show was held at Club 219 Monday March 11th. Mimi Marks, Cezanne and Monica Monro came in from the Baton Showlounge in Chicago. Mary Richards, Dominique Mahon, Tiffany Thomas and Tina Capri were also there to perform for an extremely electric Milwaukee audience. The very first performer on stage was our own Kimberly Ann (Club 219 D.J.). The crowd went absolutely crazy when she sauntered onto the stage. Just under \$350.00 was raised during the very first number. Through tips and donations \$2,271 was raised. Proceeds go to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The show was fantastic! I can't wait to see what next

years show will have in store.

Well, you have just been updated. Keep in mind that softball season is coming up and all of the teams are looking for players, so watch for information on how to sign up. I'll talk to you again in a couple of weeks, so in the meantime remember: slower traffic keep right.



**IN STEP
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Calendar

March 21, 1996

BESTD Clinic Live (Milw): channel 47 7:00pm, Lesbians and AIDS, Guest Ashlee Brawley.

March 22, 1996

Alix Dobkin in Concert (Milw): at Alverno College 3401 S 39th Street, 8:00pm.

10 percent society (Mad.): Spring Dance at Great Hall of Memorial Union, \$3/admission, 8:00pm, FMI(608)262-7365.

Gamma (Milw): Dining Out- Wells Street Station 7pm. FMI (414)-425-2146.

March 23, 1996

3B's (Milw): Variety Talent Show Benefit for MAP & American Heart Assoc. 8:pm, FMI 672-5580.

March 24, 1996

Frontiers (Mad.): Brunch China Internat'l Gourmet, 11:30pm FMI (608)241-2500.

The Counseling Center (Milw): Discussion Group Homosexuality and the scripture, 6-8 pm FMI (414)271-2565.

March 25, 1996

Greg Louganis appearance (Milw): at Afterwords Bookstore 2710 N Murray Ave, 7pm, FMI (414)963-9089

Womens support group (Milw): Facitator training for Lesbian Women. 5:30pm-8:45pm FMI (414)271-2565.

Oscar Madison Academy awards show (Mad.): at the Barrymore Theater, proceeds to Rodney Scheel House, 7:00pm FMI (608) 224-0289 and tickets (608) 241-8864.

Frontiers (Mad.): Academy Awards Night, 7:00pm FMI (608)274-5959.

InBetween (Milw): Beach Party March 25-28.

March 26, 1996

Zippers (Milw): BestD Traveling Testing Clinic 8pm to 11pm.

LAMM (Milw): Membership meeting 7:00pm at the Counseling Center, 2038 Bartlett. FMI (414)264-2600.

Suzanne Westenhofer Concert (Mad.): at Barrymore Theater Tickets and FMI (608)241-8633.

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March 27, 1996

Gamma(Milw): Open Volleyball FMI (414)425-2146.

Cream City Chorus (Milw): Annual Meeting at First Unitarian Society, 1342 N Astor, 7:00pm FMI (414)344-9222.

Suzanne Westenhofer Concert (Milw): at the Pabst Theater Tickets and FMI (414)286-3663.

Frontiers (Mad.): Film-*Lie Down With Dogs*, 7:30pm FMI(608)276-4040.

Triangle (Milw): Construction Party 9pm.

March 28, 1996

Trockadero de Monte Carlo (Milw): at the Pabst Theater, 7:30pm Tickets (414)286-3663.

MAP Consumer Advisory Panel (Milw): Open assemblies, 6-8pm, 820 N Plankinton Ave FMI (414)273-1991.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milw): channel 47, 7:00pm, The Ethics of Outing, Guest Dan Fons.

BESTD Course in Miracles (Milw): Thursdays, 7:30pm at Brady East STD clinic. 1240 East Brady FMI (414)353-4798.

March 29, 1996

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Special Show in Memory of Mandi McCall 10pm.

LaCage/Dance Dance Dance (Milw): Benefit for DJ's at Hotel Washington Mad. Record Relief. 9:00pm - 2:30am.

The Office (Rockford): Anniversary Weekend Undergear Party, FMI (815)965-0344

March 30, 1996

Club 94 (Kenosha): Folly Girls Anniversary Show, 11pm

Castaways MC & Unicorn's Club Night (Milw): at the 1100 Club, Milwaukee 10:30pm-2:00am.

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The Office (Rockford): Anniversary Party 513 East State Street, FMI (815)965-0344.

March 31, 1996

Senior Action in a Gay Environment (Milw): Annual Meeting, 1pm, at Turner Hall Restaurant 1034 N 4th St. FMI (414)271-0378.

The Office (Rockford): Retro Party (Anniversary Weekend) FMI (815)965-0344.

Oral Sex Part II (Milw): Gay mens discussion group. 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milw. FMI (414)271-2565.

April 1, 1996

Lesbian Pulp Fiction slide show (Milw): First Unitarian Society, free, 1342 N. Astor, 7:15pm.

Bi?Shy?Why? (Mad.): mixed meeting, at United, 14 W Mifflin Street, 7-9pm

April 2, 1996

3B's (Milw): Bruce's Birthday Bash ,3-7pm, FMI (414)672-5580
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And the Chinese one. I haven't found the African-American or Asian contingent at any of my meetings either. Or much of the Hispanic. There wasn't anyone in the room in leather.

Did you have a Native American at your last general meeting? More than one? (Lesbians have often been known to come in matching pairs.) We had a big room full of me-clones.

Now I have to admit that, externally, I am a white-bread, (or should that read "bred?") vanilla Lesbian. In my lifetime, I have been Corporate. I have been Mommy. I have been The Little Woman. (Though I think that Dr. Ruth, at four-feet-something-inches, qualifies better for the title.) I still wear panty hose when the occasion requires. And makeup. I like jewelry, heels, loose, comfortable skirts, as well as jeans and my DC '93 and Stonewall tee-shirts. I have been known to engage in irrelevant social discourse with card-carrying non-Gays. And enjoyed it.

Internally I am iconoclastic, rebellious, activist and cantankerous, all the

while appearing to be a mild-mannered middle-aged, middle-class-er from a major metropolitan municipality. I am, I do also have to admit, a little too out and outspoken for many of my co-vanillanese.

It is true that I will appear at the opening of an envelope — if it gives me a platform to change minds, belief structures, self-images, and laws. I like to think of myself as a shining example of what can happen to a moderate, unburdened of the "awful truth." A kind of testifier for the "if it could happen to me..." Gay-Lesbian closet crowd.

ROOM FULL OF MIRRORS

But lately I've been staring at the seating arrangements. It's way too often like looking in a room full of mirrors.

I wonder if, at their meetings, the black Lesbians wonder where I am? Or at least when the light-pink, gold-earring component is scheduled to show up? Oh, sure, we're there if Maya Angelou is reading for the fundraiser. But for the day-to-day?

Do you think that the local Dykes on

Bikes ever asks itself where the former NOW members are? Or if RadicaLesbians congregate in special boards of concern about broadening their membership to include the Fourth Monday/Second Wednesday/Third Thursday crew?

I can't think of a Lesbian group I've ever been involved with, that hasn't, sometime, had a diversity agenda item. Everyone sits pondering not only the "WHY?" (other ethnicities aren't lining up with dues money), but also the "WHO" (knows HOW to get them to the name-tag table?). After several circuits, the group usually recognizes that it doesn't have a solution/clue and tables the discussion to next year, satisfied that at least talking about it is almost as good as actually doing anything.

There is, however, an interesting exception. On the Internet, where Lesbian chat mailing lists are sprouting faster than summer grass, there is far more integration, understanding, and interaction. Real diversity being modeled by modem. The Rodney King design of 'all getting-along' creating magnificent electro-example. Sure there are still fights, but they're over ideas and utterances, not usually visual prejudices. I suspect it is not coincidental that what you see on the internet is not faces or costumes, but letters, neatly, continuously typed from one screen to another.

Now I don't mean to deny the viability of each come-together organization, whether it converges to argue the finer points of sailing, passing out business cards, reconstituting the 104th Congress, or getting Chastity to speak at the local Civic Seminar. There is plenty of good precedent for finding out en masse that you aren't the only one. But our real power lies in our numbers. Our total numbers.

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In yet another one of those flawless perceptions, Lynn observed that we are always talking amongst ourselves, about "diversity." Except, when we say it, what we really mean is our own diversity. It's Other People's diversity that makes us uncomfortable.

Way too true. I wish I had an answer to this dilemma. I could have saved hundreds of boards thousands of circular discussions. Instead, maybe I could just plant a couple of mindseeds. Because, while plots of pink roses may be fragrant, even inviting, there's nothing like the sheer splendor and attraction of a fully mixed garden.

Maybe, instead of name-tags, we should all be handing out blindfolds (or computers) at the door.

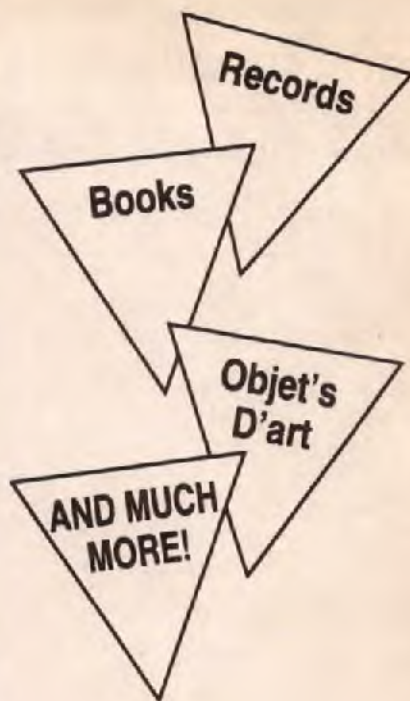
Till then, if you happen to see the black/Asian/Native American/B&D/Nature-lover/S&M/Hippie-throwback/Anglo Lesbian, could you tell her you've been looking for her to invite into your group?

And please ask her to return the invitation.

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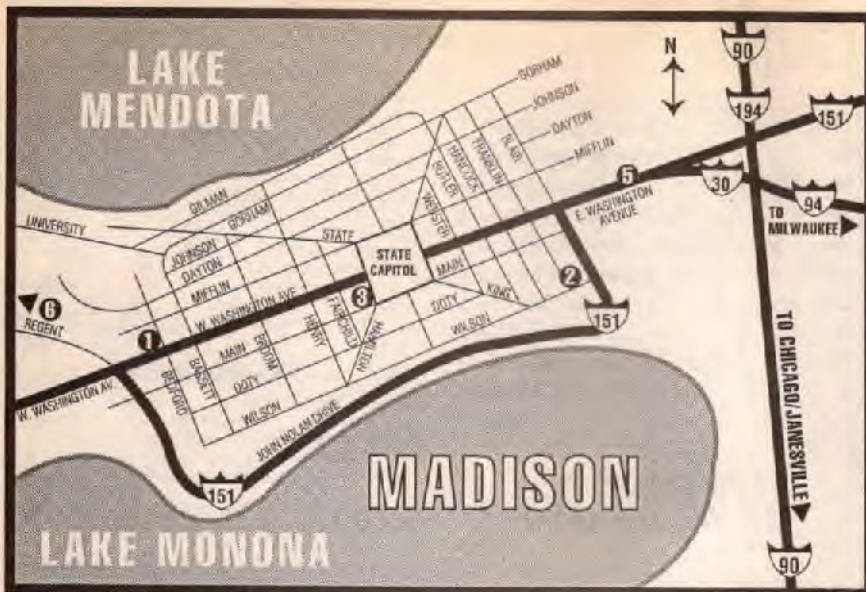
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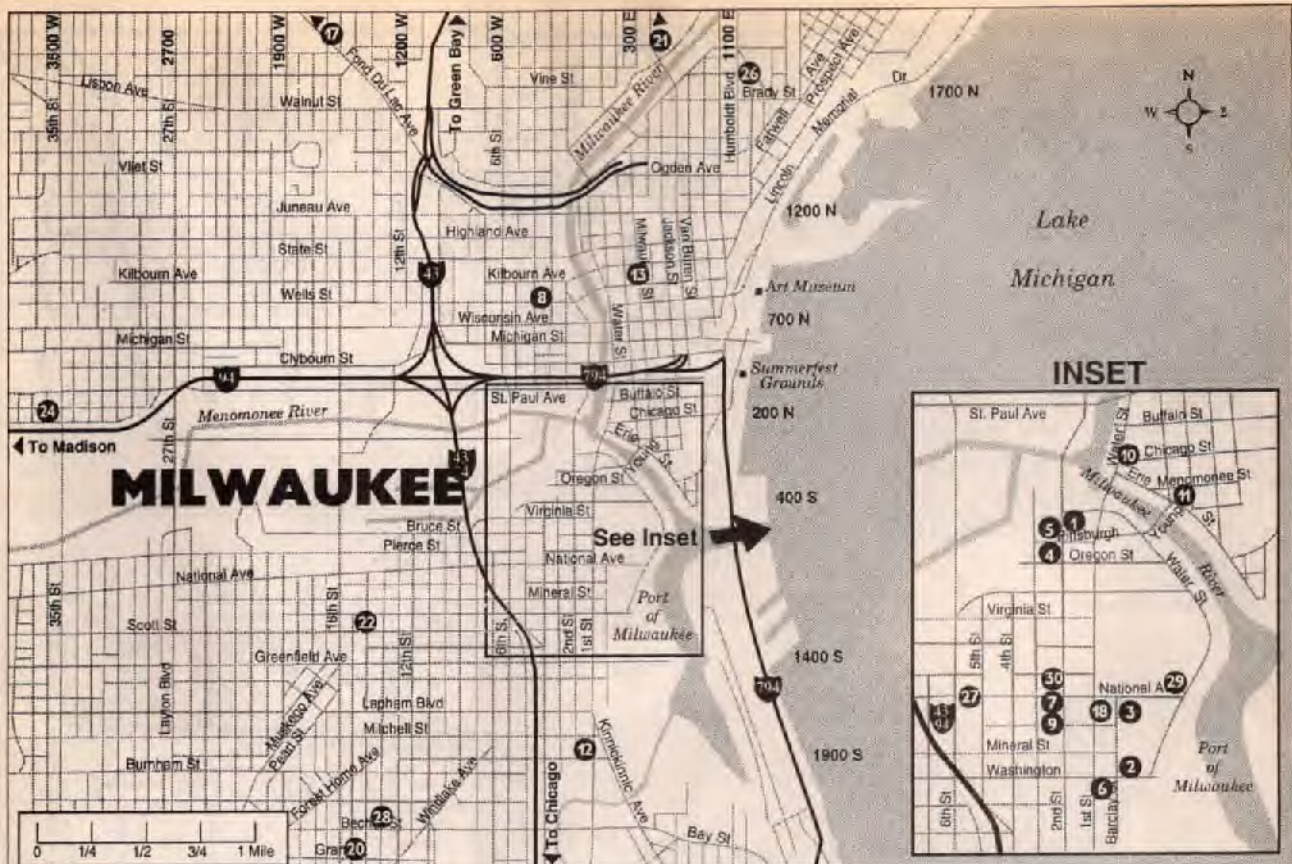
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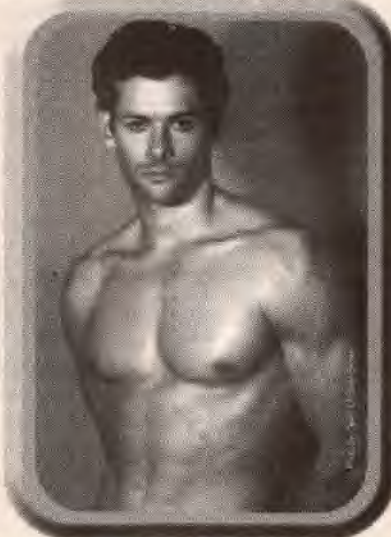
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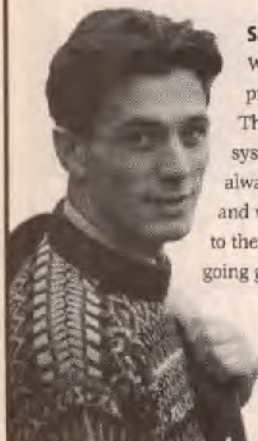
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