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Letters

Gotzler Grateful

(The following letter was originally sent to PrideFest '96 and was forwarded to In Step)

To the Editor,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your honoring me with the 1996 Stonewall Award. This last year of my life has been incredibly exciting, challenging and draining. Your recognition of my campaign efforts mean so much when I remember the times when it seemed so dismal.

Too often we do not thank the people who make the significant contributions to our lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. I was very proud to share this year's award with Dan Fons who has had a major impact in the Milwaukee area with his activism on AIDS issues as well as gay and lesbian concerns. I also was proud to be a part of the presentation to Bill Meunier for his tireless efforts in bringing PrideFest from its infancy to its current fledgling status as the newest Maier Park festival for Milwaukee.

We often expect our leaders to be perfect, to be flawless. They are not - none of us are. It is critical to our success in securing equal rights in American society that we support each other, manage our human frailties and celebrate our successes together. Only commitment and teamwork, combined with constructive criticism and a willingness to be a part of solution, will allow us to achieve our common goals.

There are many exciting projects going on in our lesbian, gay and bisexual communities right now. I thank the PrideFest Board and volunteers for their contributions to our communities through this public event. I

appreciate the efforts of the thousands of gay, lesbian and bisexuals activists and volunteers who contribute their time and money and expertise to make our city a better place for all of us.

Thank you again for the recognition. It motivates me to continue my contributions and reminds me to thank others for their work.

Sincerely,
Karen Gotzler

Bible Interpretations

Dear Editor,

On the first day of the North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride '96 celebration, 42 local churches took out a full page paid advertisement in the Winston-Salem Newspaper citing scripture to condemn homosexuality.

They cited Genesis 1:27 which merely states that God created males and females. So, what else is new?

They cited the story of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 13:13 and 19). However, they failed to mention that in Matthew 10:14-15 and Luke 10:10-12 Jesus publicly stated that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their inhospitality to strangers.

The people of Sodom wanted to know who the foreign strangers were rather than desiring carnal knowledge of them. The Hebrew verb "yada" is very rarely used in a sexual sense.

Citation of 2 Peter 2:6-10 wherein Lot is called "just" and "righteous" is ludicrous in light of Lot's incest with his daughters in

Genesis 19:32-38. The broohaha over Sodom and Gomorrah was used as a ruse to cover this up.

Furthermore, the discovery of the "book of law" (2 Kings 22:10-12) in the reign of Josiah in 621 B.C.E., 400 years after David and 600 years after its putative author, Moses, casts serious doubt over the authenticity of the early books of the Bible. The laws were apparently framed after, and as a corrective to, the ungodly behavior of the early Kings. David had a homosexual affair with King Saul's son, Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4, 20:41-42, and 21:25-26) and King Solomon wrote homoerotic poetry in the Song of Solomon 5:4-8, 5:10-16, and 8:1-3.

The letters of apostle Paul are also cited. But Paul saw no necessity for any sexual relations (1 Corinthians 7:6-9) since he believed the world was coming to an end soon (7:6-9) and thought people ought to be preparing for that event.

Nor do they mention that Jesus Christ himself had a beloved disciple (John 11:36, 13:25, 19:26-27, 21:7, and 21:20) who was allowed to lay his head on Jesus' breast (sic) while they ate and talked.

Jim Senyszyn
Winston-Salem, NC

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News

by Jamakaya

Gay Wisconsin Organizes Through Business Alliances, Guides

Milwaukee — The past year has seen a flurry of organizing by gay and lesbian businesses and groups across Wisconsin. Gay and Lesbian business alliances are currently holding regular meetings and events in Milwaukee and Dane counties.

Earlier this year, the first-ever "Gay/Lesbian Guide to Northeast Wisconsin," covering 12 northeastern counties, was published, and the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center has just published the 1996/97 edition of "The Directory," a guide to the many organizations serving Madison's LesBiGay community.

Milwaukee will soon be following suit. One of the first projects of Brew Town's fledgling Alternative Business Association is an "Annual Directory of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual-Owned and Friendly, Businesses, Services and Entertainment in Metro Milwaukee."

In addition, a number of gay bars in Green Bay, Appleton, Sheboygan and Wausau have formed a group called Rainbow Over Wisconsin whose purpose is "to promote the growth and stability of our Les-Bi-Gay communities through charitable and educational activities and programs."

"...our community in northeast Wisconsin is bigger and a lot more developed and diverse than anybody ever expected,"

—MIKE FITZPATRICK, NEW COMMITTEE

The spirit of organizing seems contagious, and everyone involved agrees the results, in terms of networking and cooperation, can only be advantageous for all.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

The organizing bug took hold in Northeast Wisconsin in 1993 when an Education/Outreach Committee, co-sponsored by Positive Voice and Northern Womyn, Ink. in Green

Bay, developed a list of projects that could enhance the quality of life for the gay and lesbian community in the Green Bay area.

They soon found that the goals of a brochure listing Gay organizations and a multi-county networking project could be combined through the publication of a guide to Gay groups, professionals and supportive businesses throughout northeast Wisconsin.

Volunteers from Positive Voice, Northern Womyn and then the Gay and Lesbian Education & Economic Development Alliance (GLEEDA), based in Oshkosh, formed the G/L Guide to NEW Committee, which set about doing the research to create the Guide.

A list of about 300 Gay and Gay-supportive groups and businesses in the 12-county area of northeast Wisconsin was compiled and owners and organizers were then contacted. Permission was sought from each for a listing in the Guide, and sales representatives sold advertising space in the Guide. Aside from some initial seed money from each of the three sponsoring groups, the ad revenue paid for publication of the Guide itself.

The finished product includes almost 200 listings, ranging from accountants and AIDS services to florists and furniture stores and jewelers to photographers and physicians through therapists, travel agents and veterinarians. The Guide covers Brown, Calumet, Door, Forest, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano and Winnebago counties.

Paul "Cricket" Jacobs, who compiled the database listings and produced the Guide's layout, said he and other organizers have been "pleasantly surprised" by the finished product and the enthusiasm for the Guide "even among places you might not think would be supportive, like the public libraries and the Chamber of Commerce" — all of which were willing to distribute copies.

"What we found," said NEW Committee member Mike Fitzpatrick, "is that our community in northeast Wisconsin is bigger and a lot more developed and diverse than anybody ever expected. The Guide can tell you everything from where

to get your hair styled, where to pick up cat food, where to get politically active, where to worship with dignity. It's very broad-based, but it's all Gay-friendly."

Only a small percentage of those contacted declined a listing, according to Jacobs. Some had a "wait and see" attitude, wanting first to see what the Guide would look like, and a much smaller number said they "wanted nothing to do with it," because of their closeted status or because of homophobia.

But Fitzpatrick reports that since its publication, the NEW Committee has received numerous requests from individuals and businesses requesting inclusion in the next edition, an indication that people are impressed with the Guide. "It's very encouraging," he said.

Fitzpatrick also noted an "unexpected side advantage" to compiling the NEW Guide.

"When [State Rep.] Dean Kaufert [R-Neenah] tried to introduce anti-Gay marriage legislation in the Assembly this past winter, a number of us immediately got to work with the new friends and contacts we'd made in the Fox Valley. We inundated him with calls and letters, asking him not to submit his proposal and, about a week later, he decided against

it. We wouldn't have been able to act so fast or effectively without the new friends and contacts we'd made."

On another front, Za's, Brandy's II, Sass and Napalese Lounge, gay clubs in Green Bay, have joined with Sheboygan's Blue Lite, Wausau's Madhatter, and the Pivot Club and Rascals in Appleton to form Rainbow Over Wisconsin, a non-profit organization aimed at supporting the lesbian and gay communities in those cities.

Mark Mariucci, better known as "Za," told *In Step*: "Despite the fact that bars initiated it, we're not a bar association per se. We're not trying to drum up business for ourselves. We want to take the lead in helping our community financially through events and fundraisers."

Mariucci says the idea came out of the annual customer appreciation picnic that benefitted local groups like the Center Project and Northern Womyn. Now all the bars can cooperate on such events benefitting the community. He mentioned the upcoming Labor Day weekend Pride events which include a bowling tournament at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay and the Pride Picnic in Appleton's Memorial Park.

"Our purpose is to strengthen and improve the whole community," Mariucci said.

MADISON

In Madison, the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center has just published the eighth edition of "The Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Communities."

The 1996-97 Directory contains descriptions of almost 100 organizations. They range from community services like the New Harvest Foundation and the Madison AIDS Support Network, to Cultural/Social groups including Apple Island, the Gay Video Club and Frontiers, to sports teams like the Bette Davis Bowlers and the Gay Wrestling Club, to support groups like Bi?Shy?Why?, the Gay Fathers Group, P-FLAG, SAGE and Teens Like Us, to political groups, Gay print and broadcast media and religious/spiritual groups.

The Directory is financed largely through advertisements purchased by gay-owned and gay-supportive businesses in the Madison area — about 170 in the current edition. So while The Directory's primary purpose is as a guide to LesBiGay organizations, it also serves as a handy guide to Gay and Gay-friendly businesses.

A total of 4,500 copies of The Directory are being distributed to organizations and businesses around Madison. They are also available for \$2.50 to cover postage and handling from the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

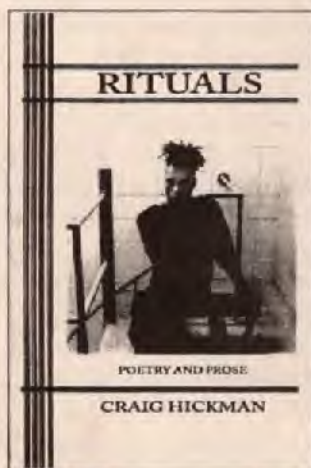
Tom Neal, who coordinated this year's Directory, is proud of its continual expansion, noting that in the first year of its

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publication, 1988, it had only 11 advertisers. "The Directory keeps growing along with our community," he said.

As President of the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center two years ago, Neal proposed the establishment of a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual (GLB) Business Alliance for Madison. The first year was sort of slow-going for the group, but this year has seen regular meetings, the adoption of by-laws and a dues structure and increased membership.

Another impetus for action, according to Business Alliance member Cris Derrick, was the fire that destroyed the Hotel Washington complex in February.

"The [Hotel Washington] fire really gave the community-at-large the impetus to re-energize and re-organize,"
—CRIS DERRICK, DALMATION INK

The Hotel Washington was something of a haven for Madison's LesBiGay community, housing Rod's, The New Bar and Cafe Palms.

"The fire really gave the community-at-large the impetus to re-energize and re-organize," said Derrick, co-owner of the desktop publishing firm Dalmation Ink. "And that translated into more activity from the Business Alliance. The Business Alliance pulled together a relief fund for the tenants burned out of the hotel and tried to help the hotel's employees find jobs in other Gay or Gay-friendly businesses."

Darren Kittleson, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for Sterling Concepts, was part of a similar business association in the Chicago area and says there is "great value" in knowing other business people in the Gay community.

"We have lots of social and political organizations, but the one thing we were missing in Madison was somewhere business and professional people could network. I'm a huge believer in doing business with 'family,'" Kittleson said, referring to the LesBiGay community. "And there's a loyalty level you sometimes don't develop with other clientele."

Mark Pocan, owner of Budget Signs and Specialties, agrees. "I like to see the community support itself as much as possible. There's a mutually reinforcing effect: the patronage strengthens our businesses, and economic success and greater visibility strengthen our whole community."

The GLB Business Alliance's mission statement says simply that the group is "comprised of businesses and professionals who support and enhance the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community." The phrasing was intentionally made broad enough to include Gay-supportive allies.

Membership in the Madison Business Alliance is \$50 for businesses, \$25 for individuals. The next meeting of the group's Steering Committee is set for Monday, July 29 at 5pm at The United, 14 West Mifflin Street. More information on the Alliance can be obtained by calling 608/256-4204 or by writing to the GLB Business Alliance at P.O. Box 1722, Madison, 53701.

MILWAUKEE

Gay and Lesbian business people in Milwaukee began meeting this spring and have formed the Alternative Business Association. Like Madison's Business Alliance, it is an inclusive group open to "Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Owned and



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Milwaukee previously had a Gay and Lesbian business group, the Cream City Business Association, which was established in 1981. At its height in the mid-1980's there were up to 275 paid members. CCBA's most longstanding contribution to Milwaukee's Gay community was the Cream City Foundation, a charitable organization that continues to bestow grants on Gay and Lesbian groups and projects to this day. But CCBA ceased operating in the period 1989-90.

Bob Mazzacone of Designing Men says the idea for the new Alternative Business Association (ABA) came about when he, Rick Finger and Sheldon Shure, owners of Brady's Bunch, and Joe St. Clair, manager of Mama Roux's Bar and Grill, were sitting at Mama Roux's earlier this year talking about the need for a business alliance in Milwaukee.

"We saw it as a collective effort by different businesses to band together to help each other out and build a more unified community," Mazzacone told *In Step*.

"Through the ABA, we can help promote each other's businesses and become a more visible presence in the larger community," said Mazzacone. "We also envision networking with similar business groups in other cities like Madison, Green Bay and Chicago."

Marion Smith, a real estate agent with Prudential Preferred Properties who has sponsored the Grapevine women's softball team, hopes the ABA will be "good for the whole community."

Smith's office is based in the west side of Milwaukee County, and she hopes that membership in the ABA by gay and lesbian-owned businesses in suburban areas will "dispel the preconception many people have that the gay

community in Milwaukee is this monolithic thing concentrated on the east side. There are a lot of us on the west side and in Waukesha County too. We are everywhere."

One of the very first projects of the Alternative Business Association is to publish an annual business directory. The target date for the first edition is sometime this fall. Members of the fledgling ABA say they got a good response at PrideFest where they talked up their organization and distributed brochures seeking listings and ads for the directory.

Other plans call for an ABA home page on the world wide web to disseminate information (donated by Dennis Hill of Nordic Systems), and a seminar, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 14th, to train business owners to use the media to their advantage — writing effective press releases, preparing ads and artwork, etc.

Alternative Business Association meetings take place the second Wednesday of each month. The next one is scheduled for August 14th at 7pm and will be a cookout and social event at Fannies, 200 E. Washington Street. Newcomers are welcome.

Meanwhile, anyone wanting further information on Milwaukee's ABA or seeking inclusion in its business directory can call either 414/389-1200 or 289-8322.

A Talk With State Rep. Tammy Baldwin About Wisconsin's 1995-96 Legislative Session

By Jamakaya

Madison — State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), the first openly Lesbian or Gay member of the Wisconsin legislature, is completing her second term in the State Assembly and



Tammy Baldwin

is running for re-election this November.

During the Fourth of July break, during which she says she had "the most wonderful time" celebrating her grandmother's 90th birthday, Baldwin took time to talk with *In Step* about the highlights and "lowlights" of the past legislative session, particularly in regard to Gay and AIDS-related bills.

Baldwin spoke candidly about many issues: the fight against the anti-Gay marriage bill; the continuing threat to Gay and Lesbian civil rights posed by religious extremists; the organizing abilities of the state's LesBiGay community; the challenge of being in the minority party; when and if she will introduce domestic partnership legislation; why she considered running for the US Congress this fall; and how, with all the challenges to her generally liberal agenda, she manages to keep from getting frustrated and hanging it all up.

In Step: Would you like to share with us some of the highlights and maybe lowlights of the legislative session?

Baldwin: One of the highlights was passage of a bill regulating viatical settlements. Prior to passage of that bill, the viatical industry was completely unregulated in the state of Wisconsin.

Because of the frequently vulnerable state of individuals cashing out their life insurance death benefit — like many people with AIDS — there was the possibility of coercion and improprieties without appropriate regulation. It was time for some oversight and consumer protections.

In Step: Who introduced the bill?

Baldwin: The bill was successful because of very strong bipartisan sponsorship. In the Assembly, it was co-authored by myself and Scott Jensen, the Republican Majority Leader, in the Senate by Peggy Rosenzweig, also a Republican. Despite being introduced late in the session, it became a priority for all members to pass into law. And I can't say enough about the wonderful work of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, especially Mike Gifford, in laying the groundwork for passage of that bill.

In Step: Another highlight?

Baldwin: Well, another major story of the legislative session was both a lowlight — due to the fact it was introduced at all and we had to expend a lot of energy to stop it — and a highlight — in that the legislature adjourned without its passage. That was the anti-same sex marriage bill.

In Step: That one worried a lot of Gay people around the state. Do you want to recap what happened?

Baldwin: In February of this year, our office was notified that one of my Assembly colleagues had issued a press release indicating that shortly he would be introducing an anti-same sex marriage bill.

In Step: This was?

Baldwin: Rep. Dean Kaufert, Republican from Neenah. He's somebody I've served on a lot of committees with and get along with quite well. He's a moderate Republican. I couldn't believe that of all people it would be him. So I called him, and as word spread, groups like Action Wisconsin and, in particular, activist groups in the Fox Valley and Green Bay area became aware of this. They got involved and they started alerting others and making phone calls. By the end of the week in which he announced his plans, Dean Kaufert had changed his mind and decided not to introduce the anti-Gay marriage bill. In addition, he joined with Scott Jensen to seek a legal opinion from the Wisconsin Legislative Council asking what would happen if another state passed a same sex marriage bill. What would happen in Wisconsin? I think he was satisfied with the answer — that we would actually end up having to change our current laws for those marriages to be recognized here anyhow. His bill was simply unnecessary.

In Step: But that wasn't the end of it?

Baldwin: No. Wisconsin Christians United Executive

Director Ralph Ovadal sent a letter to selected members of the legislature indicating his belief that Rep. Kaufert would not go through with the proposal and seeking a "courageous" legislator who would be willing to forward this legislation. And responding to his call was Rep. Lorraine Seratti, Republican of Spread Eagle, who sent a memo seeking co-sponsors to a bill she had drafted. Her bill had two main points. It clarified that marriage in Wisconsin can only occur between one man and one woman and that if another state legalizes same sex marriage, Wisconsin will not recognize such marriages. Letters and calls did not dissuade her from introducing it.

In Step: What happened?

Baldwin: A number of us had conversations with the Republican leadership, who decide what committee bills are referred to. Because the issue would ultimately be judged on constitutional grounds, we argued it was a good idea to send it to a committee with expertise in that area. We then made the argument among committee members that it was very late in the session to introduce a measure with such ramifications, that this bill had the potential to be a real political grenade, and that it was a complicated issue that deserved a full and fair hearing. By and large, there was agreement that it would not go forward in this session, so the anti-same sex marriage bill died for lack of action, which created the highlight from the lowlight!

In Step: So what did you learn from that roller coaster ride?

Baldwin: Looking back on that period, February to May, 1996, I saw the statewide Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community mature to a degree that made me really proud. All of a sudden, for the first time in years, we were struck with a crisis, a crisis that required an immediate organized response: a lot of letters, a lot of phone calls, a lot of talking to friends and allies and getting them activated. I think our community showed a lot of maturity and political sophistication. But keep in mind, this was probably a dress rehearsal for the next session. My prediction is that this bill will most likely be introduced early in the next session [which begins in January, 1997]. We're going to have to be organized in every way possible from Day 1 to defeat similar legislation.

Beyond that, after the Amendment 2 case was decided by the Supreme Court [striking down Colorado's anti-Gay initiative], Wisconsin Christians United vowed to escalate its opposition to Gay rights, including the repeal of the state civil rights law barring discrimination based on sexual orientation. I'm a little skeptical that a bill repealing our civil rights could be introduced and passed, if only because it has stood so long and it has not resulted in any problems or any of the strange scenarios its opponents predicted when it was first adopted.

So I think that's less likely than the introduction of the anti-same sex marriage bill. There was that pledge on the part of Wisconsin Christians United to continue to be a thorn in our sides, so it's certainly an issue about which we must remain very vigilant.

In Step: What was it like for you as a liberal Democrat in the Republican-controlled legislature?

Baldwin: The majority party has pretty awesome powers to set the agenda, to decide what legislation moves forward and what legislation languishes in committee. That puts individuals in the minority party in the position, if they disagree with the majority's agenda, of trying to slow down the progress of legislation, of trying to amend it to improve it and, in some cases, of trying to defeat it completely. To me, that was an entirely new role that I had never played either in my work on the Dane County Board or my previous term in the state legislature. I've always worked to incrementally advance an agenda rather than try to be any kind of obstructionist. But for the first time, women's reproductive freedom was being whittled away in Wisconsin. My only option was to try to be an obstructionist from the perspective of feeling that this was an assault on the basic civil rights of women.

In Step: How do you keep from becoming frustrated?

Baldwin: I don't keep from feeling frustrated! Feeling something about what we do is an important part of being a repre-

sentative. If you get involved in this in a very dispassionate way, I don't think you'd work as hard. The level of frustration is at times very important for the representation you give. You just can't let it overwhelm you or be the only thing you experience. The most important thing is not to personalize these difficult debates with the person on the other side. The person who may be your biggest opponent on reproductive freedom, for instance, may be your biggest ally on the anti-same sex marriage bill. If you've completely ruined your relationship with that colleague, they are not going to be there for you when you need them.

In Step: What happened to your plan to introduce domestic partnership legislation?

Baldwin: The original plan was to introduce both domestic partnership and pro-same sex marriage bills last spring. My short term goals for doing that have always been to promote education and dialogue about these issues to lay the groundwork for ultimate passage. In many respects, the opponents' bill, the anti-same sex marriage bill, began to prompt that discussion, albeit with their own particular rhetoric, which is likely to be present with or without the introduction of my bills.

From Day 1 when I got word of Dean Kaufert's plan to introduce his bill, I convened a meeting at which 40-50 concerned people showed up. We continued to meet weekly for awhile this spring, with some people driving in from Green Bay and other places around the state. I used this group as a sounding board on the pro-active legislation. What I heard was: "Tammy, we can only fight on so many fronts at once. Right now, we're investing the bulk of our energy into defeating something that's really bad. If they start playing tricks with your bill, we'll have to respond to that too. We'll be spread too thin."

In Step: But don't you think they really have the initiative now — that we're just defending ourselves and holding our ground?

Baldwin: Well, a strange thing is happening. As the anti-same sex marriage movement has spread across the country, the percentage of people actually supporting our marriage rights has risen. A few years ago, the percent supporting us was 25% or less. Today, recent polls show that about one third of those surveyed support same sex marriage. Another third strongly oppose it and the remaining third are either ambivalent or ignorant of the issue, but potentially persuadable. We and the religious political extreme are trying to win that middle ground.

Let's face it, we can't prevent the introduction of anti-same sex marriage measures, but even a bill opposing our rights can be used to promote dialogue and to illustrate the importance of gaining some legal rights for our families. In virtually every TV, radio and newspaper account of the debate here in Wisconsin, we had the opportunity to express our position.

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One thing I'd like to make clear if I may. I originally drafted both the domestic partnership and same sex marriage proposals in response to what I perceived as a lack of consensus in the early 1990's in the Gay and Lesbian community as to whether we wanted to pursue domestic partner coverage or same sex marriage rights. Since that lack of consensus, the lawsuit in Hawaii [which could result in legalized same sex marriage there] has really created more of a consensus within the Gay and Lesbian community that regardless of whether individual Gay or Lesbian couples would choose to get married, we certainly deserve that right, and that right is worthy of pursuit.

I am still reserving the right to make a strategic decision about introducing one bill rather than two bills, but at this point that decision hasn't been made.

In Step: Earlier this year, there was talk that you were considering a run against US Rep. Scott Klug (R) for the 2nd Congressional District seat. What happened there?

Baldwin: In 1995, I was astounded when I began to be approached by individuals asking me to consider running for Congress in '96. For a week or two I thought about it very carefully and talked with people whose political judgment I trust. Ultimately, I decided I'm not prepared to do something like that right now. At this time, I am strongly endorsing [Madison Mayor] Paul Soglin's campaign for Congress and would be very proud to be represented by someone who cares as much about Gay and Lesbian issues as he does.

In Step: How about your re-election campaign?

Baldwin: Well, it looks as though I may have three opponents: one Republican, one Libertarian and one Independent. [The deadline for filing nomination papers was July 9, the day In Step went to press.] I'm looking forward to the campaign, for the chance to discuss the issues and the opportunity to continue to serve my district.

You know, when I was first elected to the legislature [in 1992], some people may have surmised that I wouldn't be able to work in a bipartisan fashion for whatever set of stereotypes they may have held about me — either being too far to the left, being a Lesbian, or whatever — that somehow that was going to impair my ability to build coalitions. So I was very proud this session to have sponsored and worked on a number of bills that I think emphasized the capacity of both parties to work together on issues on which we could find common ground. I look forward to that kind of cooperation in the next session.

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HRC Reports No Statewide Anti-Gay Ballot Measures This Fall

Washington, DC — According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), for the first time since 1992, no statewide anti-gay initiative will appear on election ballots in any state this November. The announcement followed the failure of the Idaho Citizens Alliance to obtain enough petition signatures for such a referendum.

"This marks a political sea change and the well-deserved death of an extremist tactic," said Cathy Woolard, HRC's National Field Manager. "We can now focus our resources pro-actively on electing fair-minded members of Congress and defeating our opposition."

Statewide anti-Gay ballot initiatives — which would overturn existing and prohibit future civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians — have appeared on ballots twice in Oregon and once each in Colorado, Idaho and Maine since 1992. Only Colorado's Amendment 2 was passed by voters in 1992.

But in May, the US Supreme Court found Amendment 2 unconstitutional because it denied gay men and lesbians the equal protection of the law. In June, the high court asked a lower court in Ohio to reconsider its support of an anti-gay initiative passed in Cincinnati in light of the Amendment 2 ruling.

"After losing at ballot boxes and now at the Supreme Court, anti-gay groups are shifting their focus to other venues, including state legislatures where they are continuing their attacks against lesbian and gay lives," said Woolard. "Sadly, we must continue to defend ourselves as these groups try to deny us the liberties most Americans take for granted."

Hate Crimes Act Renewed as Part of Church Arson Prevention Law

Washington, DC — The Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which requires the Justice Department to collect and publish data on crimes motivated by bias against religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability, has been re-authorized by Congress until the year 2002.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act was the first piece of federal legislation to incorporate the term "sexual orientation."

It was signed with much fanfare in 1990 by President George Bush, who invited several representatives of gay groups to the signing.

Its five-year authorization period lapsed last year, and a coalition of minority groups, including gays and lesbians, have been lobbying for its renewal.

Although the Senate had passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in May, it made little progress in the House until Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) worked with Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) to attach it to the House version of the Church Arson Prevention Act, which was prompted by the current spate of arson attacks on African American churches.

In a related story, the Rev. Troy Perry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, which ministers primarily to Gays and Lesbians, condemned the recent church burnings as signs of "racism, bigotry and hatred."

"We know what it is like to have our sanctuaries destroyed by hate," said Perry. "Ten percent of our churches have been destroyed or damaged by arson and vandalism over the 27 years of our ministry."

"There is a clear pattern of racism in the United States today, just as there is a clear pattern of homophobia," said Perry. "We call upon all government officials at every level of government to do everything possible to identify and convict the perpetrators of these terrible fires."

Vancouver AIDS Conference Begins, Internet Provides Link to HIV/AIDS Web Sites

Vancouver, Canada — Thousands of doctors, researchers and frontline prevention workers have gathered in Vancouver for the 11th international AIDS conference.

More than 15,000 people are expected for five days of sessions, during which some of the world's leading experts will present their latest findings in basic research, clinical care and successful AIDS prevention efforts.

Fifteen years after the global epidemic was first recognized, research into the AIDS virus, or HIV, has never moved more swiftly. Powerful new anti-viral drug combinations are being deployed. Three virus-fighting compounds in a new class called protease inhibitors recently have been

approved for use, and more are being developed. New techniques for monitoring the levels of the virus in patients are enabling doctors to manipulate treatments more effectively.

But even with that optimism, experts monitoring the spread of AIDS throughout the world are increasingly appalled at the impact of the disease on entire populations in developing nations, where poverty makes even conventional AIDS drugs unavailable and the rising death rate among women and children threatens the future.

Web Sites Provide AIDS Information

Information on the disease, and in particular on ways to prevent it, was slow to surface in the 1980s. In parts of the world, there is still some denial it exists, even though there is no shortage of data, including a vast supply on the Internet.

In recent years, credit has been given the Internet for allowing researchers to more easily collaborate on findings, pursuits and hunches.

The Vancouver conference itself will feature hundreds of presentations and papers and several Web sites will carry much of the proceedings live or nearly so each day. A University of British Columbia site plays host to the conference (<http://www.interchg.ubc.ca/aids11/aids96.html>) and has dozens of links to sites on studies, treatments, activism and dialogue. Possibly the largest ongoing site on the Web with data on the disease is the AIDS Virtual Library (<http://www.planetq.com/aidsvl/index.html>). The AIDS Treatment News site provides an extensive databas (<http://www.jri.org/infoweb/treatment/library/atn/index.htm>).

A strong, recommended omnibus site is Marty Howard's HIV/AIDS Homepage (<http://www.smartlink.net/~martinh>). Official medical sites also prove worthy, including the Center for Disease Control (<http://www.cdcnac.org>), the American Medical Association site on HIV (<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm>) and the National Library of Medicine. The Body site (<http://www.thebody.com>) provides access to some alternative treatments.

Appeals Panel Sends Military Case Back to Lower Court

New York, NY — A three-judge Appeals Court panel has sent the Clinton-era "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on gays in the military back to a lower court judge for reconsideration after questioning some of the rationale of the judge's pro-gay ruling.

In March 1995, Federal Judge Eugene Nickerson ruled that the policy violated the First Amendment free speech rights of homosexual service members by forbidding them to say that they are Gay. Judge Nickerson also found the policy in violation of the plaintiffs' Fifth Amendment due process rights.

The panel of judges on the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit wrote: "Plainly, a limitation on speech in support of an unconstitutional objective cannot be sustained." But the judges implied that such a limitation on speech in support of a constitutional objective might be sustainable.

This was apparently a reference to the Pentagon's stated objective of prohibiting all homosexual activity among service members, an issue, the appellate panel said, that Judge Nickerson had not fully considered. The case was returned to Judge Nickerson for a ruling on the constitutionality of that specific area of the policy.

Matthew Coles, who represents the six gay service members involved in the case, plans to argue that the ban on sexual acts by homosexual and not heterosexual service members is inherently unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment's

Also on the Newswire...

San Francisco School Named for Harvey Milk

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco School Board has voted to rename the 105-year old Douglass Elementary School, located in the Castro District, the heart of the city's Gay community, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. Milk was the openly Gay San Francisco Supervisor who was assassinated, along with Mayor George Moscone, by a homophobic ex-cop in 1978. Milk, a pioneering Gay politician, has become a folk hero to many Gays and Lesbians. A handful of parents, objecting to Milk's homosexuality, said they would withdraw their children from the school.

Gospel Singer Cancels Gig With Gay Chorus

Dallas, TX — Grammy Award-winning gospel singer Cynthia Clawson canceled a performance with the Gay Turtle Creek Chorale of Dallas after fundamentalist groups and Christian radio stations pressured her to drop the gig. She apologized in a letter to the Chorale's Director, saying: "As a mother, I cannot and will not do anything that might endanger my family."

Philadelphia Partner Benefits Under Attack

Philadelphia, PA — In June, Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell fulfilled a pledge to his city's Gay community by extending family leave and health care benefits to the domestic partners of some city employees — those in the executive and administrative branches of the municipal government. But City Council President John Street and Catholic Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua are leading a crusade to have the executive order repealed.

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Coles told the *New York Times*: "I think that the court could have struck the policy down, and I'm sorry they didn't do that. But we have argued all along that at the core of this policy is the unequal treatment. The court is saying that is the issue, and that is the issue we want decided. I don't regard this as a loss at all."

Clinton Names Richard Socarides New Liaison to the Gay/Lesbian Community

Washington, DC — The White House has appointed Richard Socarides, an openly gay official in the Department of Labor, as the new White House liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community. He is replacing Marsha Scott, who has moved on to a job with the Democratic National Committee.

"I will continue in Marsha's tradition of making the White House open and accessible to the Gay community," Socarides said. Just days after his appointment, Socarides met with leaders of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization. It was the first of many such courtesy calls on Gay groups planned by Socarides.

Socarides is an attorney who practiced law for 10 years with a New York firm. He has served on the Boards of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

In 1992, he was a volunteer for Bill Clinton's Presidential campaign and was rewarded with an appointment to the Labor Department. Socarides was one of almost 100 openly Gay or Lesbian people given appointments in the Clinton adminis-

tration in 1993. He serves as White House liaison to the Labor Department, advising Labor Secretary Robert Reich on administrative appointments.

Socarides expects to have regular communication with White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes and Clinton Senior Advisor George Stephanopoulos, apprising them of Gay concerns.

Noted Mystery Novelist Named as Lesbian Lover in Bizarre Case

Washington, D.C. — Internationally noted mystery author Patricia Cornwell has been named in civil and criminal court papers in Washington and suburban Virginia, identifying her as the lesbian lover of a one-time FBI agent, Marguerite Bennett, who now works as a police officer specializing in hostage negotiations.

The strange case became public after Mrs. Bennett's husband, Eugene, was arrested after disguising himself and tying up a Methodist minister at the church Mrs. Bennett attends, threatening to blow him up with plastic explosives. Mr. Bennett's attorney says his client wanted to lure his estranged wife to the church so he could talk to her and that Mr. Bennett is mentally disoriented.

Authorities believe Bennett created the hostage situation so he could confront — and perhaps kill — his estranged wife.

In the civil proceedings, Mr. Bennett says his wife is a lesbian who has been having an affair with the popular mystery writer, Patricia Cornwell, for six years.

Cornwell, whose best known work is the mystery novel *Post Mortem*, has recently signed a \$25 million book deal with Putnam Books. According to the court papers, she met Mrs. Bennett while she was researching some of the law enforcement information for that novel.

The two women have declined, through their attorneys, to talk about the two cases they have become embroiled in.

GLAAD Seeks Inclusion in TV Ratings Plan

Washington, DC — Jack Valenti, the Director of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), has contacted the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) indicating he is willing to meet with GLAAD leaders to hear their input about the proposed rating system for commercial television programs.

The MPAA is the organization which oversees the movie rating system — G, PG-13, PG, R, NC-17, X. Valenti has agreed to help the television industry, under pressure by conservative religious groups, to adopt its own rating system. GLAAD fears that programs with gay characters and content will be given a restrictive rating.

In a letter to Valenti in June, GLAAD Director William Waybourn wrote: "We are concerned your discussions are being conducted in secret with extremist conservative organizations and exclude those who could bring balance to the process. Although you stated you plan to 'talk with the whole gamut, as well as some public interest groups and to advertisers,' it appears no Gay or Lesbian Americans have been invited into the process."

Upon receiving the letter, Valenti telephoned GLAAD. Waybourn told the *Washington Blade*: "[Valenti] confirmed that [the ratings committee] has indeed met with fundamentalists. He will indeed talk to Ralph Reed, and he is more than

Lesbian "Seinfeld" Producer Dies

Los Angeles, CA — Marjorie Gross, a comedy writer and producer of TV's "Seinfeld," died of ovarian cancer on June 7. She was 40. Prior to comedy writing for television, she was a stand-up comic in her hometown of Toronto. She wrote a humorous account of her terminal illness in a recent *New Yorker*. In it she said: "Luckily, in my lifestyle (Lesbeterian), you can be bald and still remain sexually attractive. In fact, the word 'sexy' has been thrown my way more times this year than ever before."

Reno Speaks Out on Murder of Lesbians

Washington, DC — Attorney General Janet Reno has assured Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups that the FBI is considering the possibility of a hate crime in its investigation of the recent murder of a Lesbian couple — Julianne Williams and Lollie Winans — along the Appalachian Trail. "From the outset, investigators have been exhaustively...pursuing all motives," said Reno, "including the possibility that the crime was motivated by the sexual orientation of the victims."

Two Gay Rights Attorneys Got Big Bucks

Montgomery, AL — Federal Judge Myron Thompson has ordered the state of Alabama to pay \$81,536 to two attorneys who prevailed in a major Gay rights case. Ruth Harlow of the ACLU and Fern Singer represented the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance after the University of South Alabama refused to give the group any student activity money. The resulting decision voided a law denying any state funding to groups or individuals whose purposes run counter to Alabama's sodomy law.

willing to talk to GLAAD."

The MPAA Committee is deciding whether to adopt a "descriptive" or an "evaluative" rating system. The descriptive method would actually list elements of each program parents and others might find objectionable. The

evaluative system would label each show with an overall rating similar to that used for movies. Waybourn believes the evaluative system would better serve the gay and lesbian community.

School Board Repeals Ban on Gay Topics

Merrimack, NH — A federal lawsuit against the Merrimack County school system has been withdrawn after newly elected School Board members repealed a controversial policy that has banned the discussion of any gay-related topics in the county's schools.

The "Prohibition of Alternative Lifestyle Instruction" policy was passed by the conservative-dominated Merrimack School Board last fall. It forbade any discussion or activity within the schools that could be construed as "encouraging and supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative." Teachers in violation of the policy could be subject to dismissal.

After the policy was adopted, a video about Walt Whitman was removed from schools for fear that it might prompt a discussion of the poet's homosexuality. Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" was banned for its gender-bending characters and mistaken identity plot twists. Letters to the editor of one school paper were censored because they dealt with gay issues.

A coalition of teachers and parents filed suit against the policy, arguing that it was a violation of First Amendment free speech and free expression rights.

The lawsuit was withdrawn in June, however. Elections in May had ousted one conservative Board member and put a progressive member in his place. The newly constituted Board then voted to repeal what some called the "No Promo Homo" policy.

New Board member Rosemarie Rung told People for the American Way that she looked forward to returning "to the real business of operating our schools wisely and efficiently."

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"Word is Out" Director Adair Succumbs to AIDS

San Francisco, CA — Peter Adair, who was co-director of one of the first prominent film documentaries about gays and lesbians, "Word is Out," died of AIDS complications at his San Francisco home June 27. He was 53.

Adair began his film career after receiving a movie camera from his parents for high school graduation. He once said: "My movies have always been a way of exploring subjects of personal interest. When I wondered about religion, I made a film about it. When I realized I was Gay, I made a film about it."

That film, "Word is Out," is something of a classic. It was released in 1978 when the gay rights movement was already in full swing, but it is credited by many with presenting the first realistic and positive portrayals of gay people. Closeted gays and those living in isolated areas said it made them realize for the first time that they were connected to a larger community and a viable culture.

"Word is Out" had taken 5 years to film. A small crew that was part of Adair's Mariposa Film Group conducted 200 extensive interviews with a variety of gay and lesbian people. The final documentary presents the lives of 26 of these diverse and unforgettable characters, among them gay pioneer and *Radical Fairy* founder Harry Hay, teacher/author Sally Gearhart and Women's Army Corps veteran and actress Pat Bond. "Word is Out" is available on video.

Other films by Adair include: "Holy Ghost People," about a fundamentalist sect in Appalachia; "Stopping History," about nuclear weapons; and "Absolutely Positive," a documentary in which 11 HIV-positive people, including Adair, talked about living with HIV/AIDS.

Adair is survived by his partner, Rudy Norton, and two sisters. One, Nancy, also Gay, was co-director of "Word is Out."

Canadian Physician Charged in Assisted Suicide

Toronto — Dr. Maurice Genereux, a physician who specializes in treating AIDS, has been charged with helping a patient with the disease kill himself by an overdose of Seconal the doctor had prescribed.

Aaron McGinn died earlier this year, and was initially believed to have died of AIDS-related causes. But after receiving an anonymous tip, authorities reviewed the case and determined the man had in fact died from an overdose of the drug.

Genereux is believed to be the first physician charged in an assisted suicide case in Canada.

Singapore Scientists Find HIV Fighting Substance in Herbs

Singapore — Singapore scientists reporting in two research journals say a chemical compound derived from some 75 traditional herbs can fight HIV.

Dr. Sim Keng Yeow of the National University of Singapore said that the researchers had found that the chemical they isolated from the herbs could inhibit HIV-1 protease, an enzyme essential for HIV to develop.

Yeow cautioned, however, that the discovery was not a cure for AIDS and only a preliminary finding.

In a related development, researchers at the China Academy of Preventive Medicine in Beijing announced that an experimental herbal medicine, known as

Presbyterians to Ordain Only Celibate Gays

Albuquerque, NM — The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA has chosen as its leader Rev. John Buchanan, who ran on a platform of respecting diversity. Just days after Buchanan's victory, the General Assembly, the governing body of the 2.7 million member church, voted to allow homosexuals to be ordained as Presbyterian ministers, but only if they remain celibate.

Cliburn Palimony Suit Rejected

Fort Worth, TX — A judge dismissed a lawsuit against pianist Van Cliburn filed by a former associate who sued for palimony, seeking millions in cash and property, and alleging that Cliburn exposed him to the AIDS virus during a 17-year sexual relationship. In ruling that Thomas E. Zaremba's suit was defective, state District Judge Fred Davis said he agrees with Cliburn's lawyers that no part of the arrangement between Zaremba and Cliburn was in writing and that therefore nothing was binding.

Gay LAPD Officer Suspended

Los Angeles, CA — Los Angeles Police Department Sgt. Mitchell Grobeson, whose lawsuit led to a landmark 1993 settlement intended to end anti-gay discrimination and harassment within the agency, was suspended for 66 days by the LAPD Board of Rights this week.

Grobeson faced possible dismissal for wearing his uniform without permission at a gay pride festival and an AIDS benefit walk, and for recruiting fellow homosexuals to the LAPD in a magazine advertisement that the department did not sanction. He had been suspended without pay since the misconduct charges were filed in June 1995.

Saidefu, may have helped eliminate HIV in one patient and helped others become well enough that they could stop hospital care and go home.

The researchers said, however, that Saidefu had only been tested on five patients so far and that the tests had been limited to only a three-month period. They said that much more testing would be required because herbal remedies that often appear effective initially may have only a temporary or transient effect.

Delaware Governor Carper OKs Marriage Ban

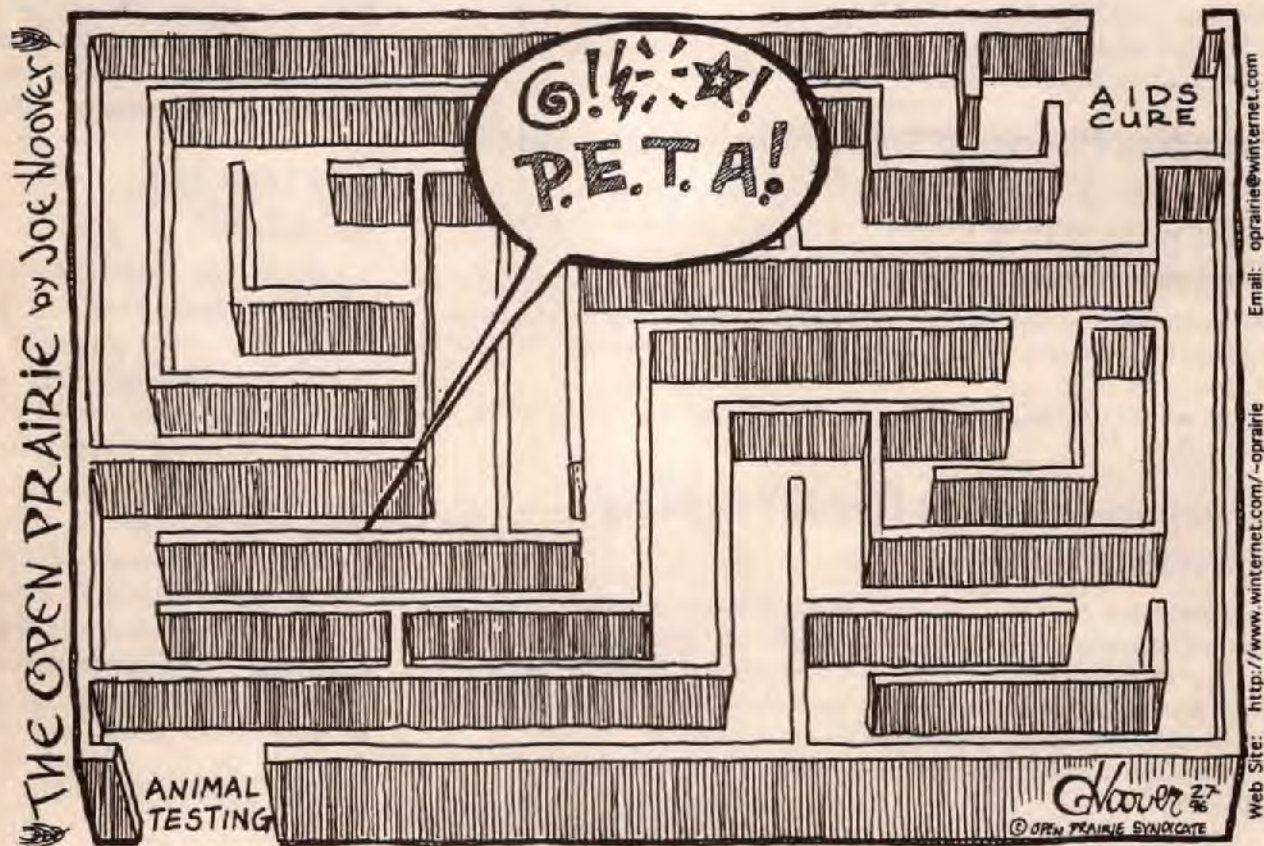
Dover, DE — Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper has signed a measure that prevents same-sex marriages, even if legally performed elsewhere, from being recognized in the state. The new law restricts the state to recognizing only marriages between "one man and one woman."

MTV's Gay Dating Game: Not Ready for Prime Time

New York, NY — "Singled Out," MTV: Music Television's popular dating show, pulled the early showing of the recent all-gay dating-game episode. The music video network pulled the 6pm [Central time] edition, and aired it at 10pm, when the week's episode usually is rebroadcast.

"There was some content we felt should air at a later time," MTV spokeswoman Tina Exarhos told the *New York Times*. "It has absolutely nothing to do with outside pressure from any group. We're proud to present the show, and we're doing it during Gay Pride week."

But Alan Klein, a spokesman for GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said, "MTV's backpedaling on this and their defensive posture is almost as distressing as their moving it. It shows a profound lack of trust with their audience and their viewership, particularly their gay and lesbian viewership."



Health News

Kinsey's Unfinished Work Hints at Origins of Sexuality

by Paul Varnell

Washington, D.C. — After his two books on male and female sexual behavior, sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey planned a book about the origins of heterosexuality and homosexuality, but did not live to write it. What we are left with is a number of hints and clues that, although they do not constitute a theory of sexual orientation in themselves, are nonetheless fascinating and suggest a complex reciprocity of psychological and physiological factors.

One of the most interesting findings of the Kinsey team was that, on average, homosexually active men experienced puberty at a somewhat younger age than exclusively heterosexual men. Or, as Kinsey put it, "homosexual activities occur in a much higher percentage for the males who become adolescent at an early age."

Although Kinsey did not publish specific data, the Institute's files show that the homosexuals Kinsey interviewed

...gay men, on average, have slightly larger penises than heterosexual men...

arrived at puberty (marked, say, by first ejaculation), on average, more than five months before the heterosexuals they interviewed and that homosexuals reported, on average, an age at first masturbation of 10 months earlier than heterosexuals.

Of his college-educated sample, for instance, Kinsey found that twice as many of the early maturing males were involved in homosexual activity as were those maturing later: Something like 45 percent of the early-adolescent youths had some homosexual experience, while barely half that percentage (25 percent) of late-maturing youths had such experience.

The first sort of explanation everyone thinks of for this is that early-puberty males are still socializing with males and so simply gravitate to what is available. But humans are not unique in the connection between early puberty and engaging in homosexuality. In the *Journal of Sex Research* (1982), C. A. Tripp noted that after Kinsey mentioned the finding to the venerable sex researcher Frank Beach, Beach reported back to

Kinsey that exactly the same is true of rats.

That is, those that mature earlier than others show a marked proclivity to engage in more, as well as earlier sex, and to a greater willingness to engage in insertive as well as receptive homosexual behavior. By contrast, those that mature later are disinclined to instigate or accept homosexual contacts.

Similarly, in fact, early-maturing youths are also more likely to have engaged in heterosexual sex and masturbation. This, says Kinsey, "is the group which preserves on the whole the greatest sex drive . . . throughout most of the subsequent periods of their lives."

The obvious primary reason for the difference here is an earlier or more sizable influx of the hormones that produces puberty, a higher influx that apparently continues on through adulthood. So what is actually at work here, apparently, is the metabolic drive of the individual.

Another interesting Kinsey finding was a tendency for gays to have a somewhat different masturbation pattern.

"A considerable portion of the pre-eminently homosexual males whose homosexual activities involve mutual masturbation or oral techniques . . . observe their own genitalia during self-masturbation," Kinsey reported in *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* (1948). By contrast, "some of the most vigorously heterosexual males, however, carefully avoid any observation of their genitalia during masturbation."

Kinsey found the fact important enough to repeat it when he came to discuss the psychological factors in sexual response.

Though many men with no homosexual experience also



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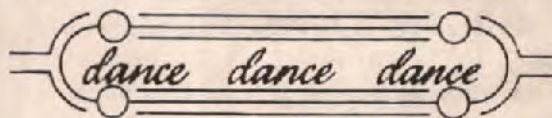
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reported watching their penises from time to time, too, Kinsey's co-author Wardell Pomeroy revealed in his 1972 biography of Kinsey that the interviewers used subjects' avowal that they watched their genitalia as one of several clues in deciding whether to press a person for more information if they initially denied homosexual activity.

A third Kinsey finding was that gay men, on average, have slightly larger penises than heterosexual men. This finding remained unpublished until C. A. Tripp included it in a footnote in *The Homosexual Matrix* (1975), but Tripp said later that Kinsey told him about it as early as March of 1949.

The finding received strong corroboration from a study of some 20,000 Czech men, which also found that gay men had slightly larger penises ("both in length and in girth," the Czech researchers carefully pointed out).

At first that finding may seem baffling, but in an appendix to the revised edition of his book (1987) Tripp suggests at least two possible reasons:

The more likely explanation is that larger penis size resulted from the same

higher pre-pubertal (and pubertal) hormone levels that also precipitated earlier puberty in gay men. We know, for instance, that penis growth can be stimulated in male hormone-deficient youths by the injection of male hormones. So even though maximal penis size seems likely to be genetically determined, the men who receive the earliest and strongest hormone influx are most likely to reach their maximal genetic potential.

Tripp does raise a second possible explanation though. At least two animal studies have suggested that a higher frequency of sexual activity can slightly increase penis size. But this may only be a special case of the other reason, and, in humans, anticipation may be a possible mediating factor

Many years ago, a scientist working on an island away from his sexual partner published anonymously (*Nature*, 1970) an article in which he reported that a careful measure of his beard shavings showed that his beard growth increased when he was about to return home for sexual encounters. That is, the mental anticipation of sex apparently

stimulated hormone production and affected beard growth.

A fourth finding, post-Kinsey, but one that correlates with Kinsey's and Beach's results, is the repeated unanticipated (and sometimes unwelcome) discovery by biologists that gay men have higher male hormone (androgen) levels than heterosexual men. Over the years such findings have been published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *American Journal of Psychiatry* and *The Archives of General Psychiatry*.

As Tripp sagely concludes, "Biological factors are, indeed, something none of us can afford to ignore. They are obviously implicit in every psychological factor and spin-off that one might find. And yet . . . it may well turn out in the end . . . that an erotization of same-sex attributes can just as easily, or more easily, lead to precisely the sort of physiologic differences which current prejudices are inclined to think of as coming first."

The beard growth example suggests just such a psychological influence.

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Distancing Acts

It's a conversation I have heard throughout the years. But, as Gay Pride celebrations are held around the country, it takes on added resonance to me. Gay men and lesbians spend a lot of time complaining to each other about the appearances, clothing, behavior, diction, or politics of other gay people they know or happen to observe. In some cases, these conversations remain amiable and innocuous.

In other instances, especially around the issue of pride parades and their participants, they become a vehicle for homophobia - homosexual homophobia. The problem of stereotypical homophobia, which we are quick to

challenge in others, also deeply afflicts ourselves and our community.

As someone who lived in the closet for over fifty years, I remember the distancing acts I took to separate myself from other homosexuals, thereby avoiding both the vicious and the genteel societal homophobia that was all around me.

Throughout those years, I felt a kinship with gay people who had the courage to be open. Yet, in a mistake that still marks many people's responses to gays, I often associated any perceived weakness or eccentricity in a gay person with his or her homosexuality.

Yes, I was aware of my own frailties.

But I told myself that my rough spots, however conspicuous, were different from those I saw in openly gay people, that I was not - indeed, could not - be one of them.

But I always was - and am today - one of them. Still, the dynamic of dodging my connection to them, of criticizing what I deeply feared I could become, did not die with my coming out six years ago. The tendency to carve shallow distinctions between myself and other gay people, to buy into the arbitrary and brutal division between "good" gays and "bad" ones, is simply an act of delusion. And, it is a foolish delusion.

If gay people are to survive and gain respect and equality as individuals and as a community, we need to stop looking down our noses and lift each other up. We need to change the conversation.

I have been guilty of such transgressions myself when I have mocked or ridiculed gay Republicans in these columns. They are doing their thing for what they believe is good for our community, just as gay Democrats, Libertarians, Socialists and Queer Nation activists are doing their thing. I apologize for writing what I condemn in others.

The strategies gays use to distance themselves from each other came back to me on two recent trips, one to the Southeast and the other to the Northwest. At a dinner party in the course of each journey, gay men of various ages began to criticize other gay people they'd met. Catty and campy quips like "Can you believe her hair?" and "Who taught her to talk like that?" and "He walked through the restaurant,

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almost knocking down chairs with her nellie hips!" were commonplace.

Like firecrackers, most of these remarks just sizzled and popped; one or two particularly clever, teasing jibes, like bottle rockets, whistled over the heads of laughing guests and fell to the floor, extinguished.

Then came attacks packing a little more punch. At each event, guests began to assail the personalities of other gay people, relating how "embarrassed" they were by their eccentricities, politics, activism, and the presumed havoc they wrought on the gay community's public image.

I was annoyed at first, but realized I had heard this conversation before. It resembled the anti-gay diatribes I experienced during get-togethers with straight colleagues and acquaintances decades earlier, and those of the Christian Coalition and their clones today.

Something had changed, though. Six years ago, I stopped hiding. I stopped lying to myself and the world. I came out of my psychological "bomb shelter" into a community of brothers and sisters, many of whom welcomed my contributions, some of whom even valued my quirks. The stereotypes of lonely, predatory, vice-ridden faggots and dykes were dreadfully false, I realized. The stereotypes could no longer paralyze me or stifle my voice.

"Listen, we are all in the same boat," was all I told the dinner guests on each occasion. What I didn't say was that we cannot flee the stereotypical images imposed on us not only from the outside but from within our own ranks.

Where the gay community is concerned, particularly on public occasions such as pride parades, who can tell who puts the optimum, most reassuring face on homosexuality? We shouldn't waste our time trying to figure out this non-issue. Blue-jeaned macho or brash transvestite, leather, or lipstick-wearing, we aren't defined by our exteriors.

As the success of the movie *The Birdcage* might suggest, drag performers — long the nemeses of image-conscious gays — may outdo any well-scrubbed spokesmodel when it comes to advocating our right to lead integrated lives, without discrimination, in our society.

We have to start a new conversation about who we are as gay people, warts and all. A test of our character, as individuals and as a community, is how we deal with each other's differences, our imperfections, and our enormous diversity. From my perspective, this conversation begins with one simple statement: Those who want to do us harm and hate us, hate us all — from those of us still in the closet, to the buttoned-down imitation of the mainstream, to the most flamboyant queen, all of us.

We are one and separate only in our own minds. We must get used to it and learn to deal with it as strong men and women who are, simply, non-heterosexual.

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Wisconsin ACLU Plans Censorship/Freedom Workshops

Milwaukee — The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin is holding a series of workshops from July through October designed to involve more women in the fight against censorship.

The first workshop, "Bodies Uncensored," which will explore censorship issues related to sexuality, will be held Monday, July 22 at 7pm at Deone Jahnke's Photo Studio at 228 S. First Street. Speakers include In Step Magazine News Editor Jamakaya, UWM Professor Jane Gallop and Woodland Pattern Executive Director Anne Kingsbury.

The second workshop, "Cyberspace Uncensored," is set for Monday, August 19 at 7pm at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Auditorium, 1047 N. Broadway. Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean and West Allis Community Communications Corp. Director Mary Shanahan Spanic will explore censorship threats to cable TV and radio and discuss the ACLU's recent victory in challenging the constitutionality of the Communications

Decency Act in court.

In September, the workshop "Literature Uncensored" will be held in recognition of National Banned Book Week. And "Schools Uncensored" in October will explore the increasing attempts to limit free expression in America's schools.

All these workshops are free and open to the public. For further information, call the ACLU at 414/272-4032.

Chicago to Host Gay Franchise Association Conference

Chicago — Chicago, home of the new Franchising & Licensing World Center and one of the largest concentrations of Gay and Lesbian professionals, will be the site of the first national conference of the International Gay and Lesbian Franchise Association (IGLFA) on September 14.

Membership in IGLFA has risen to over 400 in the past six months. Some of these members already own franchises, others anticipate purchasing a franchise within a year.

Gay-friendly franchisors like Norwalk Furniture, Tropic Sun, 7-

Eleven, Mailboxes Etc., Little Professor Bookstores, Eye Gotcha, FastFRAME, EcoMat and Cruise Holidays are all slated to present information at the Chicago conference regarding diversity and the inclusion of the gay community as franchisees.

The event costs \$20 for reservations received by July 31st. For more information, contact IGLFA at 602/949-7848, e-mail: gayfrench@aol.com. The street address is 2765 N. Scottsdale Rd., Suite 104-D, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

UW-Madison Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alumni Brunch

Madison — The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alumni Council of the Wisconsin Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Barbara J. Cox and Richard Uspel. This year's Reunion Brunch will be held on campus in the Memorial Union Great Hall, July 21, 1996, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservation can be made by calling Russell Betts at (608) 262-5895.

Barbara Cox received her Judicial Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1982 and is now a tenured professor of law at California Western School of Law. Her duties include teaching Civil Procedure I and II, Women and the Law, Sexual Orientation and the Law, and Legal Process. Barbara also serves as a faculty representative to the board of trustees and is a member of the trustee/faculty planning committee.

Richard Uspel received both his bachelor's and masters in English from



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UW-Madison in 1967 and 1972. Richard, who was a 1994 Fulbright scholar, taught for twenty-two years at Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, where he has been active in bringing lesbian and gay speakers, issues, and resources to the campus. Uspel approaches the public on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues with courage, energy, and a great deal of spirit.

Cox, Uspel, and professor emeritus George Mosse will be recognized at the fifth annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Distinguished Alumni Brunch.

The purpose of the University of Wisconsin Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alumni Council is to provide a recognized forum that facilitates dialogue and relationships between the university and its gay, lesbian and bisexual alumni as well as to support and encourage a positive social and academic environment throughout the university community for its gay, lesbian, bisexual students, faculty and staff.

MCC Elder Troy Perry to Visit Green Bay

Green Bay — Angels of Hope, MCC announced the upcoming visit of Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, Moderator and Founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, to Green Bay on July 18th. He will be speaking at Angels of Hope on the message, "Vision...For the Next Generation", as part of his tour throughout the country to report on the continued rapid growth of the denomination and on the recent acquisition of a \$3.8 million dollar UFMCC Global Outreach and Spiritual Center.

The Center will also contain the new home of MCC's "mother church", MCC of Los Angeles, to replace the building that was destroyed in the 1994 earthquake. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is an international Christian denomination which, while open to all, primarily serves the people in the gay and lesbian

community. The denomination was founded by Rev. Perry in 1968 and now numbers 300 congregations worldwide, including Angels of Hope which is celebrating its 10th anniversary November 30th. The exact time of services has not yet been fixed. Please call (414) 432-0830 for more information.

HIV Testing Urged for Early Treatment of Infection

Milwaukee — Citing the variety of new medications recently introduced to help fight HIV infection, the Brady East STD Clinic is encouraging testing for all those who may be at risk for contracting HIV/AIDS.

According to Ross Walker, President of the BESTD Clinic, "Anyone who was reluctant to be tested out of a sense of hopelessness should be tested now, because the optimism has never been higher that AIDS may become a manageable disease."

"The sooner treatment is started the more optimistic experts are for long-term survival in those infected with HIV," Walker added.

There are a number anonymous HIV testing sites and outreaching testing opportunities in and around Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Milwaukee-area sites include BESTD, MAP, STD Specialties Clinic and Planned Parenthood among others.

The Ten Percent Society Dance

Madison — The Ten Percent Society will be holding a dance during Pride Weekend in Madison. The dance will be held Friday, July 19 at the UW Memorial Union, at the corner of Langdon and Park Streets. The dance will begin at 8pm and end at midnight. A cash bar will be available, and a DJ will be spinning records, from 60's Motown to the latest dance music. A small cover fee will be charged.

Helping Hands Outreach AIDS Ministry

Kenosha — On Saturday August 17th, H.H.O.A.M. will be holding a fundraising event at Club 94 in Kenosha (hwy 94 & hwy C). "One Night Only - the Drag - O - Rama Reunion '96" will feature a variety of people in an assortment of comedic acts. Most of the performers are not professional impersonators, some are firemen, hairdressers and office workers, getting dressed up to raise funds for a good cause.

A raffle will also be held that evening. The \$3 cover is being donated by the bar directly to the event. Helping Hands Outreach AIDS Ministry is a service of the Joy of Life Metropolitan Community Church in Waukegan, which provides support groups, transportation and assistance to those persons infected and affected by HIV. They have also been working in conjunction with HIVCO to deliver food through the Hand to Hand program.

This is a new group and as such is badly in need of funding. With the cut backs at the federal level there were no



grant monies available this year. For information on the event or how to contribute to H.H.O.A.M. please call (847)623-3550 and leave a confidential message. Corporate sponsorships are welcome and tax deductible.

The Ten Percent Society Announces New Executive Board

Madison — The executive board of the Ten Percent Society has changed. The current executive board and their contact information are as follows: the Co-Presidents are Bradley Molzahn who can be reached at (608) 257-7746 or E-mail at bmolzahn@students.wisc.edu and Paula Salisbury who can be reached at (608) 233-5613 or E-mail at pmsalsb@students.wisc.edu, the Treasure is Michael Whitney who can be reached at (608) 251-8724 or E-mail at mwhitney@macc.wisc.edu, and the secretary is Erika Kretzmer who can be reached at (608) 256-6739 or E-mail at kretzmer@students.wisc.edu.

Dignity Celebrates Continued Reinvention of Church

Madison — LesBiGay Catholics and friends from across the Midwest will be getting together in Madison July 25-28 to dine, dance, worship, and hear from speakers about several frontiers of the church. The celebration includes a dinner and dance Friday evening. Integrity-Dignity (I/D) of Madison will host more than 100 people from Dignity chapters in nine Midwestern states.

"This convention is a way to get to know people from throughout the region, to share ideas and to worship together," said I/D- Madison's convener, Paulette Quick. "I/D has been family to queer Christians for about 20 years," Quick said. "We share liturgy and Eucharist, bless our Holy Unions, honor God's gift and share with others."

Keynote speaker Robert Ludwig, author of *Reconstructing Catholicism For A New Generation*, will offer a view of a future church which presents a spiritual path, rather than merely creating rules and meting out justice. Linda Pieczynski, president of the nationwide church reform movement Call To Action, will moderate a panel of five women discussing "How Women are Reinventing Church." David Schimmel, publisher of the monthly newsletter "Passion: Christian Spirituality From A Gay Perspective", will challenge listeners to "Rehear God's Word as Good News."

An exciting Saturday evening liturgy is also planned. Marianne Duddy, the well-traveled president of Dignity movement, where lesbian and gay people are taking the lead

in developing a church which is facing, among other changes, more mature lay leadership and fewer priests being ordained.

Tickets are still available for the convention's dinner-dance Friday evening, July 26, for \$25. For more information, contact Ken or Brian at (608)251-2486, Mary Kaye or Donna at (608)277-9905, or Joe or Al at (608)224-1108. Other non-meal events of the second biennial convention of Dignity/Midwest, entitled "Reinventing Church," are open to the public, although a \$10 per day donation is requested from those who do not register.

Grants Awarded for Gay & Lesbian Youth Services

Milwaukee — Five Wisconsin organizations were awarded mini-grants of \$5,000 each by the Diverse and Resilient Project, a collaborative effort of the Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Program, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center, and the St. Luke's Family Practice Residency Program. Grant recipients represent an array of youth servicing agencies and AIDS service groups around the state which have requested funds to initiate or enhance programs intended to address the HIV prevention needs of gay, lesbian, and bisexual youths ages 14 to 24. Funded agencies include Children's Outing Association of Milwaukee, Coulee Region YWCA in Onalaska, Gay Youth Milwaukee for a state-wide program, the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project in Eau Claire, and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha.

Funded projects include high school staff training, agency staff training and resources library development, youth advisory group meetings, prevention education sessions, curriculum reviews, and youth centers with prevention and support functions.

Gay Youth Milwaukee will work with the Brady East STD Clinic to develop a state-wide weekend phone hot line for lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth. The hot line will be staffed by well-trained youth and adult volunteers and supervised by an adult coordinator. Projects are funded as part of the Diverse and Resilient Project which consists of both the Diverse and Resilient Conference, held at the beginning of May, and the Diverse and Resilient Mini-grants, which are awarded in June for projects to be evaluated in September.

Projects are evaluated for their capacity to reach lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth who are at high risk for HIV transmission and less likely to receive the prevention messages they need in traditional training venues. Mini-grants are expected to foster program development that can be sustained by existing organizations. The Diverse and Resilient Conference was held in Milwaukee on May 3, 1996, and was

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attended by over 100 youth serving professionals and gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth.

Participants in the conference heard from national and local presenters on the prevention needs of this population and useful strategies to affect change. Anthony D' Augelli, Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University, described the unique needs of gay, bisexual, and lesbian youth. Kevin Cranston from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health identified the HIV prevention needs of gay, bisexual, and lesbian youths in school-based settings. Presenters from Green Bay, Madison, and Milwaukee shared the successes and challenges of their programs and approaches to youth services which target these youth in variety of settings.

The State of Wisconsin funds the project through a competitive proposal process using federal funds distributed to states by the Centers for Disease Control.

Chicago Pride Parade a Huge Draw

Chicago — A record crowd estimated at 225,000 people turned out for the Chicago's annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade held on June 30th.

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"It's political, it's social, it's a little bit of everything," said Richard Pfeiffer, coordinator of the parade told the *Chicago Tribune*.

Lesbian advocate Candace Gingrich, who rode through the parade on the back of a convertible, behind a squadron of leather-clad women on motorcycles, spoke later at a rally in held Lincoln Park

In her speech, Gingrich took aim at her older half-brother, U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich "With our voices and our friends and families, we can make sure that what happened in 1994 doesn't happen again," Candace Gingrich said, in reference to the election that gave the Republicans control of Congress. "I still encourage people to come out (of the closet), but this year I want us to come out voting," she told a crowd of several thousand people.

Only one group of protesters—20 members of a Kansas church—came to the parade, silently holding signs behind a saw-horse barricade and a dozen police officers.

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Picky Boy Celebrates Gay Pride with New T-Shirts

Milwaukee — Picky Boy Inc. has announced its entrance into the sportswear and novelty business. What started as a word of mouth venture now goes nationwide just in time to offer clever T-shirts for the summer. At the beach or in the city, these pre-shrunk, 100% cotton T-shirts will surely attract attention.

Picky Boy was originally created as a light-hearted poke at those individuals who know what they like and make no apologies for it. Picky Boy is the guy (or girl) who orders his salad on the side or a BLT without the bacon. Every hair on his head is perfectly in place. His socks match his boxers which, by the way, are impeccably pressed. And his two-ply toilet paper must always roll clockwise. After introducing its sharp, retro logo and motto ("I'm not picky...I just know what I like.") locally, Picky Boy received positive response and decided to introduce the line nationally.

Picky Boy now offers five distinctive tees including two new ones that celebrate gay pride. With the words "AND PROUD OF IT" boldly printed in black over a full-color rainbow flag, this white T-shirt speaks for itself. The other

pride T-shirt may not shout out its message, but its one-color design will require a second look. "PRIDE IS WITHIN OURSELVES" is the message hidden within an eye chart design.

Also available from Picky Boy is a T-shirt called "BELIEVE," created for those people concerned with the AIDS epidemic. Printed on this white T-shirt is the reproduction of an original watercolor painting from award winning artist Shelby Keefe. The illustration consists of a red ribbon wrapped around the earth, with the hopeful message "A World Without AIDS, Believe."

Picky Boy logo T-shirts are available in two selections: a gray T-shirt with a two-color Picky Boy logo on the left chest; a white T-shirt with a one-color Picky Boy logo on the front and the motto on the back. For more information, contact David Koziol at (414) 276-4242.

Area Bowlers Raise \$9,800 for AIDS Care in South Central Wisconsin

Madison — The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) received a check for \$9,882 from the April 20th Milmaids Bowling Tournament held at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes in Madison, Wisconsin. Tournament proceeds are designated specifically for direct assistance to people with AIDS.

Milmaids ("Milwaukee Madison") is a charitable benefit bowling tournament that started in 1985 in response to the AIDS crisis. The tournament alternates locations between Madison and Milwaukee with all proceeds going to the host city's AIDS service organization.

The event is organized by volunteers and relies heavily on donations from the community to keep expenses

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to the absolute minimum so that money raised can be used to support people with AIDS.

"The Milmaids volunteers do an outstanding job of reaching out to business and individuals to support this event," said Connie McElrone, MASN Director of Development. "Their hard work and dedication, year after year, has had a direct impact on the lives of our clients and has eased financial stresses many people with AIDS experience."

Over 300 bowlers came from across the Midwest to participate in the eleventh annual Milmaids event. Bowlers paid a \$25.00 entry fee and bought raffle tickets and t-shirts to raise a total of \$12,170. Event expenses (bowling lane rental, t-shirt purchase and printing) amounted to \$2,288.00, just 19% of the total raised.

Fund raising events such as Milmaids are critical to the success of MASN's mission of providing care to people with AIDS and conducting aggressive prevention outreach to our communities.

MASN serves thirteen counties in south central Wisconsin: Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk.

Map to Host Lesbian HIV Forum

Milwaukee — Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Gay & Lesbian Outreach Program will hold a forum about lesbians and their risk for contracting HIV on Wednesday, July 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at MAP located at 820 North Plankinton Avenue.

The purpose of the forum is to work with the lesbian community to identify their risk factors for HIV transmission and to define their HIV prevention needs. The forum is free and

all members of the lesbian community are invited to attend.

"Lesbians have historically been excluded from HIV prevention programs nationwide," said Andy Bagnall, MAP manager of gay and lesbian outreach. "At this forum, MAP hopes to engage women in meaningful dialogue

to assess the lesbian community's HIV prevention needs and to determine the most effective strategies to fulfill those needs." For more information, contact Andy Bagnall at (414) 225-1502.

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The Golden Globe-winning actress will host the presentation of 26 captivating and entertaining miniseries, including Danielle Steel's "Jewels," "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles," "Diana: Her True Story" and "Love, Honor & Obey: Mafia Marriage." Collins will also offer personal asides and production notes on each project, including "Monte Carlo," in which she stars.

Known around the world for her starring role as Alexis Carrington in the hugely successful dramatic series "Dynasty," Collins will also be reunited with celebrated costume designer, Nolan Miller. So dust off those shoulder pads during the break.

Miller, whose creations for Collins and others on "Dynasty" earned him awards and acclaim, has designed seventeen gowns that Collins will unveil each night.

Maureen Corley and Richard Gentilcore are co-producers of "The Joan Collins Mini-Thon." Paul Noble and Beth West are Lifetime's executives in charge.

Madison Repertory Theatre Resurrects the Smash Hit Spirit with "Nunsense II"

Madison — The Madison Repertory Theatre presents "Nunsense II: The Second Coming" by Dan Goggin, a hilarious musical that runs from July 19 until August 25 in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street.

"Nunsense II: The Second Coming," begins where the original "Nunsense" left off. After experiencing the thrill of exhilaration on stage in the original "Nunsense," the five sisters band together to stage another variety show to thank the audiences who made the first one such a success. A rumor of a *Star Search* talent scout opens their appetite for stardom. Meanwhile, trouble looms large as their convent is threatened by a health inspector and a visiting order of Franciscan nuns



Colleen Burns as Mother Superior

who come to claim one of the sisters as their own.

The conception of "Nunsense" began when playwright Dan Goggin hit on an idea for greeting cards with nun themes. The humorous notes and puns punctuated by fabricated Sisters, caught on and evolved into a musical revue which became the production of "Nunsense." Goggin attended Catholic school as a child and remembers, "...many of the nuns who taught me were funny people...Every nun in the show is based on someone I knew growing up. Of all the people who attended the show, the greatest fans are priests and nuns."

Director John Staniunas teams up with a talented troupe of singing nuns for "Nunsense II." The cast features popular actress Colleen Burns as Sister Mary Regina, the convent's Mother Superior. Joining Burns is Justine BonDurant as Sister Mary Leo, the novice, who has entered the convent with the firm desire to be the first nun ballerina. The role of Sister Mary Paul (aka: Sister Amnesia) goes to Holly Hutchinson Sina. Sister Amnesia is a sweet woman who lost

her memory after a crucifix fell on her head. Kelli Clement will play Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices and second in command. Jack Forbes Wilson is the musical director.

"Nunsense II: The Second Coming" opens on Friday, July 19th at 8:00 p.m. and runs through Sunday, August 25th. Single ticket prices are \$17.00 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances and \$20.00 for Friday and Saturday performances. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. Group information is available by calling the Rep at (608) 256-0029.



Connie Briscoe

Author Connie Briscoe Reading at Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood

Shorewood — Connie Briscoe's new novel "Big Girls Don't Cry" confronts major contemporary themes such as love, infidelity, racism and glass ceilings. She will read from her latest book at the Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood on July 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Connie Briscoe not only writes that things worth having are worth fighting for, Connie Briscoe lives it. As a hearing impaired, African-American woman, she defies easy labels and chooses to write about issues that unite people, rather than divide people. Naomi Jefferson, the main character in "Big Girls Don't Cry," struggles with the highs and lows of love — both familial and romantic, and finding a purpose in life, over three of the most turbulent decades in American history. Naomi's life echoes the lament of many baby boomers: politics are useless, romance is hopeless and what she really needs is a good job. Connie Briscoe's work is noted for its passion, sensitivity and authenticity and she is recognized as a rising literary talent.

Connie Briscoe is the author of the national bestseller "Sisters & Lovers": currently she is at work on her third novel. "Sisters & Lovers" has been on Blackboard's paperback bestseller list since its publication in 1994; and it is in production for a television miniseries. Briscoe is a former managing editor of "American Annals for the Deaf" at Gallaudet University. She resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

Sewrey's Art Work Featured at BESTD Gallery

Milwaukee — Heather Sewrey will be the subject of a one person show at the BESTD Gallery during July and August. Heather Sewrey art exhibit consists of charcoal and pastel drawings.

Sewrey's ideas reflect a metamorphosis of self — a point of transition both physical and emotional. In the works being displayed during this show, she uses both literal and abstract images to symbolize and illustrate this journey. Sewrey is an alumna of the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design where she studied photography and graphic design.

The BESTD Gallery is located on the first floor of the BESTD Clinic at 1240 East Brady Street at Arlington Place. Gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more details contact (414) 272-2144.

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The Arts

Art Exhibition by Master of Prints and Lampoons Set to Open

Milwaukee — Wisconsin-based artist Warrington Collescott, who is regarded as one of America's finest printmakers and satirists will present his work at the Milwaukee Art Museum July 12 through September 8 in the Teweles Gallery.

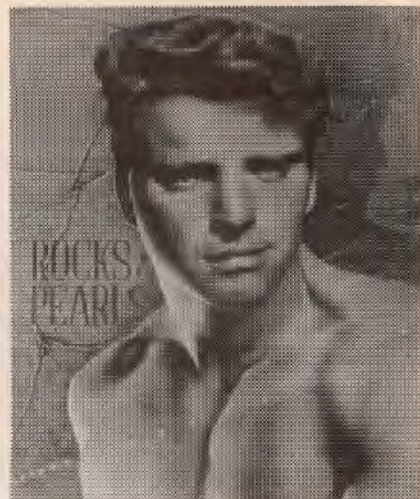
On display will be works made in the past 10 years of Warrington Collescott's art reflecting his favorite targets corporations, artists, Hollywood, academics, technology and the government.

Collescott, who still resides in Wisconsin, is regarded as one of America's finest printmakers and satirists. He is best known for his many satirical narrative series which, in the tradition of Hogarth, Daumier, Goya and Grosz, ridicule the flaws in our institutions and the follies of our contemporaries. Collescott's compositions are overwhelming vignettes with myriad elements which come together to

form the plot of these morality plays, and often include clever historical or art historical references.

"Judgment Day at NEA," 1991, is Collescott's commentary on what has become the National Endowment for the Art's painstaking and lengthy review process to determine which artists will receive grant money. The characters in the foreground of this vignette represent a variety of people and interest groups who have passed judgment on artists' work and have scrutinized and questioned funding of the artists. Collescott received an NEA grant after making this print.

"Raft of the Titanic," 1987, is a modern interpretation of the painting by Theodore Gericault (French, 1791-1824), "Raft of the Medusa," commemorates a 19th century disaster. Collescott described the class to which the Titanic image belongs as occupying a black zone between tragedy and high comedy. Collescott's rarity lies in his thought provoking subject matter and in his mastery of the intaglio media, etching, engraving, aqua tint and dry-



Detail: Rocks & Pearls/Burt Lancaster (1988)
by M. Renee McGinnis showing at the David Barnett Gallery

point. He often combines several of these techniques in a single plate.

Collescott was born in Oakland, California in 1921; and he received his master's degree in painting from the University of California-Berkeley in 1946. He made his first prints while teaching in southern California (1947-1949) when a colleague introduced him to serigraphy.

In 1949 he began to teach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where his print interests were bolstered by the attention given to printmaking there and in the Midwest generally.

Support for this exhibition is provided by the John Porter Retzer and Florence Horn Retzer Fund. An illustrated catalog accompanies the exhibition which was organized by the MAM, and curated by Margaret Andera, curatorial assistant. For more information, contact the Milwaukee Art Museum at (414) 224-3200.

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The Arts

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Presents Music in Motion

Mequon — The second annual Music in Motion event will take place Saturday July 13 in Mequon's Rotary Park. The program will combine the talents of both the Milwaukee Symphony and the Milwaukee Ballet. MSO resident conductor Neal Gittleman will lead this exciting program of music and dance. Selection will include Mendelssohn's Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream, Stravinsky's Firebird Suite, and Ravel's Bolero, featuring the world premiere of new choreographed selections include the Act II Pas de deux from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, as well as Gershwin's Who Cares? The Park opens at 4:00 p.m. for "bring your own" picnics, and pre-ordered box suppers are available from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at all Ozaukee Bank locations, Merrill Lynch downtown and Brookfield, all Federated Realty Offices, the Marcus Center Box Office, or by calling (414) 273-7206.

David Barnett Gallery Showcases Garden Sculpture

Milwaukee — A showcase of approximately 40 art works from the David Barnett Gallery will be displayed July 20 through August 31 at David Barnett's home. The opening will be held on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The gallery is accepting reservations for Saturday and Sunday. For directions and reservations, please call (414) 271-5058. Viewing after the opening by appointment only.

Wisconsin artists include Susan Falkman, Lee Holt, Schomer Lichtner, John Reeves, Bill Reid, Mark Salamon, and Ralph Wickstrom. National artists exhibiting are Arthur Bauman, Shawn Johnson, Steven Kemenyffy, and Fred Reichman. International artists consist of Pascal Giacomini and Clement

Meadmore. Some of the artists will be present at the opening.

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Feature

An Exclusive Interview with **Frank DeCaro** author of "A BOY NAMED PHYLLIS"

By Timothy Nasson

Many gay men assume female nicknames, and if their friends are lucky enough, they are allowed to call them by those names. "When I was in high school, my boyfriend somehow found out that Elton John and Rod Stewart called each other Phyllis and Sharon. We decided that we would steal their female names for ourselves. Since my boyfriend was tall and blond, he thought that he should naturally be called Sharon, and I got stuck with Phyllis." So from sixteen until the present, Frank DeCaro's friends have called him Phyllis. His e-mail address even has the name Phyllis in it, and not Frank.

"Little did my boyfriend realize however, that he had it all backwards. When I finally read Elton's biography, I saw that he was called Sharon and that Rod was called Phyllis. I have adored and admired Elton all of my life and always thought we had the same names. I can't believe that I have

been walking around all of these years with the wrong name."

This is one of the many things that make Frank DeCaro's book *A Boy Named Phyllis*, a hoot and interesting to read, but more so, makes him an interesting and funny person to get to know.

Frank, was born 33 years ago to a forty three year old mother. The birth was a surprise to say the least. His mother had had three previous miscarriages and was in the hospital to get a melon sized tumor removed from her stomach, when doctors discovered the three month old fetus that later produced Frank. "Thank God I wasn't thrown out in a bag labeled *Medical Waste*, with the ugly tumor," he says with total sincerity.

Sitting in The Colonnade Hotel's author's suite, that DeCaro got as an upgrade, we munched on a tray of fruit and cheese, while discussing his often humorous yet at times often depressing life.

DeCaro's book tour took him to eleven cities throughout the country, Boston being his last. "I can't believe that I have visited so many cities in three weeks," he declares, "And the only way that this was possible, was because friends throughout the country let me stay with them. I would have only done NY, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington if Viking had to pay for the hotels in eleven



cities," he explains, because their budget didn't allow for that much money to be spent on the book.

Having grown up in New Jersey, he reminisces about his life in the seventies. He grew up in an Italian home that quite a few could relate to. Where every piece of furniture was covered in plastic. Where people didn't live in a house but merely occupied it. He attended a school that he describes being similar to the one depicted in the current hit film *Welcome to the Dollhouse*.

"That film captured New Jersey to a T," he says, "My favorite line in the film is when Dawn Wiener rebuts the comment uttered to a kid that everyone calls faggot.

She says 'just because he's a faggot, doesn't mean he's an asshole.'" At that DeCaro laughs. He vividly recalls being called faggot during every day of school from the sixth grade to the eleventh. (Things must have been better back then because I was called one from the third grade on).

"*Welcome to the Dollhouse* is such a great movie because it captures the essence of what many gay people went through when going to school."

Similarly, so does his book, where everything (from the embarrassment of sex education, especially if you were gay, to dealing with the oncoming sexual feeling that everyone develops, to trying to find ways to get one's hands on *Playgirl* magazine) is described in painstaking but humorous detail.

Many are comparing DeCaro to a gay Erma Bombeck. With good reason. For a few years he had a weekly column in the now defunct *New York Newsday* newspaper entitled *Frank's Place*, which dealt with gay topics.

"I would write about whatever topic was at the forefront of my mind, on any given week. Whatever friends or gay people in general were talking about. It was a humorous column with an upbeat approach to it."

During his tenure at the paper, he met many recognizable homosexuals, that lended quotes to his book jacket,

He grew up in an Italian home that quite a few could relate to. Where every piece of furniture was covered in plastic. Where people didn't live in a house but merely occupied it.

including Ru Paul "who I met about eight years before she had that blonde wig of hers." Also, Quentin Crisp and Isaac Mizrahi, "who helped me with my fashion column."

Before writing for *Newsday*, DeCaro covered fashion in *The Detroit Free Press*, in a column entitled *Men's Wares*. There, he covered fashion throughout the world: Milan, Paris, London and more. And in the process met many designers including Gianni Versace, whose house he was invited to for a party.

Little wonder. When meeting DeCaro, one senses a truly likable person that could turn around any party that needed some puffing up.

Many of DeCaro's friends suggested that he anthologize his weekly columns. "I decided not to go that route," he says, hands in the air, "but decided that I would put a book together that told the story about a young boy growing up gay, with the same humorous elements that my column readers were familiar with, but also more powerful. Something that younger gay people today could read and then realize that there are younger aged gay men alive that have gone through all of the things that they are going through, in school, at home, whatever, but then find a happy life."

DeCaro came out to his parents at the age of sixteen, but not in the most conventional of ways. "I was having trouble with my boyfriend while in high school," he recalls with a smile, "and asked my mother if she could help me get him back." His mother did. And his boyfriend came back 'round.

He was tormented in school, especially by a kid named Chooch. Chooch has since begged for forgiveness for being such a devil. "I received a call a few weeks ago from Chooch, who had walked by a book store in New York's Chelsea area, that had a display of my book in the window along with a picture of me. He decided to apologize for all of his viciousness. I asked him if he was gay and he said, 'no way.' And I said, 'It's a good thing because if you were, I would have to beat you to death.'"

Taking a month off from *Newsday*, to work on his book in August of 1994, DeCaro completed one chapter. His book was sold to Addison-Wesley. But things got even better. His friend and the editor of the book Don Fehr, took a job at Viking, and *A Boy Named Phyllis* with him, which allowed for an even

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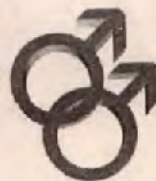
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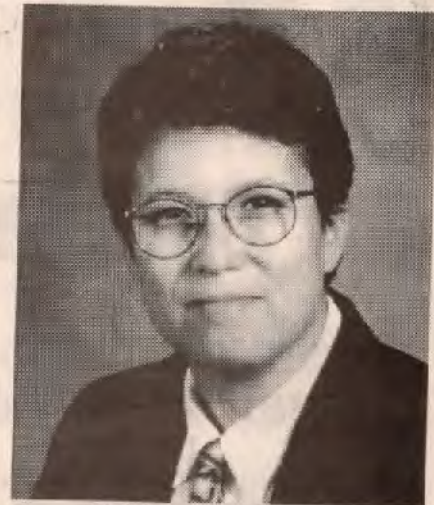
Madison's 23rd annual MAGIC Picnic will take place at Brittingham Park from 1pm to 7pm. More than 3,000 persons are expected to attend the event. Brittingham Park is located at West Washington and Park Street in Madison. Tickets are \$8 and include food, beer and soda. Proceeds from the event benefit Madison area LesBiGay groups.

Sunday, July 21, 1996 **GALAnize March & Rally**

1:30pm — Pre-March Rally at the Capitol

A crowd of over 2,000 persons are expected for this year's rally and march. Speakers at the Capitol rally include Grand Marshall Melinda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force, De Ette Tomlison, Executive Director of the United and Greg Walsh of Teens Like Us.

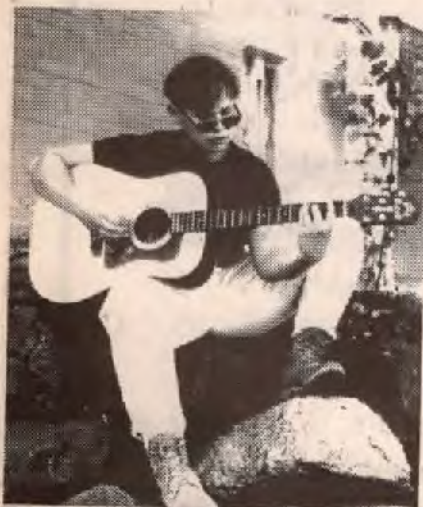
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The Roots of Galvanize

The Day the "Rest" of America went to Washington

By Ian Atallo
of Wisconsin Community Fund

It was a city unto itself, a breathing, moving sea which covered five square miles— 200,000 to 300,000 demonstrators, depending on the estimate taken, because the vast crowd was so difficult to count.

At its time the Oct. 11, 1987 Gay Rights and Pride March in Washington, D.C. was the most massive gay visibility demonstration ever staged in the U.S. Its gargantuan centerpiece was "The Quilt," made up of countless cloth scraps which each contained the name of one known AIDS victim. When it was unfurled that day in Washington, it covered the length of several football fields.

Six years later, memories of the 1987 march would be swallowed by a new colossus— Washington's 1993 Gay Pride March. Most estimates number it at around a million people, and it is widely believed to be the largest civil rights demonstration ever held in U.S. history. But in any case, the earlier 1987 march still left a deep impact on two Madisonians who attended it — Tim O'Brien and Pam Jacobson.

"It was the overall experience more than any one specific thing I saw there," says O'Brien today. "The sense of strength you felt while you were there. And you went home knowing that hundreds of thousands of other people were also returning home determined to make some new things happen."

Several months later O'Brien and Jacobson decided to make such a new thing happen in Madison. The result was a local gay pride march in 1989.

Although the Madison march could never have compared in scale to those in Washington, D.C., it did manage to make some waves of its own. An estimated 8,000 marchers came from across Wisconsin, and the march made the

evening news statewide for being the largest civil rights demonstration in Wisconsin's history.

O'Brien, Jacobson and their friends named the umbrella group they formed to organize the ambitious march as GALVANize, staged a second march of 5,000 people in 1991. Then the organization promptly collapsed under its own weight.

The troubles did not come overnight. Despite the startling success of the 1989 and 1991 Madison marches, the cost in money, manpower and commitment had been a drain from the beginning. Each march, and its equally ambitious schedule of surrounding events — rock concerts, movie festivals, workshops and displays of portions of the "The Quilt" to audiences of thousands — cost in excess of \$15,000. It also required hundreds of volunteers. GALVANize's administrative apparatus grew way beyond what its founding leaders had ever anticipated.

Three years of exhaustion and inactivity followed. Then, in 1994, a new group of Madison gays and lesbians decided to give GALVANize another shot. This coming July 21 will mark the third straight annual march since its revival.

But the new marches are very different events than their predecessors of 1989 and 1991. Each has been many times smaller, with an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 marchers each time.

These smaller, humbler marches are just fine with Maria Hanson. She has worked with GALVANize since 1994.

"One of the things I saw among the new organizers which I really respected was the decision to keep the marches smaller for human and financial reasons," she says. "I think it showed some real maturity and growth in our learning how to handle these things."

Instead of aiming for more record-setting spectacles, says Hanson, the new organizers want to establish a stable tra-

dition that can be readily maintained from year to year. In time, today's GALVANize organizers hope, the march will grow— but slowly and surely, not in unmanageable leaps and bounds.


Just as the firsts GALVANize leaders were inspired by the 1987 march in Washington, says Hanson, many of GALVANize's new leaders first decided to take another chance with the organization after they saw Washington's giant march of 1993.

Hanson was one of hundreds of Madison gays and lesbians who traveled to Washington for the historic 1993 march.

"1993 was one of the most profound experiences of my life," she recalls. "And when organizers back in Madison came to me and said 'Let's do GALVANize again,' well I was really busy with other things but I still had to say 'Yeah, let's do it.'"

"I think the biggest thing I saw in there Washington was the concept of taking over a city for one entire weekend," Hanson explains. Especially a city like Washington, D.C. There were all kinds there — gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people — and suddenly, the city was ours and the tables were turned. It was so strange to see a young heterosexual couple there who were apprehensive about holding hands in the middle of all of us. Suddenly, they were experiencing something which effects us every day of our lives."

Meanwhile, memories of the Washington marches appear to have inspired gays and lesbians in other places as well as Madison. Last year, according to the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators, 127 towns and cities across America were home to gay pride celebrations and events.



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Amid This Summer's Movie Mayhem, Don't Overlook "Lone Star"

This summer, America is having a blast — literally — at movie screens everywhere. The special effects and heart-thumping energy of "Twister," "The Rock," "Eraser," "Mission Impossible," "Independence Day," etc. are entertaining millions and making record profits for Hollywood bigwigs. "Lone Star" probably hasn't got a chance.

"Lone Star" is the new movie by writer/director John Sayles who, most critics agree, continually turns out minor masterpieces. Unfortunately, they never do that well commercially because they eschew all the formulaic elements of the big blockbusters we're now conditioned to expect.

Sayles's films are often slow-paced. They incorporate many multi-dimensional characters. They are intelligently written, with clear storylines, realistic dialogue and legitimate human conflict. They are about ideas, relationships, institutions, and they always challenge audiences to think.

Sayles created an unforgettable portrait of coal miners



Elizabeth Pena as Pilar Cruz, a Frontera, Texas school teacher who must come to terms with a love from her past in the John Sayles murder-mystery "Lone Star" Photo: Alan Pappo

Review



Kris Kristofferson portrays Charley Wade, an old fashioned "bribes and bullets" sheriff.

struggling to organize a union in 1920's West Virginia in "Matewan." He chronicled the creeping corruption and loss of idealism symbolized by the Chicago Black Sox scandal of 1919 in "Eight Men Out." He explored big city politics in his ambitious "City of Hope" and, last year, he charmed audiences with his lyrical Irish fable about home and hearth, "The Secret of Roan Inish."

Earlier in his career, Sayles filmed one of the first Lesbian coming-out stories, "Lianna," and he's also responsible for the cult classic "Brother From Another Planet," in which a black alien crash-lands on earth and explores life in Harlem. Rent any of these films — all on video — and enjoy!

"Lone Star" is another feather in Sayles's cap. It's got a great story, an excellent cast and an important theme: the borders that divide us, whether they be between countries, between parents and children, between races and classes, between citizens and immigrants, between myths and reality. All this is tucked into an entertaining murder mystery.

"Lone Star" tells the story of modern day Sheriff Sam Deeds (Chris Cooper) who investigates a 40-year-old murder case in the Tex-Mex border area of Rio County. By all accounts, Sheriff Charley Wade (Kris Kristofferson) was an

evil man, and nobody gave a hoot when he disappeared 40 years ago. But now, someone's found a skeleton and lawman's badge in the nearby desert and Sam has got to find out whodunit.

The chief suspect is the man who succeeded Wade as Sheriff, the legendary Buddy Deeds, Sam's own father from whom he was estranged. Buddy's dead too, but Sam's determined to dig up the truth. His search leads to revelations by old Mayor Hollis Pogue, once a deputy under Charley Wade, and by Otis Payne, the "Mayor of Darktown," who was once brutalized by Wade.

Throughout his search, Sam is haunted by the memory of his old high school flame Pilar (Elizabeth Pena) from whom he was forcibly separated by his father. Pilar has her own generation gap, with a now successful and fully Americanized illegal immigrant mother turning in the "wetbacks" who cross her property! We get to see the strained dynamics of three generations of Otis Payne's family as well.

The solution to Wade's murder, which is fully reenacted, packs a real wallop, and the knowledge of who did what to whom explains a whole lot of other long-held secrets in the town, especially one concerning Sam and Pilar.

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Wednesday, July 10

Shake It Up (Madison): Concerts on the Square continue tonight and for 4 more consecutive Wednesday nights. By 5:00 p.m. a picnic spot will be secured on Capitol Square Park at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. at the opposite end from Lake Monona's Frank Lloyd Wright "Leak

on the Lake". You can bring a picnic dinner or buy a good one from any number of vendors on the street. Music begins at 7:00 p.m., for more information contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Frontiers (Madison): join us every Wednesday in July as we listen to the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, socialize and dine on the Capitol grounds (Main St side near Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd). For more information call David Rutter at (608) 274-5959.

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at the Mama Roux (Milwaukee): from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information, call (414) 225-1502 or (414) 272-2144.

"Arlo Leech" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), performance is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m., charge is \$2.00. For more information, call (414) 291-9889.

Thursday, July 11

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at the M&M Club (Milwaukee): from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information, call (414) 225-1502 or (414) 272-2144.

LAMM-EF Volunteer Night (Milwaukee): volunteer night, LAMM Resource Center. For more details contact (414) 276-6721.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable channel 47, at 7:00 p.m. guest Dr. Michael **Time Out Milwaukee** (Queer Youth Show), channel 47, from 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Queer Program (Milwaukee), channel 47, from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Gay by God's Will (Milwaukee), channel 47, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

T.I.P. Program/ Lesbian Show (Milwaukee), channel 47, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

BESTD Clinic LIVE (Milwaukee), channel 47, from 7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Shake It Up (Madison): Thursday-Rainbow Community Collective- 7:00 p.m. meets at Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer Street. For more information, contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Friday, July 12

The Sherman Park Rainbow Association (Milwaukee): will celebrate its Third Anniversary with a party July 12th at the 10 Percent Club, 4322 West Fond du Lac Avenue. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. until ?. Members and guests are invited to bring a dish to pass and something for the grill. For more information call (414) 777-3986.

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Shake It Up (Madison): "High Tea & Talk", begins at 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Dave Runyon (608) 241-2500.

Frontiers (Madison): dining out @ Mad City Cafe. Event begins at 6:30 p.m., for more information contact Gene @ (608) 831-4711.

"Quilt" A Musical Celebration

(Milwaukee): musical presentation presented by Circlestage. Begins at 8:00 p.m., all seats \$12.00. FMI, call (414) 277-9550.

Men of Impulse at Club 219 (Milwaukee): Male Strippers. FMI: 414/271-3732

Saturday, July 13

Community Center Town Hall Meeting (Milwaukee) at 10am in Room 300 of the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street. FMI 414/483-4710.

True to Desire (Milwaukee) or Pride Around the Year, channel 14, from 2am to 3 am.

Dance Gay America (Milwaukee), channel 14, from 3:00 a.m.- 4:00 a.m.

Shake It Up (Madison): Farmer's Market! For more information, contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Frontiers (Madison): bridge for everyone begins at 7:00 p.m. For more details, contact Gene at (608) 831-4711.

"Car-nival" original Latin, calypso fun at Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd, fun starts at 9:30 p.m. cost starts at \$3.00. For more information (414) 291-9889.

Shoreline (Milwaukee): each Saturday night from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Shoreline Milwaukee hosts country western dancing sponsored by Just Us located at 807 South 5th Street. No cover charge. Shoreline also provides FREE beginning two-step lessons at 7:30 p.m. and country line dance lessons at 8:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 383-2233.

Shake It Up (Madison): planning and work party at noon. Program fusion for groups who would like to join together in a booth at MAGIC Picnic and/or the GALVANIZE March (Sunday), i.e. S.A.G.E. For more details, call (608) 241-2500.

Madison Gay Video Club presents "Interludes" and "Comrades In Arms" (Bjorn) at

8:00 p.m. For more details call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

GAMMA Wisconsin River Canoe Trip (Milwaukee): an overnight trip down the Wisconsin River in canoes. Join the fun. For more details, call (414) 425-2146.

GAMMA Fun Run (Milwaukee): a 30-40 minute jog through the fashionable east side, followed by a stop for eating. Starts at 9:00 a.m. at the base of the Water Tower. For more details, call (414) 425-2146.

"Quilt" A Musical Celebration (Milwaukee): Production presented by Circlestage, begins at 8:00 p.m., all seats \$12.00. FMI: (414) 277-9550.

Men of Impulse at Club 219 (Milwaukee): Male Strippers. FMI: 414/271-3732

Sunday, July 14

"Quilt" A Musical Celebration (Milwaukee): musical production presented by Circlestage begins at 2:00 p.m., all seats \$12.00. For more details call (414) 277-9550. Circlestage is located at 2239 North Prospect Avenue.

Mama Roux Birthday Celebration (Milwaukee): Featuring Free Food and Beer from 4pm to 6pm. FMI: Call 414/347-0344.

Monday, July 15

Poet's Monday fr. "Amy Rohan" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), begins at 8:30 p.m., cost \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Frontiers (Madison): monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events and club issues. All members are welcome. For more details, call (608) 244-8690.

Tuesday, July 16

Sheila Spargur & David Carroll & a musical open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), performance begins at 8:00 p.m., cost is \$2.00. For more details, call (414) 291-9889.

T.I.P. Program (Lesbian Show) on Milwaukee cable channel 47 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Time Out Milwaukee (Queer Youth Show) on cable channel 47 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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The Queer Program (live) on channel 47 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gay By God's Will (Queer Religious) on Milwaukee cable channel 47 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Triangle Beach Party (Milwaukee) Drink specials, prizes and raffle starting at 9pm. FMI call 414/383-9412.

Thursday, July 18

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable channel 47 at 7:00 p.m. will have guests Steve Butler and Carol Ringo, topic will be "Bi All Means!"

Shake It Up (Madison): "High Tea & Talk!" For more details contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Miss Cosmo at Club 219 (Milwaukee): Starting at 10:30 pm. FMI: Call 414/271-3732.

Friday, July 19

The Ten Percent Society (Madison): July dance for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends open to the university community. Dance begins at 8:00 p.m. admission is \$3.00. For details contact Don Elmer at (608) 255-9449 (evenings) or (608) 262-3763 (days).

Dance after Dance (Madison): At Manoeuvres. Specials until close. FMI 608/258-9918.

Vogel/Helfaer Galleries (Milwaukee): free gallery night, an evening of gallery hopping begins with Copley tours at MAM. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Madison Gay Pride Weekend (July 19-21): for details on events/activities, time and locations, call Steve Starkey at (608) 251-6834.

Saturday, July 20

MAGIC Picnic (Madison): Magic Picnic from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Brittingham Park. Free admission, bring your lawn chairs, coolers and blankets. For more information contact Gregg Scheel at (608) 257-3795.

Shoreline (Milwaukee): cowboy strut. For
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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

Looking for a Home

We are family..." how often have you heard that song? I was out when that record was first released by Sister Sledge. Since then it's been re-recorded, remixed and updated countless times. DJ's can make people practically scream when it's mixed into a set. It's a song that packs the PrideFest Dance Tent with people from 15 to 50, every year, every time it is played. It's not just the great dance beat that just moves your feet. It's the emotional pull it has on your gay sense of self.

The song is almost an anthem for our Rainbow Community. It brings out the feeling of pride and makes you more aware of our diverse family and your inclusion in that kinship. It allows you to put differences aside—at least for the moment—and rejoice in what we have in common.

We all have to deal with discrimination due to our sexual

preference. We all have to deal with right wing politics and the Religious Right. Our enemies would like to push our people back into the closet. Back to the days of *The Boys In The Band*. Back to the times of illegal gay bars and no same-sex dancing. Back to the times when undercover cops would park outside of Milwaukee gay bars and write down patrons license plate numbers for Chief Brier's Red Squad files. Back to the time when Wisconsin didn't have its pioneering gay rights bill. Our community must put our differences aside and rally around our family.

Families Need A Home.

Since we are a family—it's only logical that we have a home where we can gather in times of both crisis and calm, we need a Community Center. Our community has made great strides. We've battled AIDS and STD's and given money and/or volunteered. The Cream City Foundation, our gay United Way, has evolved into a substantial community asset that funds many projects and groups. Our family needs to keep up our support of CCF to allow it to grow even more. Lesbians have built the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) and its Education Fund to new heights

I can just hear some of you complaining "Oh no, not another benefit! However, a [community] center is very important to our future..."

of involvement and diversity. PrideFest has proven itself capable in it's move to the Summerfest grounds.

There are literally dozens of community organizations that cross a spectrum of interests. Many smaller groups need a place to have a phone, plus shared use of computer, as well as old office equipment. A community center could provide those needs in a friendly, diverse atmosphere.

Why now? Because six months ago a stunning offer of "Seed Money" (\$1,000 per month for 10 years) was announced by two family members—Erv Uecker and Ross Walker. At the initial meeting in January they challenged the

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crowd of over 100 people to determine the feasibility of the idea of a Community Center and begin to organize an inclusive community based program to meet their challenge.

That first meeting brought out both old and new activist as well as "first timers" who recognized the need for a center. Attendance at subsequent meetings has been very encouraging plus much progress has been made. Various committees are working on: A final version of a Vision Statement; design and distribution of a survey; designing the "Interim Steering Committee" as well as numerous sub-committees.

The center is still a concept, but like Jamakaya said in her commentary last issue, "organizing toward this major community effort is proceeding in an open, orderly committed plus good humored fashion."

Town Hall Meeting

This Saturday, July 13, a general Town Hall Meeting on the center will be held at 10am in Room 300 of the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street in Milwaukee. This is your chance to get updated or involved—much of the preliminary work has been, or is in process of being done. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend, express ideas, or you can write: Interim Steering Committee, L.G.B.T. Community Center, P.O. Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202. A voice mail number is also available (414)483-4710. Volunteers are important, especially those with specific talents to fulfill various needs. The Steering Committee is also looking to develop new leaders through this process.

Unfortunately, the \$1000.00 per month commitment is just a foundation to be built upon. Much more money needs to be raised through grants, private contribution and community benefits. The Committee Status "successful fund raising for the center should compliment, not compete with, existing fund raising efforts in our

community."

I can just hear some of you complaining "Oh no, not another benefit! However, a center is very important to our future; so we'll have to dig deeper into our pockets, and/or find some

time to devote to this effort. Our family needs all of us to come together in a home of our own.

"We Are Family", and the family is calling us together now to build our new home.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Gettin' Older

As a kid I couldn't wait to get older. I couldn't wait to be old enough to get my first bicycle. It was a 20" dark metallic blue Schwinn with sissy bars, a banana seat and a big fat slick rear tire. My dad bought it (out of the blue) from the local hardware store for 35 bucks. It was the best!

I couldn't wait to be old enough to learn how to swim on my own. My brothers would swim me out to the raft, telling me they would be back for me in a little while. Yeah right! The first few times I had to scream to shore for someone to come and get me. There wasn't always someone there to rescue me so I learned how to swim in a hurry.

Couldn't wait to be old enough to get my driver's license, not to mention getting my first car. I passed my road test in my dad's brand new 1978 Buick Estate wagon. The only thing I did wrong was getting the front tire stuck on the curb

while parallel parking on a hill... in front of my sister-in-law's house... with everybody sittin' on the porch... watching. I was so embarrassed.

Old enough to get out of my parent's house. My first real apartment was above the old Finale. I will never forget the first night I stayed there. I just got home from a night on the town, and there was a knock at the door... it was everybody from the Finale. They wanted to throw me a house warming party. So party we did. We brought some booze up from downstairs, sat on the floor (no furniture at that point) and partied until the sun came up.

Whoa... slow down. All of this happened so fast. In a couple of weeks I will be turning 26. Or is it 32, I always get that mixed up. I have replaced the days of hangin' out at the beach with 3 jobs. I no longer ride around in a little red wagon, now it's a big black Grand Prix. Instead of spending hours on a bicycle riding around the neighborhood I spend hours riding around the city on a motorcycle. And I've replaced the girlfriend with a boyfriend!

What's the point of all of that? Lots of people freak out at the thought of getting older. Even I did at about the age 26-27. But it really isn't all that bad. So what if you have to use Just for Men to cover the gray hair taking over your sideburns. Get used to watching what you eat so you don't turn into Fat Albert (oops-dating myself again). Big deal if you can't party until closing, long enough to catch sidewalk sale in front of La Cage or 219. And don't worry about all of those bills, eventually they will all get paid. It just seems that the older I get the less concerned I am about getting older.

I might be getting older, not old, older, but I still get out there. **CC Rae** hit **Manoeuvres** in Madison with her zany one woman show Sunday June 16th. If you have not seen her show make it a point to catch the next show.

Let's talk about **GAMMA** for a minute. Are you looking for a social group that always has something goin' on? June 15th they had a **Fun Run** that took them through the east side for a 40 minute jog. After that there was a social where you could meet people and just enjoy the afternoon. **GAMMA** also takes trips periodically like the **Great American Road Trip** they took on the 16th. The **GAMMA Book Club** got together on the 17th for a book discussion. June 18th it was volleyball and Kern Park. How about camping? If any of this interests you call **GAMMA** for

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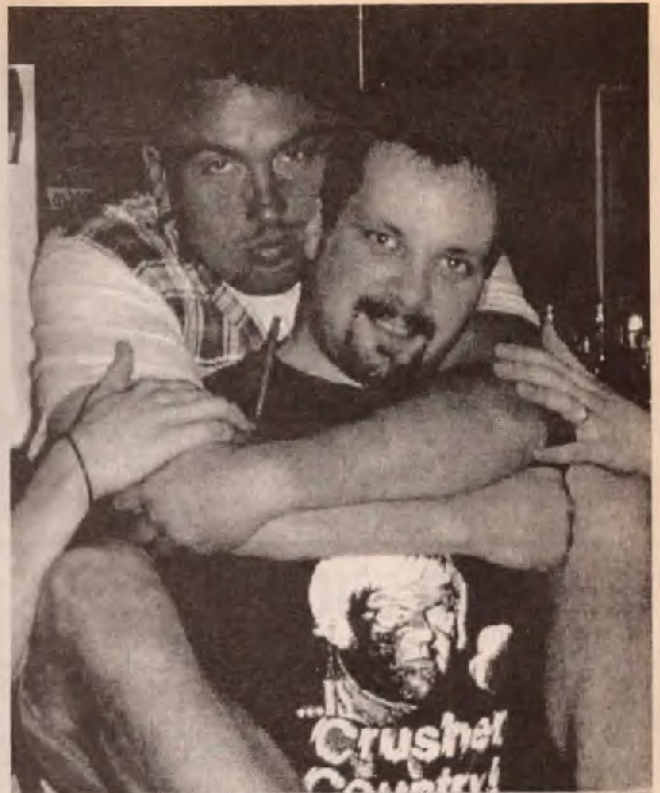


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Enjoying the new light system at La Cage. Photo: Jamie



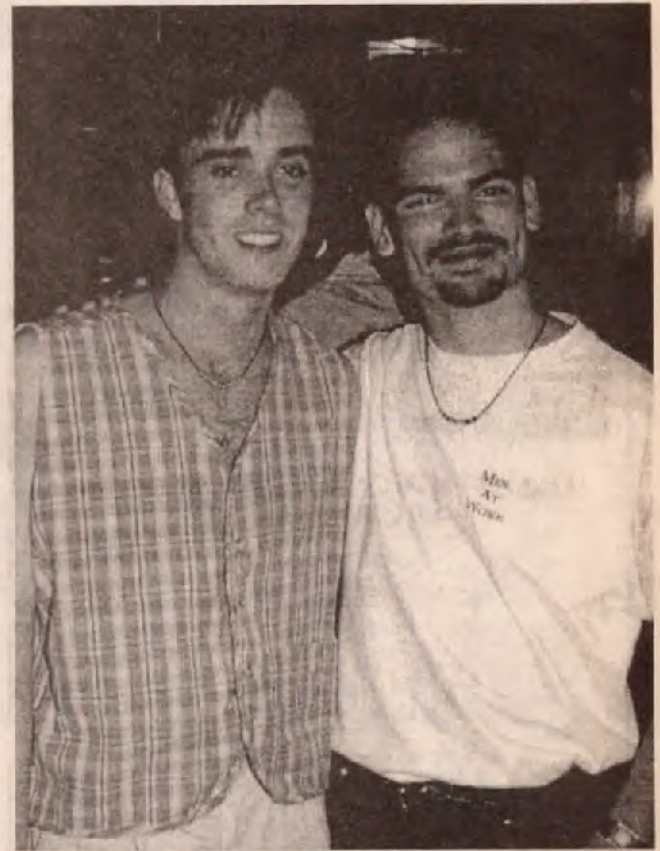
Havin' FUN at Grubb's Pub. Photo: Jamie



Beauties from the Manoeuvres Softball Benefit Show at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



The Madison contingent marches in the Chicago Pride Parade. Photo: Rodney Simpson



Two Cuties enjoying La Cage. Photo: Jamie



More from the Chicago Pride Parade. Photo: Rodney Simpson

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Up in Wausau the **1996 Miss Central Gay Wisconsin US of A Pageant** brought lots of people and 6 contestants to the **Madhatter** for an evening of entertainment and competition. Sources tell me that the competition was fierce. Walking away with the title was Ilean Over. Congrats gurl.

Gay Pride Chicago!!! I missed it again! I had to work the crowd at **Triangle** (we had our own little Gay Pride Chicago party). Mother Nature must have read my last column cause the weather was great. Obviously I do not have alot of details to give you but I heard the **Gargoyles** bus trip was a blast.

La Cage has invested in some new lighting for the dance floor. Me and **Joel** went there on July 3rd for the "unveiling of the illumination." Kudos to **George** for keepin' the place new and exciting, the new lights are pretty damn cool.

Finally I would like to welcome **Ron Geiman** back to the pages of In Step with his column **Tribal Talk**. It will be great to see what he has in store for us. Also a **HUGE THANKS** to everyone that makes it a point to let me know that they read this column and actually enjoy reading it. I really appreciate knowing that people are interested in some of the things I tend to babble about every other week. So again thanks and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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which allowed for an even bigger publishing house to release the book.

When asked about how his parents now deal with his being gay, DeCaro hesitated for a moment. "You know," he says, "they have come around, but a couple of weeks after the book was published they both landed in the hospital with heart incidents. I don't know if it was because of the book. They are both in their mid seventies. But I don't think that they expected the book to be so explicit about me, and the life that I had growing up in their house." His parents must admit however, that the book is an exciting and entertaining peek into their lives.

In addition to writing his next book, *Love Handles to Die For: The Grown Up Adventures of A Boy Named Phyllis*, DeCaro writes for various magazines and papers, including *The New York Observer* and *Martha Stewart Living*. "Writing a book certainly makes it easier. Magazines now sometimes call me instead of me having to call them, to do articles."

The day after the book tour ends he has plans for something great, "I got lucky enough to get tickets to Zoe Caldwell's final performance in *Master Class*, and I can't wait to be there."

In his spare time he also enjoys going to the flea market on 26th and 6th, in Manhattan, which is also where he lives. Going out to eat and to the gym are two other things he enjoys doing in no particular order.

"I just got a personal trainer," he proclaims, "and he is going to kill when he sees me. I haven't been to him in three weeks and have eaten everything he scolded me for eating when I started going."

DeCaro stresses that he didn't get a trainer for the reasons so many do today, (getting buffed bodies in a quicker fashion) but rather, for health reasons.

He also has a pile of to read books that include *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, which he claims he will read before the movie's release, as well as the new book *First Comes Love*, which tells the story of a woman who marries a gay man, who eventually dies of AIDS.

"Having worked at *Newsday*, I experienced some of the most wonderful days of my life there. But now that they are gone, I see that if they weren't, I may have never left such a comfortable nest."

Except for a relationship that happened a couple of years ago that didn't quite work out, but taught him that he still has the ability to love, DeCaro, seems content with all that he has succeeded in accomplishing thus far. "Well not totally comfortable. My rent stabilized apartment is going up \$550 next month."

more details contact Michael Roman (414) 224-6075.

Post Picnic Party (Madison): at Manoeuvres. Bar opens at 3pm. FMI call 608/258-9918

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at the B's Bar (Milwaukee): from 8pm to 11pm. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. FMI, call (414) 225-1502 or (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, July 21

Gargoyles Pig Roast/Luau (Milwaukee): Starting at 2pm until 4pm. Featuring live music, Aloha shirt contest, food. FMI (414) 225-9676.

Shake It Up (Madison): at the University of Wisconsin GLBT Alumni Brunch begins at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Student Union in the Great Hall on the 4th floor in the center. Cost is \$10.00. Good speeches by the winners of awards. Yes, it's a fund raiser. For more details call Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

GALVANize Madison March (Madison): March begins with a pre-rally at the upper end of State St. near Capitol Square at 1 pm. Who is going to wear the craziest hat? Wallow in diversity; it's Halloween in July. Rally begins at 1:30 p.m. Parade starts at 2pm.

Monday, July 22

Poet night at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), Ken Hunt and Aaron Johnson will read starting at 8:30 p.m., cost \$2.00. For more details, call (414) 291-9889.

Shake It Up (Madison): Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society. This is chamber music with a bang that plays classical selections like Brahms, Schwaner & Chausson tonight. Regular price \$18.00, but \$15.00, for students. Event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Isthmus Playhouse, Madison Civic Center on State Street. It's often a trio of one guy and two women. Jeff plays at many gay events like the GLBT graduation, the United's Annual Awards dinner, etc.

Tuesday, July 23

Open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), for more information call (414) 291-9889.

Vogel/Helfaer Galleries (Milwaukee): music in the museum, pianist Jeffrey Hollander plays music by Frederic Chopin. For more information, contact (414) 224-3200.

Frontiers (Madison): at 7:30 p.m. film circle will show "Total Eclipse". For more information call Gene at (608) 831-4711.

Wednesday, July 24

Open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), for more information call (414) 291-9889.



INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

A Cry for Fashion Help

I don't know what to wear. Oh, I don't mean for a specific high falutin occasion or anything like that—I mean just generally. That's not entirely true — I still, for instance, have a pretty good idea of what to wear for bed or to play softball — but it has become disconcertingly clear to me that I have lost any sense of fashion I once had. I am proposing that this is because I'm at an awkward age: somewhere between midlife and lesbian.

It seems to me, for example, that I might be a bit old for grunge or mini skirts or whatever the hell is "in" these days with the Pearl Jam and Foo Fighters set, but not hetero-oriented enough for the tailored polyester suit look so popular among TV anchorwomen.

As I comb through the racks at department stores that used to have just the clothes I wanted, I find myself thinking, when did polyester become the "in" fabric again? It's getting so you can't find a nice-looking outfit with any natural fibers involved. As I walk through the women's departments, dazed by what I see displayed and wondering when ribbed knit shirts that don't quite cover your navel became popular, I think to myself: so this is how it happens. This is how the guys down at the senior center ended up wearing white belts and

plaid pants for the last thirty or forty years, how plastic rain bonnets have stayed popular with the over-seventy gals, how quilted fiber-filled coats with collars and gold buttons became de rigeur outerwear for our grandmothers: somewhere along the way, they lost track of changing fashions.

...the only pair of pants I've seen in recent years that I really liked were being worn by a mouse on an Illinois lotto commercial...

This is all complicated by the fact that I'm a lesbian. I could look at issues of *Cosmo* and *Vogue* till the supermodels come home and not find one item of clothing that I would feel comfortable wearing. And I mean comfortable not only in a physical sense but in the psychological sense as well. For one thing, it's hard to make a cut-to-the-navel bodice and skin-tight satin thigh-length skirt "work" with Doc Martens, ankle socks, and hairy legs. I would (and not for the first time) feel like a drag queen on steroids.

Out magazine, you might rightly point out, also features fashions. But I, as a forty-something midwestern lesbian, could never feel right about wearing black lace elephant bells and an unbuttoned black leather jacket with nothing on underneath. I can't even figure out what weather such an outfit would be good for — those pants would be much too breezy for autumn and winter and the jacket way too hot for summer. But I guess if you're dressed like that, you've got other things in mind than weather.

To give you an idea of just how deep this problem goes with me, the only pair of pants I've seen in recent years that I really liked were being worn by a mouse on an Illinois lotto commercial. Getting fashion ideas from a cartoon character strikes even me as a bad state of affairs.

This hasn't always been the case. Not that I ever had a good sense of what was in fashion, but at least I had a



definite sense of my own style. But gone are the days when I could confidently wear my baggy flannel pants with large black and white checks with suspenders. And now, if I were ever to even *find* another pair of

"Dear Oxymoron, I am attending the union ceremony between my ex-girlfriend and her new lover. Is it appropriate to wear black?"

blue corduroy pants with snaps up the ankle over a fold of beige material and snaps on the flaps of jauntily cut pockets, I think I'd only feel silly wearing them, not stylish.

So what *do* I wear these days? I find I have been reverting to the attire of my college days: jeans and t-shirts — jeans of various colors and long-sleeved t-shirts, t-shirts with mock turtle necks, plain colored t-shirts, t-shirts with pockets, t-shirts with slogans and ads.

Occasionally, for a slightly dressier look, I will wear a plain button-down cotton shirt. There is nothing wrong with this attire. I don't even think it's particularly out of style. But there is a certain sameness to it, as you may have noticed. When I want to or need to dress up for an occasion, I am completely at a loss. I did buy a couple of nice summer dresses, but my Reeboks really ruin the effect. No, I don't really wear my Reeboks with a nice dress; it's just, when you're predisposed against high heels and nylons, especially in 90° weather, what are you supposed to wear on your feet? These are questions I can't answer.

What this world needs, is a good fashion magazine for forty-plus lesbians. We could call it *Oxymoron: The Fashion Magazine for the Mature Lesbian*. I don't know who the fashion experts would be — I only wish I did: I'd be calling 'em up right now!—but we could have models like Billie Jean King, Kate Clinton, and Martha Stewart.

The magazine could do makeovers for people like me and Barbara Grier. There could be a column where lesbians could write in about what sort of event they were going to and get advice on what kind of outfit to shop for and where: "Dear Oxymoron, I am attending the union ceremony between my ex-girlfriend and her new lover. Is it appropriate to wear black?"

"Dear Oxymoron, I am going to my son's eighth-grade dance. What should I wear?"

"Dear Oxymoron, I am presenting awards at our

softball banquet. Is it okay to wear my stirrups and cleats? Or should I wear my Air Jordans?"

We need this magazine. Because, I have to tell you, flipping through the pages of catalogs from Title IX, Eddie Bauer, and Land's End has not been especially helpful to me in jazzing up my wardrobe.

My current wardrobe is built for comfort, not speed. I have become the Buick of lesbian fashion: solid, stodgy, boring, utterly and blandly American. My girlfriend is already feeling these same pangs herself, and has started toying with drastic measures, like a nose ring or tattoo, to break free from the humdrum of our dull fashion existence. Lesbians of America, we need a designer! A fashion guru all our own, someone who will invent clothing for the average lesbian that would be anything but average. We need a style we can live with that is funky and fun and uniquely our own.

In the meantime, I am going out today in search of those mouse pants.

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In Between moved into second place in the league by defeating the Ball Game Rangers and M&M. Balistreri's defeated Manoeuvres and Triangle, while the Wreck Room split, defeating Triangle and losing to Manoeuvres.

After a two week break, play will resume on July 13th. The league will then be off on July 20th for the M.A.G.I.C. picnic in Madison.

The Ball Game Rangers will hold a fund raising auction and 50-50 raffle on Saturday, July 13th. Among the items to be auctioned are Green Bay Packer and Wisconsin Badger football tickets, and Milwaukee Brewer tickets and tailgate party.

GAMMA Plans 4-Day Bike Outing in July



G A M M A, Milwaukee's outdoor, athletic and social organization, announced a new component to its annual biking/camping trip: a five-trail excursion in central Wisconsin.

The trip will begin on

Wednesday evening, July 24th at Tunnel Campground near Wilton, WI. Thursday's biking will be on the 400 State Trail from Reedsburg, WI to Elroy, on the Omaha Trail from Elroy to Camp Douglas and return to Elroy, and through one tunnel on the Sparta-Elroy trail to the Campground. Friday's outing will be from the campground on the sparta-Elroy trail, through two of the tunnels to Sparta and return to the Campground.

On Friday and Saturday nights, July 26 and 27th, camping will be at Perrot State Park in Trempealeau, WI and the ride will include the Great River Trail to La Crosse on Saturday and the La Crosse River Trail on Sunday.

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Madison 53706	
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Support Group)	255-7447
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Resource Center) UW Union	265-3344
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Greater Chippewa Valley
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- Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)**
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- LaCrosse L/G Support Group**
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THE BUDDY SYSTEM I'm searching for a buddy to mess around with this summer. I like fishing, camping, hiking, and more. I'm also interested in getting involved in weight lifting. Call me. (Green Bay) **10054**

ON YOUR KNEES BOY I'm a hot leather master looking for completely submissive and passive leather boys. Call me now boy. Be on your knees and ready. (Green Bay) **9172**



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BIG AND BOLD I'm 6'1, 250lbs, linebacker build, big not fat. I'm 38 years old, attractive, healthy. I'm looking for a Gay White or Hispanic male. I have many interests. I'm looking for a friends first relationship. (Kenosha) **19888**

I'LL DO ANYTHING I'm a 19 year old Bi sexual male looking for open minded Bi guys for friendship. If you want more than friendship please be 18 to 28. Call me. (La Crosse) **22123**

STRAIGHT BUT BENDS GWM, 34, 6', blue eyes, long blonde hair, masculine, seeks GWM, 18-36, who are straight acting/appearing, and who know what they want from life. (LaCrosse) **11450**

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GIVE AND GET LOVE

I'm a Gay White male, 24 years old, 6ft, 205lbs. I seek attractive, straight acting men 18 to 32 for friendship, or a boyfriend for sport. Any hunks out there? I'm willing to travel. (Madison) **4267**

BUDDY BONDING

GWM, 27, 5'2", 125, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks other GWM, 21-32, for fun and adventure. I have varied interests as I

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ROLLERBLADING I'm looking for a man 18 to 22 in my area that's fun to be with and has a real good personality. If you like to rollerblade and have fun at home call me. (Manitowoc) **15998**

IT'S A BI MAN'S

WORLD I'm a Bi White male. I like camping, auto racing, and being outdoors. Call me. (Marshfield) **19302**

PLOW THIS BOY I'm 6ft, 190lbs. I'm looking for an interesting top man to plow me. (Menomonie) **20561**

OH NO! IT'S MR. BILL I'm 47 years old, 5'7 178lbs, and hairy. I'm looking for another hot leather man to be in touch with. I'm willing to experiment and explore. I like to dominate. Call me. (Milwaukee) **20606**

CUMING STRAIGHT ON TO YOU

I'm looking for straight acting friends to hang out with. I'm 24 years old, 6'2, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. (Milwaukee) **19828**

SUB DUDE I'm 31 years old, 5'7, 140lbs. I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for an aggressive top. (Milwaukee) **19337**

CHUBBY HUBBY

WANTED I'm 5'9, 160lbs, 40 years old. I'm looking for a heavy set man for cuddling, movies, and popcorn. (Milwaukee) **19486**

LET ME BE YOUR LITTLE

GIRL I'm a Bi white male, 23 years old, shy, mature, and submissive. I'm looking for dominant men to make me submit. make me dress like a girl and use me. (Milwaukee) **19867**

LITTLE FURRY BEAR

WANTED I'm 5'7, 178lbs, 47 years old, good shape. I enjoy little furry bears 5'10 or shorter. I'm into biking, working out, videos, movies, good dining, and good company. Call me. (Milwaukee) **3544**

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STEADY? I'm 33 years old, 5'11, dark Brown hair, Hazel eyes, 165lbs. I'm looking to meet a man for good times and a possible long term relationship. (Milwaukee) **18019**

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SENSUAL SPANDEX

GWM, 27, 6'1", 160, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks GWM's, 21-45, attractive and in good shape, for submissive spandex pleasure. Groups and couples a plus. (Milwaukee) #13226

LET'S TALK

GWM, 22, 125, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, musician and artist, seeks other GWM's with similar qualities and interests for fun. Please leave me a message. (Milwaukee) #13411

RELATIONSHIP

MINDED GWM, 38, sincere and romantic, seeks a sincere relationship with GWM, 25-40, hairy a plus. Let me share my life with you. (Milwaukee) #13772

LONG TERM

COMMITMENT GWM, relationship oriented, seeks GWM, 20-30, drug and smoke free, for serious relationship. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #13835

WHERE ARE YOU?

GWM, 5'9", 150, seeks other males for fun. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #14216

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

GWM, 26, 5'10", 165, blonde hair, blue eyes seeks GWM under 30 for friendship and possibly more. (Milwaukee) #11276

BI BOYS

18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", BiWM, seeks other young WM's between 18-21, for friendship, camping and hiking. Other things possible as well. (Milwaukee) #11307

NOT TYPICAL

GWM, 23, 6'2", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair, not into the bar scene at all, seeks other GWM's between 18-30 for friendship first with endless possibilities. (Milwaukee) #11725

SIR, THANK YOU SIR!

GWM, 27, 6'2", 230, brown hair, brown eyes, seeking a dominant master into CBT, TT, WS, FF, shaving, S&M, B&D, and humiliation. Nothing I won't do for you sir! (Milwaukee) #11529

DEEP NEED

GWM, 24, 6', 150, brown hair and eyes, seeks new friends with relationship possibilities. (Northern) #12761

MORE THAN THIS

I'm a straight acting Gay White male, 29 years old, 5'7, 140lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes, clean cut, and attractive. I'm seeking a straight acting Gay White male 1 to 35 for a sincere relationship as friends or maybe more. (Osh Kosh) #19970

LET'S GO FOR A BIKE

RIDE I'm a White male, 40 years old. I like country music, bike riding, and long walks. Call me. (Racine) #19586

STRAIGHT TO THE

POINT I would like to meet some guys in my area for fun and more. Call me. (Stevens Point) #19640

I KNEED YOU!

I'm 30 years old seeking others 20 to 40 who enjoy full bodied massage, home cooked food, and hanging out with friends. If you are looking for a long term relationship call me. (Stevens Point) #6937

SMOKEY THE QUEER

I'm a Gay White male looking for someone 18 to 25 who are into everything. I'm a smoker looking for a nice good looking man. (Stevens Point) #10382

WE CAN WORK IT OUT

I'm 25 years old, 6'1, 185lbs, medium build, Blonde hair, Blue eyes. I enjoy tennis, movies, biking, and exercising. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Wausau) #11144

COCKED AND LOADED

GWM, 6'2", 170, attractive, seeks GWM's, under 35, for friendship and relationship. (Wisconsin) #12577

YOU AND ME

GWM, 27, 160, 5'8", enjoys sports, seeks GWM, 18-28, for outings and friendship. (Wisconsin) #12286

USE AND ABUSE THIS

BOTTOM I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for a physically dominant top for wrestling, bondage, S&M, and more. If you would like to use and abuse me please call. I'm 35 years old, 5'9, 190lbs, clean, and discreet. #21247

Illinois

INTERNATIONAL STUD

I'm a Gay White male, 32 years old, 6'4, 175lbs, hairy, well endowed, ready to go. I seek any Gay men 20 to 45 for fun and pleasure only. Call me (Ann Arbor) #20415

GET WITH IT I want to meet someone who wants to get with me. You have to be Gay. Call me. (Chicago) #22454

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES I

want to meet someone in my area. I'm 5'10, 135lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for someone who is interested in getting together for movies, dining out, dancing, etc. Call me. (Chicago) #23247

ROUGH AND KINKY TRANSVESTITE

I'm a young and submissive White Transvestite looking for men who are rough and kinky. I have lots of toys and I'm looking for friends to play with. Call me. (Chicago) #22665

MONOGAMOUS

COUPLE seeking other couples for friendship. We like boating, camping, and other outdoor activities. Call us. (Chicago) #22727

LONG HAired STUD

I'm a long haired 28 year old Bi guy, 6'5, 230lbs. I'm looking for other guys under 30 who want to hang out, party, kick back, get off, go to concerts, etc. I'm looking for friends. (Chicago) #5511

LET ME TOP

YOU I'm looking for a submissive bottom in the Northbrook area of Chicago. I'm 34 years old, 6'2, 190lbs. I'm looking for bottoms 21 to 34 who are good looking and muscular. I'm also looking for workout partners. (Chicago) #21835

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Horoscope for July 10 thru July 23



ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Even domineering proud Rams may feel chatty and compromising with the Venus / Mars Conjunction. Your communication borders on the sublime topped with sugary phrases designed to lure people to your whim and will. Be gentle proud Aries, and try to use your immense persuasive power for a good gay cause (that is, besides your personal good gay cause.) And try not to hog the glory.



TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

It's the perfect time to evaluate all that you hold near and dear. The Mars / Venus face off highlights artistic acquisitions and beautiful items of exceptional value. Proud Bulls would do well to reevaluate personal holdings, possibly investing in art. There may be a great temptation to shop till you drop or to be fabulously generous. There is nothing wrong sharing but don't fritter your daily living allowance.



GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Gay Twins get a pleasant zetz from the Mars/Venus conjunction in their own sign. It's time to be the great gay peacemaker so bring all warring sides to the table and talk turkey. You may be able to avoid nasty squabbles in your own testy affairs because you feel so warm, mushy and ... well ... too good to ruffle! Maybe it's best to take two vacation days and call me from the beach.



CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Sensitive and emotional pink Crabs may feel especially giving and self sacrificing during the Venus/Mars conjunction. Be good... be very good. You have the energy and the wherewithal to charitably help those in need. The operative word here is "charitably"; there is no need to play the martyr or constantly remind others how giving and wonderful you are. We all know it ...now.



LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Proud and regal Lions may feel the need to benevolently gather friends together to simply enjoy the convivial company. It will be easy to accomplish; your personal magnetism lures the troops like moths to a flame thanks to the powerful Mars/Venus conjunction. Interestingly, not even the overly dramatic Lion seems to have an overbearing ego now. You can happily join the rabble for a rousing time or two.



VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

This may be the time for all gay Virgins to take direct action in their professional affairs. The Mars/Venus conjunction helps you deliver your message and demonstrate your corporate worth. Is there an opportunity to participate in an artistic or more creative venture? Grab it. Or even better, find love with the proper, older stranger who doubles as your mentor. Who said life is dull, cousin?



LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Zesty gay Scales can use this feisty Mars/Venus face off to explore anything and everything beautiful, exotic and exciting. If that means escaping to a fabulous paradise, then do so. If it means stalking museums for a glimpse of their treasures, then so be it. Whatever you decide, be sure it mixes the lovely with the revealing. This phase offers new perspectives on your personal philosophy.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Queer Scorp feel a buzz in the pa toot during the Mars/Venus hit. Sexual energy is energy piqued, so go out and safely pique somebody. Thankfully, sex will not be just for sex sake. It may also give you an opportunity to delve and transform your inner soul. Scorp are not the most internally focused of folks but now you can check out your dark recesses with a spotlight. Remember; your dark recesses, dear.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Queer Archers tend to be free and independent of such encumbrances as partnerships, but if you are a more enlightened Sag, this Mars/Venus conjunction can set relationship in fast forward motion. Heck, you may even be enticed to make a commitment, but remember, this aspect is fast and fleeting so do what needs to be done quickly. Life is far too short to play the field forever.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Although it may not seem especially exciting, the Mars/Venus Conjunction makes the day to day job go rather well. You tackle even the most onerous tasks and work seems almost ... enjoyable. Top this serviceable energy while it lasts. Consider a new exercise regime or diet. That means staying away from fatty foods or excessive sweets. Don't ruin that fabulous bod during swimsuit season.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Is it possible to have too much of a good time? The Mars/Venus conjunction turns up the music, so party hearty and enjoy the immediate spurt of fun. Romance may be in the air but Aqueerians should remember that this is a fast and furious transit; the love of the moment could indeed be a love of the moment. Ever hear of a trip to the moon on gossamer wings? Expect one of those things.



PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Even pink Fish feel happily at peace during the Mars/Venus conjunction. An unsettled home life settles a bit. Even recalcitrant, unsupportive family members call a temporary truce and try to mend fences. If you have a hankering to redecorate or apply a little creative verve to your home surroundings, expect some pleasant results. Perhaps something in a prideful lavender?

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



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