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CENTER FOR AIDS INTERVENTION RESEARCH (CAIR) MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, is seeking applications for several new positions. CAIR is one of three research centers in the country established by the National Institute of Mental Health to develop new and better methods of HIV prevention, as well as the prevention and treatment of psychological and behavioral difficulties among those affected by HIV/AIDS. CAIR's offices are located on the east side area of Milwaukee.

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Publishers' Note

Welcome to the latest issue of In Step Newsmagazine. Inside you will find the first installment of our annual Holiday Shopping Guide, along with the latest news and your favorite columnists.

In Step is also lucky enough to have the state's only on-the-scene report from the important "Creating Change Conference" held recently in our nation's capitol. In Step's Madison staffer Christopher Krimmer attended this conference and his valuable report can be found on page 14.

As In Step Newsmagazine continues to grow, we've kept an eye on the future and recently joined forces with Wisconsin's most-visited queer web site, qvaice.com. Now, In Step's up-to-date, accurate, and comprehensive news is just a mouse-click away at http://www.avoice.com.

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Stay tuned for other exciting announcements from In Step, as we continue to grow to serve our community with integrity and professionalism.

Finally, as we head into this year's holiday season and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we take this personal moment remember how much we have to be grateful for. It is truly difficult to be miserable when we remind ourselves of the wonderful gifts of friendship and fond memories we all have in our lives. So, from everyone at In Step, we wish you and your "families" a very happy and grateful Thanksgiving.

Jorge L. Cabal William Attewell publishers

Letters

Twelfth Night Review Taken to Task

To the editor-

I was disappointed with the film review of "Twelfth Night" (Volume 13, Issue 22) and its discussion of gender and disguise in Shakespeare.

Although true that many today "may be putting too much of a 1990's spin on it," it is not true that transvestism in "Twelfth Night" is



less than truly daring and "primarily for comic effect" nor that the conclusion of "Twelfth Night" is an unequivocal "homage to traditional heterosexual unions."

Olivia, pursuing the disguised Viola primarily for Viola's youth, physical beauty, and reluctance to be caught, mistakenly marries the twin Sebastian, yet remains married to him even after the true identities are revealed, calling into question Olivia's motives in love and marriage.

Orsino proposes to the newly revealed Viola, but only because he had been unknowingly falling in love with her all the while he thought Viola was a man.

Most important, Sebastian's friend, Antonio, perhaps the only undisputed gay character in Shakespeare's works and not even mentioned in the review, is deeply in love with Sebastian, literally risking death for him. The most honest, clear-sighted love in "Twelfth Night" is that of one man for another man, and that love is poignantly unrequited.

In a time when so much of the les/bi/gay/trans population grasps at straws and reads its own agenda into nearly everything, it is a pity when legitimate examinations of relevant issues, as in "Twelfth Night," are overlooked.

Respectfully David Salomon Flores

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News

Wisconsin's Jamie Nabozny Wins Federal Court Case

By Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Eau Claire - "I'm thrilled. I'm relieved. I'm totally drained."

Those were the words of 21-year-old Jamie Nabozny after a federal jury on November 19 found three administrators of the Ashland, Wisconsin School District guilty of discriminating against Nabozny because he is gay. The ruling, the first of its kind in a federal court, is being hailed as "a victory for gay and lesbian youth all across America."

Nabozny had sued the administrators and the Ashland School District for failing to protect him from persistent verbal and physical harassment fellow students directed against him because he is gay. Nabozny was kicked, beaten, spit at and urinated on. In one incident, male students knocked him to the floor and simulated raping him.

The day after the verdict was announced, as the jury was about to consider monetary damages, the school district and its insurer agreed to a settlement in which Nabozny will receive \$900,000 in damages. Another \$62,000 will go toward the physical and mental health care he required because of violence leveled against him at Ashland Middle School and Ashland High School.

"Countless gay kids have paid a high price for abuse," Patricia Logue of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told the press. "Now the tables have turned, and it is prejudice that is costly." Lambda called the verdict "a victory for gay and lesbian youth all across America."

"I hope this decision will make administrators think twice about injecting their biases and bigotry into their jobs," Nabozny told In Step Newsmagazine. "I also hope that gay and lesbian kids will finally be able to feel safe in their schools."

Testimony in the two-day trial revealed that Nabozny had been continually brutalized from the seventh grade into his junior year in high school when, fearing for his life, he quit school and fled his hometown of Ashland, in northern Wisconsin (pop.: 8,000). Throughout his ordeal, Nabozny



and his parents appealed to school officials to end the harassment, but they did not act. Mary Podlesny, the Principal at Nabozny's Middle School, told him: "Boys will be boys. If you're telling people you're gay, you've got to expect this sort of thing."

THE TESTIMONY UNFOLDS

Nabozny expressed shock at Podlesny's testimony at the trial, which was held in federal court in Eau Claire and was presided over by Judge John Shabazz.

"Podlesny and the other two just kept saying, 'We don't

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remember, we don't recall," Nabozny related. "She actually said she didn't know who I was and that she couldn't recall ever having met my parents! Then her secretary was called to the stand and she said she knew who I was — that she had seen me in the office on several occasions."

The other defendants were Ashland High School Principal William Davis, Assistant Principal Thomas Blauert and the school district itself. Like Podlesny, her documentation of Jamie's visits. Hanson reported the incidents of abuse and violence to the school's liaison to the Ashland Police Department, but no action was taken.

Nina Anderson, a high school teacher, told the jury she was aware of the harassment against Nabozny and allowed him to use her classroom as a place of refuge. He was also allowed to use a barbroom in the Home Economics Department to avoid being through hell. He never graduated from high school. We lost our son at age 17. He had to leave his hometown to be safe. That's nuts."

"THE JURY DIDN'T BUY IT"

The defense attorney, Timothy Yanacheck, tried to depict the Nabozny family as a dysfunctional one and implied that trouble at home and Robert and Carol's alcoholism had contributed to their son's problems.

Carol Nabozny was angry about this tactic.

"God knows we've had some problems," she commented. "My husband and I are recovering alcoholics. I quit drinking in 1987 and Robert quit in 1988. But we've always taken good care of our kids. We've always shown our love for them. Jamie grew up with a lot of love. He [Yanacheck] was trying to make us look bad as parents to take attention away from the school officials. But the jury didn't buy it."

The most dramatic testimony came from Nabozny himself, who was forced to recount, "step-by-step, all the harassment I'd experienced from seventh

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- PATRICIA LOGUE OF LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE

Davis and Blauert pleaded ignorance about Nabozny's persecution, but Blauert was forced to admit that he had actually taken home and destroyed some school records pertaining to the situation. The Ashland School District was found not guilty of discrimination because it has a written policy forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"I'm glad the district wasn't found guilty," Robert Nabozny, Jamie's father, told *In Step*. "The school district had the policy to protect the kids. It's just that the school officials didn't enforce it. They were the problem."

The jury, which was made up of five women and two men (three of whom indicated during jury selection that they knew gay people or had friends who were gay), was apparently convinced by testimony presented on the plaintiff's — Nabozny's — behalf.

Lynn Hanson, Nabozny's guidance counselor at Ashland High School, testified that he had conveyed incidents of abuse to her and sought relief. Everyone in the courtroom viewed blow-ups of confronted in the main boys' lavatories.

Several former Ashland High School students, including Roy Grande, who Nabozny describes as "one of my principle tormentors," testified that they witnessed and/or participated in the abuse.

Grande said bluntly that he and his friends beat Nabozny because he was gay and that they always got away with

"We did it every day because he acted like a sissy."

- ROY GRANDE ON WHY HE AND OTHER BOYS BEAT UP JAMIE NABOZNY

it. "We did it every day because he acted like a sissy," Grande admitted. Leila Thorean Martin said the mistreatment of Nabozny was constant and "would have been obvious to anybody."

Nabozny's mother, Carol, also testified about how the continual abuse wore her son's spirits down and how he became increasingly terrified of going to school or even into town, where he was sometimes confronted and mocked by other teens.

She told In Step: "Jamie went

grade through high school." Among the lowest points he reached were four suicide attempts and surgery to repair the damage caused by an attack in which he was kicked repeatedly in the stomach.

Nabozny said his lawyers coached him before the trial. They ran through the questions his own attorney would ask and apprised him of what to expect from the defense attorney. Even with that preparation, Nabozny says, "It was really scary."

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"I wasn't expecting to be called to the stand that day. But testimony went so quickly that we had more time. Judge Shabazz is really strict. He wanted to use the extra time, so he said, 'Well, you have three more witnesses. Call them up.' I was so scared. I broke down a couple times."

There were more tears the next day — this time floods of emotion and relief — as the jury announced its unanimous verdict against Podlesny, Davis and Blauert.

"We were so happy. We couldn't believe it. And it was unanimous! We were all

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- CAROL NABOZNY

hugging each other and crying. I still can't believe it," Nabozny said.

"I really cannot say enough thanks to our attorney David Springer, and the people at Lambda who have supported me through this whole thing," Nabozny said.

Lambda saw early on that his case could result in a precedent-setting ruling for the rights of gay and lesbian youth, Nabozny said. "They've given me incredible support and advice. This wouldn't have happened without them."

David Springer, of the Chicago firm Skadden, Arps, was invited on the case by Lambda. Lambda itself has several staff attorneys, but often, because of the volume of cases and/or the particular issue at stake, they will seek a gay-friendly attorney with expertise in the legal area to be addressed. The Naboznys all gave Springer high marks.

ALTERNATE GRADUATION PLANNED

One disappointment for Nabozny was his failure to be allowed to attend a graduation ceremony at Ashland High School. "There was no way they were going to let me do that," he said. "They have to pay me the money and they probably felt humiliated enough."

He said that he and Lambda were tentatively planning an alternative graduation ceremony next spring in which he and other teens who had been forced to leave school because of harassment would be awarded their "honorary diplomas."

Robert Nabozny, who admits that it took him awhile to get used to the fact that his son is gay, says that today, "I couldn't be more proud of Jamie. What he's done is going to help so many other gay kids. He went through hell, but he's come out alright."

The proud father also admitted to In Step that he had a bit of a chuckle the other day. While reading coverage of the settlement in the Ashland Daily Press, he noticed that the school board is about to open bids for a new insurance company.

As for Jamie, he says the settlement money — after expenses are paid — will be placed in a trust whose interest will help pay for his college education. (Since fleeing Ashland, he has obtained a high school equivalency certificate.) Nabozny, who lives in Minneapolis, hopes to major in social work and counsel gay and lesbian



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ing Ashland, he has obtained a high school equivalency certificate.) Nabozny, who lives in Minneapolis, hopes to major in social work and counsel gay and lesbian youth: "I don't want anyone to ever be treated like I was, and I want to be there for gay and lesbian kids."

Nabozny said he understands that because of his notoriety he has become a spokesperson for gay youth and that he takes that responsibility seriously. He is also being approached by TV producers and movie-makers who want to film his story. There's no deal in the works yet, but Lambda is advising him about getting an agent.

Verdict Out as Home HIV Kits Hit Wisconsin Market

by Jim W. Lautenbach of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee - Getting an HIV test has always meant scheduling an appointment and traveling to a clinic or other testing site to give blood. Now, with the introduction of new ar-home test kits, the procedure has been slimmed down to simply pricking your finger to collect blood, walking to the mailbox to send your sample and calling a toll-free telephone number to get your results. Indeed, an advertisement for one home testing company proclaims, "The day has finally come

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when you can get tested for HIV in the comfort of your own home."

While the new procedure may be a hallmark of convenience, some local practitioners have qualms about it. Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, says that although he fundamentally supports home tests, he feels they have some problems that need to be corrected. Ross Walker and Erv Uecker of the Brady East STD Clinic worry that, rather than providing counseling and

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-Ross Walker, BESTD CLINIC

crucial information regarding safe sex and at-risk behaviors, home testing may do little more than solely tell a person whether he or she is HIV negative or positive-and it may do even that poorly.

"Home tests are not a good idea, particularly in Milwaukee where any citizen can be tested anonymously and for free at sites that are pretty much convenient to anyone who's at risk," Walker says.

Nelson says he supports the home kits because they may reach people who otherwise would choose to go untested.

"Clearly, for people who have a very strong need for complete anonymity and confidentiality (and) do not feel comfortable going to an HIV counseling and testing center or coming to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, this is a tool they can have done in the privacy of their own homes," he says. "As a result, I think there probably are a lot of people who will use the home testing kit who would never (go) to an HIV counseling and testing site, which means that more people will get tested and more people who may be at high risk will come to understand their HIV status."

This is important, Nelson says, because when a person knows his HIV status early, he can take advantage of early medical intervention, access good health care and support services and live for a longer period of time with HIV.

"Anyone who is engaged in a risk behavior for HIV should know their HIV status," he says. "That's a huge benefit."

However, Nelson points out that the home kits have their definite shortcomings. "I think this is a good product, but it is not a perfect product," he says. "There are weaknesses with the product, and there are disappointments I have."

One of his primary concerns is the quality of the counseling that an individual will receive if he uses a home test



-Ross Walker of the BESTD Clinic. Photo: Jamie

rather than getting tested at a clinic or testing site. Although home testing companies offer the option of personal counseling sessions to each individual who calls in for his or her results, Nelson is not certain this type of counseling will be personalized enough to be adequate.

"Counseling is always better face to face. A real serious weakness of the

home testing system is that the counseling that goes with the test is not as thorough, not as intimate and is not grounded in our own home communities."

Nelson says that conversations prior to taking an HIV test, in which a trained HIV counselor discusses risk behaviors with an individual and encourages him or her to assess his or her own behavior, go a long way to reduce a person's anxiety while waiting for results. He feels these discussions are more effective when done face to face.

Furthermore, according to Nelson, counseling may be more vital when a person receives his or her result—even if that status is negative. Nelson says he has learned that home tests offer only a recording to those individuals whose tests come back negative.

"Even with a negative result, talking about risk behaviors and how to reduce risk behaviors and how to remain HIV free is extremely important, and that is not done well by a recorded message," he says. "Certainly for the person who

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-Doug Nelson, ARCW

rests positive, even though there is an individual at the other end of the line offering some counseling and support, again, it is not the kind of intimate, one on one, in person connection that will really make a difference."

BESTD's Walker is appalled that someone may learn that he or she is HIV positive over the telephone. "The whole notion of getting an HIV positive or even an inconclusive result from someone in another state, in another city who may not be versed in the lifestyle or the relationships or the at-risk situations or the partners of the person who is getting that result is almost unthinkable," he says.

"We do approximately one HIV positive result a week.

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7655 W. Luscher Ave. • Milwaukee (76th & Hampton in the Hampton Shopping Center) My sense is that about half of them become very, very emotional settings. In probably a quarter to a third the person is not expecting it and literally falls apart. It's unthinkable to get that over the telephone."

Walker and Uecker have opposed home testing kits since they were first developed. In June 1994, the Milwaukee Journal printed an editorial titled "Let's Give HIV Tests Kits a Go" that said, "...Some AIDS activists fear that screening at home may do more harm than good. Those concerns are not frivolous, but neither are they so grave as to outweigh the likely benefits of making testing more convenient." Walker immediately submitted an opinion piece, countering, "It is our strong belief that for the people of metropolitan Milwaukee, the disadvantages of home-testing kits for HIV far outweigh the advantages."

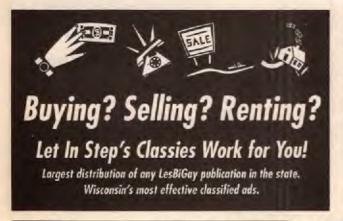
Those disadvantages are not limited to inadequate counseling, Walker says. He is also concerned that there is no real assurance of confidentiality with home tests because, even though there is not necessarily a name associated with a blood sample, Caller ID and other sophisticated telephone devices could potentially represent a compromise in anonymity. Furthermore, according to Walker, the tests are expensive, costing approximately \$30 to \$50.

Nelson agrees that the tests are pricey. He says the cost is definitely a detriment to the home kits, allowing only those who have moderate or higher incomes to take advantage

Nelson is also concerned about adolescents and teenagers who may decide to use home tests. He says that counseling adolescents requires specialized training and understanding of adolescent issues and behavior-expertise he is not certain the telephone counselors will possess.

"I am a firm believer that anyone who has engaged in a risk behavior regardless of age should get an HIV test," he says, "but I'm concerned that with this product there's not nearly the kind of information that an adolescent or a teen can utilize to address the critical issues they confront."

Nelson is further worried that the telephone counselors will not have a comprehensive listing of health care providers and support services to which to refer people who call.



Nelson says he called one of the telephone counselors himself to see what types of referrals they had listed for the Milwaukee area. He found that their file was embarrassingly incomplete and didn't mention, for example, the Wisconsin AIDS Line, the state's telephone hotline for information and referral on HIV, or any local physicians who specialize in HIV care.

"For people who haven't had a test before, I think it can be a very insufficient piece of counseling and referral at a time of extraordinary personal stress and anxiety," he says.

A final qualm Nelson has with the home tests is the lack of consumer warnings that will warn individuals about misuse of the product. "There should be a very clear consumer warning that says that no employer can require you to use this home test for an employment physical and that no insurance agent has any right to require you to use the home test in order to get an insurance policy," he says.

Walker says he believes home testing is so far removed from the type of testing procedures currently used at clinics and testing sites-which have been borne out through time and research, he says-that he questions whether they have any advantage in educating and helping people protect themselves from HIV at all.

"In the state of Wisconsin we have spent millions of dollars to ascertain what (are) the most effective methods of reaching people, particularly getting people to change or modify their behaviors," he says. "It has been demonstrated time and again that repetition-bit by bit, piece by piece-is the best way to get (people), particularly gay men, to take a look at their behaviors and make some adjustments.

"It's self-evident that if you had a home test and you called and got your negative results, you're going to hang up and that's the end of the line. So, you don't have that opportunity to reinforce the possibility of looking at and modifying behaviors. And that's contrary to everything we know.

"Repetition is really the only way that any kind of longlasting risk reduction or behavior modification will work."

Because of the concerns he has, Nelson said this month ARCW will approach local retailers who sell the home kits and ask them to include with each product an informational flier that will address issues such as referrals and consumer warnings. He says he hopes this will fill in the missing information that a person normally would receive upon visiting an HIV test site.

Nelson stresses that for most people going to a clinic or testing site to be tested for HIV still is the best option. "There's not any question that if I were to advise anyone who is seeking an HIV test for the first time or hasn't had a test in a long while, it is much, much better to receive that HIV test from an anonymous HIV counseling and testing site,"

But for other people, specifically those who are tested regularly and have been sufficiently educated about HIV and have had pre- and post-test counseling sessions already,

Nelson says the convenience of the product may serve them well. He says ARCW is looking into purchasing a supply of kits and making them available to people who fit this description as one more service ARCW could offer them.

Walker and Uecker think the home tests are a good idea only for those people who cannot get to a clinic because of geographical or schedule limitations. For this reason, they say they will not give out kits at BESTD.

"Why would we offer a home test kit to somebody who we can sit down with if they come in here and test them on the spot?" Walker says. "Plus, we get two cracks at them in the pre- and post-counseling sessions to help them access their risk and perhaps move just a little bit toward doing something about it."

Dellis Confesses, Charged in Chainsaw Dismemberment

by Cheryl Myers of the In Step Staff



Green Bay — Dave K. Dellis is no longer a fugitive from justice as he was charged on Monday in Door County with burglary, felony theft while armed, auto theft and two counts of false imprisonment in connection with incident. He is expected to be charged with homocide in Brown County for the murder of Michael Lee Kassee within days.

Dellis admitted to police officials that he strangled Kassee during an argument three days before the dismemberment.

It all began Friday, Nov. 15 near Door County MM in the town of Nasewaupee, in a remote rural area about six miles south of Sturgeon Bay. Two men were staying on a farm owned by Carl Whitford.

"I let them stay there temporarily while they were doing some masonry work in Egg Harbor," Whitford told Green Bay reporters.

Whitford related that the two men returned to the house Friday afternoon, and were surprised to see Dellis, a remote acquaintance. Dellis told them he had car trouble, but the couple was suspicious that he might be instead trying to burglarize the house. They noticed a garbage can on the back of one of Whitford's antique pick up trucks, and upon removal of the lid, found a hand and other body parts inside. Dellis then ran to his car, a 1986 maroon BMW, and sped off down the country road.

It was reported by sources to the Associated Press that the body was so badly mutilated, investigators could not tell if it was a man or a woman. On Monday, Green Bay police Capt. Bruce Hamilton confirmed that the corpse had been dis-

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membered by a chainsaw, but that the boy was dead before the mutilations occurred.

On Monday, fingerprint tests identified the boy as Michael Lee Kasee of Green Bay, a 15-year-old Green Bay East sophomore. Kasee and Dellis, 34, knew one another for two years, and it isn't likely that Kasee was abducted. Hamilton stated.

In June, Kasee and Dellis were together when Dellis was arrested with more than 2000 grams of marijuana in his car. Dellis is out on bond at present for that charge. Fellow students at Green Bay East described Kasee as "involved with drugs, but his reputation as a troublemaker or gang wannabe wasn't deserved."

Kasee had missed classes for three

weeks, and had been missing from home for two days, but he often left home for lengthy periods of time, so no family members reported him as missing, stated Sgt. Vogel of the Door Co. Sheriff's Dept.

On Tuesday, it was reported in the Green Bay Press-Gazette that Dellis had a history of mental illness, and in a case last year had told police that "A force field made him steal a car, that the Green Bay Packers wanted him to take the car because the team was rebuilding the area, and that a priest he visited had sunglasses ... which were doing strange things to children."

The Press-Gazette also reported that a former landlord of Dellis', Paul Jacob, stated that Dellis had been mentally ill for several years.

"I took him around to different agencies, but it's really difficult to get somebody in even if you know he needs help. At one time, he was pretty much of a normal, decent kind of guy. When he was renting from me, he started flipping out."

"Somebody in the process needed to see that he got help, and I tried my damndest for at least three months, going from agency to agency. People need to know this isn't something that started last week. It started 30 years ago," Jacob continued.

In a press conference on Monday, Capt. Hamilton described Dellis as a "small time marijuana dealer" who may have had suppliers in the Milwaukee area. Dellis had a history of drug and burglary convictions.

On Tuesday, Brown County Medical Examiner Dr. Greg Schmunk reported that Kasee's body showed no signs of sexual assault. A laboratory was checking fingerprints found on the chainsaw with Dellis'.

On Wednesday, in a bizarre twist to the case, bartenders at the Coyote Roadhouse in Baileys Harbor reported calling the police on Tuesday evening when a man matching Dellis' description showed up, asking for cigarettes. Deputies questioned the man, but released him after he showed them a social security card and video membership, neither of which had a picture for identification. Police now believe this was Dellis. His abandoned BMW was found by nearby Kangaroo Lake, less than a mile away.

David Dellis was a frequent visitor to Green Bay gay bars, Club Cheeks coowner Lecia Sams told In Step Newsmagazine. "He would come in here after going to Brandy's and Napalese (two predominantly male gay bars in the area.) I never waited on him myself, and I don't think the staff knew him real well," Sams said.

Calls to two Sturgeon Bay gayowned businesses to discuss community reaction to this unsettling crime yielded similar responses.

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pedophilia, not homosexuality," one of the owners of Chadwick Inn told In Step.

"The gay part of this story has not been very publicized. We aren't even sure that it is a gay story, though I've heard that it is a gay man involved. It's really sensational, I mean, anytime someone is cut up with a chainsaw. People are glued to the newscasts. But as for negative comments or backlash against gays, no I haven't seen that," she said.

Darrin, one of the owners of Chanticleer (Bed & Breakfast) echoed these sentiments, "Gay is not played up at all. Everyone is waiting to find out what really happened and why. The press says Dellis and the boy were long time friends, but that is all."

As for his neighbors, he states, "They're terrific. Good people. We haven't heard any kind of anti-gay statements about this."

Dellis was captured on Friday. Reports indicate he told investigators that he hid out in the basement of Jack and Patricia Bacon. He later tied them up and stole their vehicle in an attempt to escape the area. He was later apprehended.

The facts that remain are that Dave Dellis is associated with the gay community; he had been friends with Kasee for two years; he has a history of both mental illness and criminal behavior; and a young boy is dead, his body disposed of in a hideous manner. It will remain to be seen how carefully the press and police alike can maneuver through these facts in search of the truth, without conjuring specters from the past linking homosexuality with mental illness and homicide.

Increase in City AIDS Funds Sustained by Mayor Norquist

By Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — The \$50,000 increase in AIDS funds adopted by the Milwaukee Common Council in early November survived Mayor John Norquist's veto pen unscathed, but the city is proposing a new competitive bidding process to determine which AIDS groups or health clinics will receive those and other AIDS funds.

In the final budget the city has allocated, for the third year running, a \$69,200 grant to go directly to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). Another \$190,000, as in previous years, will be shared among six groups providing AIDS education and services. The additional \$50,000, won with a budget amendment this year, will most likely be added to that larger pool of funds and be distributed to several organizations, according to Health Commissioner Paul Nannis.

MAP lobbied hard for the \$50,000 increase, and a footnote to the budget amendment indicates the money is intended for MAP. Mayor Norquist vetoed that footnote, but an opinion from the City Attorney stated that neither Norquist's veto nor the footnote itself will have any bearing on how the funds are actually disbursed.

Commissioner Nannis convened a meeting of representatives of the city's various AIDS service providers on November 22 and announced the city plans to establish a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to determine how the total of \$240,000 will be allocated. This is the first time the city has used a competitive bidding process for AIDS funds, but it would not be alone in doing so. Federal Ryan White CARE Act funds are disbursed in this way.

Because it will take awhile to design the criteria for bestowing grants and to gather an impartial panel to make the choices necessary, Nannis told In Step the six groups which have traditionally received money will continue to receive the same level of funds for the next six months. The new \$50,000 will likely be held in reserve until the RFP is initiated, he said.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP, expressed reservations about the competitive bidding process and, when he spoke to In Step Newsmagazine on November 25, was under the impression the \$50,000 was still likely to be given to MAP. Nevertheless, he said he looked forward to working cooperatively, as MAP has done for the past three years, with the other five community-based organizations in sharing the \$190,000. Those organizations are: United Migrant Opportunity Services, the Indian Health Board, Planned Parenthood, STD Specialties and the Institute for Child and Family Development.

Two smaller AIDS service groups, the Brady East STD Clinic and the Saint Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, sent letters to Norquist thanking him for the extra \$50,000 allocation and his plan for an RFP.

"This process allows the widest possible number of service organizations to assess both need and their ability to provide service at a reasonable cost," BESTD Clinic President Ross Walker wrote. "The Milwaukee Health Department, consistent with their historic collaborative style, can then allocate funds where gaps really exist and the most clients are served for each dollar spent."

"There are many capable AIDS/HIV service providers in Milwaukee and this process will give smaller and less well known groups the opportunity to apply for funding in an equitable manner," Walker wrote.

These developments in municipal AIDS funding occurred as *In Step* was going to press. Future issues will provide more details and community response.

National & World News

'Creating Change' Conference Gathers Activists From Around Country

by Christopher Krimmer of the In Step Staff

Alexandria, VA - In the wake of the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act and defeat of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the re-election of President Clinton and the Supreme Court defeat of Colorado's Amendment 2, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (g/l/b/t) activists gathered from around the country to plan strategy and actions that will guide the gay movement for the upcoming year.

More than 2,000 people attended the conference, including representatives from nine foreign countries and each of the fifty states. The broad selection of workshops offered to the attendees was diverse enough to make the whole "family" happy. Here is just a tiny sampling: Queer Youth Advocacy; Mobilizing Straight Allies; Creating a Gender Blind Society; Biblical Self-Defense; Anti-Gay Violence; God, CNN and You; Leather Issues Update; Becoming a Better Leader; The State of AIDS Activism; Hate in the Heartland; Creating Families; and Transgender People and Politics.

Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) kicked off the conference with a speech that was slightly controversial with some of the conference attendees. Frank advocated that in order for gays and lesbians to be accepted, gays and lesbians must attempt to assimilate into the larger culture.

He blames the media for focusing only on the extremities of in the movement. Frank also spoke of the need for all gays and lesbians to "come out of the closet."

By doing so, asserted Frank, mainstream society can see that most gays and lesbians are just like them. Frank stated he wants heterosexuals to realize that gay men and lesbians are everyday people who are likely coworkers, neighbors, friends and relatives. He believes that the true path to equality will be won by focusing on our similarities with the mainstream, not by stressing our differences.

Frank considers the 1963 Civil Rights March an excellent example for our movement. "It was a magnificent example of discipline," Frank explained, "The march was successful because it censored the most confrontational ingredients of the speeches."

Frank asserted that all the speakers at that march wore



suits and ties and were not afraid to say what was right, yet remaining politically correct.

Frank claimed the same is not true for the 1993 Gay and Lesbian March stating, "We were undisciplined and it hurt our credibility."

He believes that the relationship President Kennedy had with the African-Americans in the 1960s parallels the relationship President Clinton has with gays and lesbians in the 1990s.

"If we want to succeed we need to follow their example." Frank said, "They were right and we were wrong in 1993."

While many at the conference disagreed with Frank on those points, he did receive a more favorable response from the audience when he criticized the Republican party.

He started off with the appropriations committee, questioning the legitimacy of the nation's defense spending and asking, "How is it that the Pentagon received \$17 billion more than what they asked for in their budget, yet we cannot boost AIDS funding for research, prevention and medication?"

He added, "The United States' number one enemy is still Russia ... and Russia can't win the war against Chechnya. Chechnya would lose against California!"

Frank stated he believes that Republicans overspend on the military for a fear that is just not real. Frank does, however, agree with one of the policies advocated by Republicans.

"Republicans want us to concede and follow what big business does. I'll agree that we should grant federal employees the same package of rights that big businesses give to their employees. IBM, Apple, and Disneyland are big businesses, right?"

While some large corporations do provide same-sex partnership benefits, Frank later qualified his statement by adding that the problem with looking to the private sector for guidance is that the private sector doesn't care about human values as much as it does about productivity.

A person who takes a more progressive approach to most of these issues was Carmen Vazquez. A self-described Butch-Puerto-Rican-Socialist. She is the Director of Public Policy at the New York Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and the co-director of Promote the Vote.

She spoke at the conference about her view for the future of the gay and lesbian movement.

Vazquez emphasized the need for gay and lesbian movement to embrace everyone. She asserts that we can't have queer liberation without addressing racism, welfare, immigration, poverty and health care.

"We cannot exclude all of these people because queers are immigrants. Queers are African-Americans. Queers are poor."

"We no longer will give money to those politicians who take it and then turn around and slap us in the face."

-CARMEN VAZQUEZ

Vazquez stated, "To abandon these other people is to abandon ourselves. We truly are everywhere."

She wants gays and lesbians to establish an optimistic plan for the year 2001. Her plan targets the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, enactment the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the repeal any remaining sodomy laws, a fight for universal health care and campaign reform.

"We no longer will give money to those politicians who take it and then turn around and slap us in the face," Vazquez said, "No longer shall we settle for anything less than what equality demands."

What would a gay and lesbian conference be without a protest of some sort? Creating Change was no exception. But this time the protest was not from the Christian Right but from members of our own community. Many of the bisexual



-Carmen Vazquez, Phota: Christopher Krimmer

and transgender attendees felt that their issues were being excluded from the workshops and discussions.

Minutes before Carmen Vazquez's speech, roughly two hundred people stood in front of the speaker's podium with signs that read "and Transgender and Bisexual." The signs were to signify that if the gay and lesbian movement was truly going to be inclusive, it must take into account bisexuals and transgender people.

In the more quiet times of the conference, people could view the photography exhibit "Love Makes a Family." The photographs depicted the images and voices of gay and lesbian families. This was the same exhibit which sparked controversy at a public school in Madison earlier this year. Once done with the exhibit, attendees could wander about the vendors and representatives of local, state, and national queer organizations located throughout the convention wing of the hotel.

NGLTF also sponsored a dance for all conference participants. The dance lasted just long enough for those few "Energizer Bunny-types" to catch a shuttle to Washington D.C.'s night life to party the rest of the night away.

Seven 1996 Creating Change awards were presented to individuals and organizations that have changed their communities for the better. Awards were presented to D.C. Gay and Lesbian Black Pride, Inc., for launching black pride events around the country; Ninia Baehr and Genora Dancel,

co-plaintiffs in the Hawaii marriage case; International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission for its ground breaking work on behalf of human rights for gays worldwide, including in South Africa and at the Beijing Women's Conference; Lani Ka'ahumanu, long- time bisexual community organizer and leader; Jonathan Katz, author of the landmark "Gay American History," now celebrating it's 20th anniversary; National Campaign

For Freedom of Expression for its anticensorship efforts; and the Utah Human Rights Coalition for its work on behalf on g/l/b/t youth and civil rights deep in the heart of Mormon country.

Next year's conference will be held in San Diego and promises to be the largest and best conference to date. If you want to learn more about it contact Sue Hyde at NGLTF at (617) 492-6393.

Evelyn Hooker, Pioneer Researcher on Gays, Dies at 89

by Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Santa Monica, CA - Dr. Evelyn Hooker, whose pioneering research on homosexuality in the 1950's contributed to the de-classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, died in her Santa Monica home November 18. She was 89.

Born in Nebraska in 1907, Evelyn Gentry received bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins. A visit to Germany in the 1930's where she witnessed the rise of Naziism bred in Dr. Hooker (her married name) a commitment to "correct social injustice."

Hooker taught at UCLA from 1939 to her retirement in 1970. While living in Los Angeles in the 1940's, she became acquainted with several gay men. Homosexuals at that time were classified as both criminal and mentally ill. Her warm friendships with gay men caused Hooker to think about this negative perception, and some of her gay friends asked her to turn her research skills toward exploring homosexuality.

Hooker soon embarked on a study that became a revolutionary milestone in the road to gay liberation. The outcome of the study, called "The Adjustment of the Overt Male Homosexual," suggested that there were

no measurable psychological differences between homosexual and heterosexual men. Hooker's results, greeted by both controversy and acclaim, were presented to the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1956 and were published in the Journal of Projective Techniques.

In her study, Dr. Hooker gave three standard personality tests, including the Rorschach ink-blot test, to two groups of men who were of similar age, IQ's and educational attainments. The only difference between the two groups is that one was comprised of self-identified homosexual men, the other of heterosexual men.

Hooker then gave the test results to a panel of experts who were not told the sexual orientation of the individuals involved. When the assessments were completed, the expert clinicians found

"[Hooker's] revolutionary study supported the radical idea then emerging that homosexuality is within the normal range of human behavior."

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no major differences in mental health and social adjustment between men who were gay and men who were straight.

Hooker's conclusion from this experiment, which was radical for its time, was that "many of the homosexuals were very well adjusted. In fact, the three judges agreed on two-thirds of the group as being average to superior in adjustment. Not only do all homosexuals not have strong feminine identification, nor are they all 'somewhat paranoid,' but, according to the judges, some may not be characterized by any demonstrable pathology."



Her work was criticized at the time, in part, because Dr. Hooker drew many of her homosexual subjects from the ranks of, and from the friendship network surrounding, the Mattachine Society, the early gay organization. But 36 years after she presented her findings, the APA gave an award to Hooker, saying, "This revolutionary study provided empirical evidence that normal homosexuals existed and supported the radical idea then emerging that homosexuality is within the normal range of human behavior."

Hooker was aware of the impact of her work. For many years, she would be approached on the street by gays and lesbians thanking her for her research and saying how it had changed their lives. One lesbian, confined to a mental institution because of her sexual orientation, was spared the horror of electroshock therapy because her psychiatrist had read Dr. Hooker's study.

"I know that wherever I go, there are men and women for whom my little bit of work and my caring enough to do it has made an enormous difference in their lives," she said.

Dr. Hooker is the subject of a documentary called "Changing Our Minds," available at some video stores.

Churches Continue to Struggle with Homosexuality

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Philadelphia, PA — As Christians around the world drew nearer to celebrating the Christmas season, organized churches increasingly showed the continuing difficulties they have with accepting gays and lesbians.

In Watervliet, Michigan, Don Campbell, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, told two openly gay members of his congregation - Kip Thumm and Roberto Torres - that they "are not welcome here anymore" because they are homosexual.

Thumm, a third generation member of the church, said "They'll have to arrest me to keep me out of there."

Meanwhile, in Medina, Ohio, the Church of the Brethren brought in local police to bar Debi Easterday admission to the church. Earlier this year Easterday married her partner, Paul Smith, who is a pre-operative male-to-female transsexual.

Church leaders said that Easterday's attempt to legally marry Smith, who would after the transsexual operation become her lesbian partner, was "mocking God."

In Pennsylvania, however, the state's Episcopal Diocese has voted overwhelmingly to ask the denomination to establish a "rite or rites for the blessing of committed relationships between persons of the same sex."

The request will now be submitted to the general-convention of the Episcopal Church for approval at its July meeting.

Meanwhile, in Great Britain, more than 40 Church of England congregations will hold a "national day of prayer and fasting" to protest ceremonies at the Southwark Cathedral commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, a lay church group. Anglican opponents of holding the observance in the cathedral itself have said the celebration service would be recognizing "evil acts" instead of "condemning sin."

Southwark's provost, the Very Rev. Colin Slee, who authorized the celebration at the cathedral, however, said the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement represents "sincere Christians who should be welcomed into the church."

Partners of British Train Employees Get Ist Travel Benefits

London — The partners of gay and lesbian workers at Great Western Trains will become the first in Great Britain to receive the same free travel benefits that

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Tie-on Condom Invented

Stockhom, Sweden — Swedish entrepreneur Hans Backman is looking for financial backing for a new product — a tie-on condom designed to avoid embarrassing fumbling. Backman, 47, says the loose-fitting condom secured with the aid of two elasticated bands is better than a traditional condom which could become punctured by a finger-nail. Backman said he had already invested more than \$120,000 on patents and development but now needed up to \$900,000 to produce the condoms.

Lesbian Ordered Out Of Ohio Church

Akron, OH — A lesbian married to a male transsexual was escorted off her church's property by police, and church leaders told her not to come back because she "remains unrepentant and seeks to mock God." Debi Easterday was not allowed inside the Medina Church of the Brethren and police warned that she could face trespassing charges if she returns to the church she attended for four years but never formally joined.

ER Character Living with HIV

Hollywood, CA — The HIV-positive character Jeanie Boulet on NBC's "ER," played by Gloria Reuben, is breaking new ground for prime time television by continuing her normal routine despite her infection. While other dramatic series have introduced AIDS story lines, the infected characters have typically become ill quickly. "ER" coexecutive producer Carol Flint noted, "That's not what we wanted. And it's turned out that our intentions are supported by what's going on right now in HIV treatment." NBC and Warner Bros. say no complaints have been filed about Reuben's character.

most British rail companies extend to the spouses of their married employees, the company has announced.

Earlier this year, a lesbian working at South West Trains filed a discrimination complaint with a British industrial tribunal over the company's refusal to give her female partner the same rail travel benefits it routinely extends to the legal or common-law spouses of its other workers. That case has been referred to the European Court of Justice.

In May, the French national rail authority, SNCF, announced it was extending the same 25 percent discount travel benefits it gives married couples to same-sex couples riding the French train system.

Great Western Trains, one of the firms taking over parts of the government-run British Rail system in the nation's move toward privatization, is the first in the United Kingdom to extend travel benefits to the partners of its same-sex workers.

Illinois Gov. Signs Executive Order Barring Bias

Springfield, IL — With little publicity, Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar has signed an executive order barring state agencies from discriminating in hiring, promotion or firing based on marital status, physical stature or sexual orientation.

Two years ago a proposed anti-bias bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the state passed one house of the Illinois legislature, but failed even to come to a floor vote in the other.

Some rights activists say Gov. Edgar's move sets the stage now for a new push for a state law.

San Francisco Officials Set Up Home Monitoring Program for Protease Patients

San Francisco, CA — San Francisco health officials are setting up a pioneering program sending health care workers into the homes of people with HIV/AIDS to help assure they are properly taking the new class of anti-HIV drugs known as protease inhibitors.

The new "home protease outreach program" is, health department officials say, an effort to assure that patients who have been given the new drugs taken them regularly and exactly as prescribed.

To be effective the expensive new anti-viral drugs must be



taken at regular intervals and in the exact dosages prescribed or risk the virus developing a resistance.

City health officials said the new program is aimed at helping patients set up schedules, logs and "medication kits" to make sure the drugs are taken as indicated without fail. Ultimately, health officials said, the voluntary program is aimed at saving money as well as lives by helping assure that the potentially life-saving medications are being properly taken.

Online Web Site for Medicinal Marijuana

Berkeley, CA — Berkeley police haven't decided what to do about a WorldWide Web site on the Internet that lets the ill or disabled order marijuana on line.

In the Nov. 5 election, California voters approved a ballot measure making the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes with a doctor's permission legal.

Now, the Berkeley Prescription Cannabis Growers and Buyers Club has, as it's temporary director says, "come out of the closet after a 10 year period in hiding."

Berkeley police say that what the club is doing is clearly illegal - possession and sale of marijuana remain felonies - but said city law enforcement officials had "a lot of other things to do" of greater importance than trying to arrest high-tech pot sellers. The Berkeley online pot group says it wants to work in the spirit of the new law so it doesn't want anyone ordering marijuana without proper authorization.

HIV Suit Against Prodigy Dismissed

New York, NY — U.S. District Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor had dismissed a lawsuit filed by an unidentified subscriber of Prodigy Services Co. who had charged that the computer online giant was responsible for her HIV infection from a Prodigy employee she met while using the service.

In dismissing the woman's suit, Judge Sotomayor say the worker's failure to tell the woman he was HIV positive was beyond Prodigy's responsibilities.

Clinton's Cabinet: Shalala In; Fleming Out

Washington, DC — Patricia Fleming, the U.S. AIDS policy director and so-called "AIDS czar" has said she will quit the post early next year, one of several top Clinton Administration officials who have recently announced their resignations as the president prepared to enter his second term in the White House.

Fleming, who replaced the office's first director, Kristine Gebbie, is credited with helping to boost funding for research, treatment, and HIV prevention programs.

Donna Shalala, Clinton's health and human services secretary, however, has announced that she will be staying on in her post during Clinton's second term in office.

Shalala, the one-time University of Wisconsin chancellor, has generally gotten high marks among health advocates in the country during an era of decreasing federal funds for health and welfare programs.

The day before she announced she would be staying on in the administration, Shalala said in New York that AIDS "vaccine research ought to be at the top of our priority list" during Clinton's second term.

Ist Western Regional Conference on AIDS & African-Americans

Oakland, CA — Fifteen years into the AIDS epidemic with more than a half-million Americans infected, health care workers, educators, religious and community leaders from the African-

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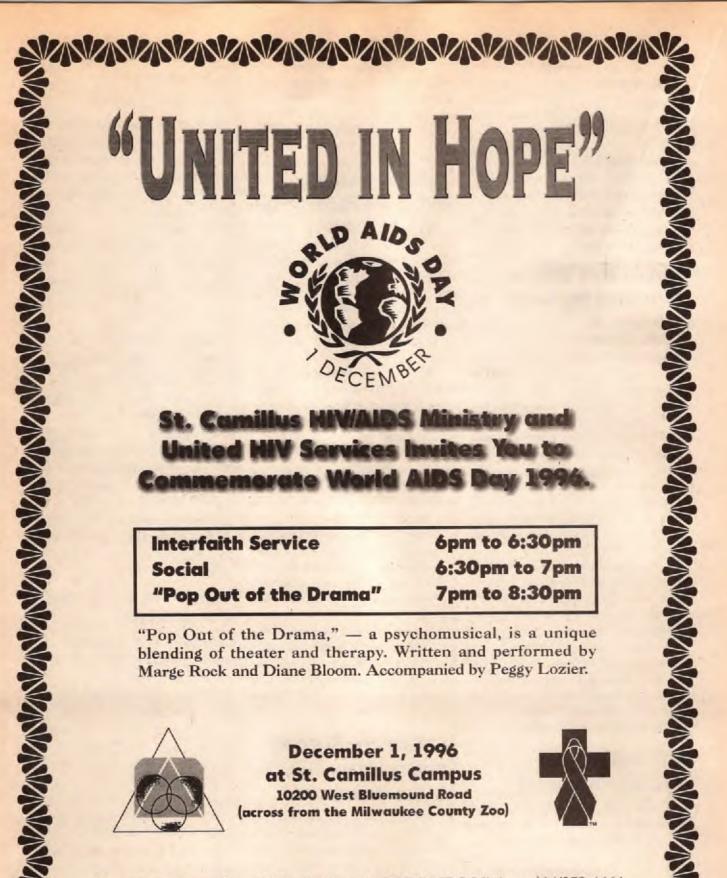
Detroit, MI — Reversing a long trend of intolerance toward gay and lesbian workers, many businesses now are opening their arms and their pocketbooks to them. More than 350 U.S companies now after medical, dental and other benefits to domestic partners of same-sex couples. Dozens more say they are studying the issue, and several have promised to implement benefits within two years. Among the growing list are IBM, Microsoft, Apple Computers, Eastman Kodak, Sun Microsystems, Lotus, Walt Disney, Co., and The Gap.

"Drag" Shows OK'd

Raleigh, NC — Something not being what it seems doesn't necessarily make it unseemly, a judge stated in a ruling in favor of Legends, a gay nightclub in downtown Raleigh. Wake County Superior Court Judge Howard Manning Jr. decided that cross-dressing performances by female impersonators are permissible as long as they aren't lewd. City inspectors had cited Legends for violating a zoning ordinance restricting the concentration of adult establishments in one area, applying the city's classification of male or female impersonations as adult entertainment.

Illinois Gay Conference a Huge Success

Springfield, IL — The first statewide conference on gay and lesbian rights in Illinois attracted more than 75 gay rights activists from throughout the state. Held in the shadow of the state capital, the Out in the Heartland Conference, sponsored by the Illinois Federation For Human Rights, was designed to train and organize gay rights supporters in Illinois. The one-day conference affered workshops on lobbying techniques, how to combat the religious right, and how to organize local communities to support gay rights. The conference also featured a keynote address by Kerry Lobel, the executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.



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American communities in California, Nevada, Washington and Oregon began gathering on Nov. 15 for the first western regional conference on the HIV/AID epidemic among blacks.

Some 26 percent of the 513,486 reported AIDS cases in the U.S. since the epidemic started in 1981 have been African-Americans, an infection rate that is twice the black population in the U.S.

The conference will focus on areas of concern, including how the epidemic is impacting black families, the high HIV infection rate among black inmates, and increasing the involvement of black church leaders in fighting the disease.

Stanford Hosts Nation's 1st University AIDS Sports Event

Palo Alto, CA — When the San Francisco Giants became the first professional sports team in the U.S. to host a fundraising benefit for AIDS education and treatment in 1993, it made national news.

But an equally important breakthrough was achieved during the Nov. 16 football game between Stanford University and Washington State University when host Stanford became the first university sports department to sponsor an AIDS awareness and education event.

The Until There's a Cure Foundation joined the half-time events on field to raise funds and underscore the importance of younger Americans like those attending the game - doing everything they can to keep from getting infected with the virus.

Proceeds from the foundation's fundraising at the game will go to local HIV/AIDS groups, including the Stanford Positive Care Clinic and ARIS of Santa Clara County. Stanford won the game, defeating Washington State 33-17.

Researchers Report African Prostitutes With 'Natural Immunity' to HIV

London — Researchers from Kenya and Canada have reported in the British medical journal Lancer that they have found a group of prostitutes in Nairobi who seem resistant or possibly even naturally immune to HIV infection despite repeated exposure to the virus.

It is the second study to find a group of Africans who seem resistant to HIV. The researchers said the women did not seem to have the same genetic mutation as some Caucasians shown to be resistant to infection reported earlier this year.

Dr. Francis Plummer and colleagues at the University of Manitoba studied 424 prostitutes in Nairobi, Kenya, between 1985 and 1994. All were free of HIV infection at the beginning of the study and during the 10 years they studied the women, 239 became infected.

But 43 never became infected, despite what must have been repeated exposures to the virus, Plummer's group reported in the journal.

"Patience and Sarah" Author Dies at 72

Poughkeepsie, NY — Alma Routsong, who, under the pen name Isabel Miller, wrote the classic lesbian novel "Patience and Sarah," died in October after a long bout with cancer. She was 72. Other books by Miller include "The Love of Good Women," "Side by Side" and "A Dooryard Full of Flowers," all available from Naiad Press.

Florida Baptists Lobby Against Gay Marriages

Lakeland, FL — Declaring that "In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve, not Steve," the state's Baptists decided last Wednesday to lobby for a state law against recognizing gay marriages. As the Florida Baptist Convention wrapped up its three-day annual meeting in Lakeland, arganizers made a point of avoiding last year's headline-making topic, a resolution criticizing the Walt Disney Co. The Southern Baptist Convention, which encompasses 35 state conventions, threatened in June to boycott Disney. Rice said Florida Baptists will continue to express their discontentment with Disney for extending benefits to gay couples and owning a company that produces R-rated movies.

AIDS Researcher Gallo Loses Libel Fight

Paris, France — The French Supreme Court of Appeal has dismissed Robert Gallo's libel and slander lawsuit against the French newspaper Le Monde. Gallo mode the charges against the paper and journalist Frank Nouchi in relation to coverage of the conflict between Gallo and French researcher Luc Montagnier over claims on the discovery of HIV in 1991. The Court ruled that Nouchi's research was "serious and profound," and Gallo was ordered to pay all legal expenses incurred by Le Monde.

High HIV in South Beach

Miami, FL — Education about the risks of AIDS has not led to a decrease in the infection rate among some groups of gay men, posing real challenges for public health workers battling the disease, researchers said last week. William Darrow, a professor at Florida International University in Miami, closely studied gay man living in the southern end of Miami Beach, an area with a high proportion of homosexuals. Of 87 men 18 to 29 years ald enrolled in the study through October, 16.1 percent were infected with the AIDS virus vs. a 38.6 percent rate among those aged 30 and older.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Arlene Zarmbeka

Building The Grassroots Movement

he tremendous success of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement in the ten years since the infamous Hardwick decision has been due, in large part, to the grassroots diffuse egalitarian nature of the movement, which has sprouted even on the most inhospitable ground. From Mississippi to Missouri to Montana, politicians and the public have had to contend with openly Gay Men and Lesbians insisting on their right to life, to love, and to legal equality. Despite the movement's resounding losses at the federal level on the marriage issue this year and the military issue in 1992, the religious right has reason to feel that it is losing the culture war.

Over the next decade, it will be crucial to increase the size of the state and local grassroots movement for three reasons - first, because national victories do not eliminate the need for efforts to change local attitudes; second, because local organizing helps Gay Men and Lesbians gain the courage to crack open the closet door; and third, because the major battlegrounds will be in the state and local arenas.

There's no doubt that passage of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act

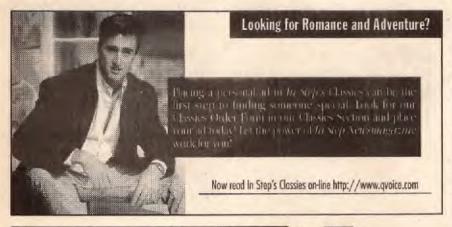
(ENDA) would be an important victory. But even if the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) should be successful in shepherding some version of ENDA through Congress over the next decade, ENDA will provide only legal remedies for those who are victims of discrimination (and, as currently drafted, only for discrimination based on sexual orientation, not for discrimination based on gender identity). ENDA will not, in and of itself, eliminate anti-Gay attitudes. Accordingly, local educational work, often one meeting at a time, is essential to confront and change local attitudes so that there is less prejudice, and therefore less discrimination. based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Local grassroots work helps to build community, which, in turn, helps Gay Men and Lesbians feel safer to be out and proud. ENDA will not mean much for those Gay Men and Lesbians who are still too afraid or too isolated to file complaints when they suffer discrimination due to their sexual orientation. Local organizations can provide the support that is so crucial to those waging an often lengthy legal battle against discrimination.

Development of local organizations is also important because state legislative attacks against Gay men and Lesbians are likely to increase, now that the Supreme Court victory in the Amendment 2 case has put a damper on anti-Gay initiatives. In states where anti-marriage bills have passed, our community is likely to face anti-adoption, anti-foster care, and anti-custody bills, as the right wing continues its assault on Gay and Lesbian families. Those states that did not pass anti-marriage bills this year may face renewed battle over that issue in 1997. These battles over Gay and Lesbian family issues will be won or lost on the strength of local and statewide groups. National organizations cannot have any appreciable impact on the legislatures in Mississippi, Missouri, or Montana.

The primary role that national organizations can play (and have played) in these critical state and local battles is that of resource. Detailed and accurate briefing materials on various issues prepared by national organizations are of tremendous help to local groups, which can modify them to fit their own situations. National organizations also can act as a clearinghouse, to help local groups learn what strategies have worked and what have failed in other states. The Creating Change Conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), has helped many an activist gain new skills and organizing ideas.

National organizations also can encourage local creativity and activism, not attempt to corral it. An excellent example of this occurred in 1989, when NGLTF announced a National Day of Mourning for Privacy Rights, to take place on the third anniversary of the



Hardwick decision. NGLTF did not try to dictate what each local group should do, but instead encouraged groups to come up with their own strategies. In St. Louis, for example, the Privacy Rights Education Project (PREP) used the occasion to hold a press conference and rally to kick off its campaign to repeal Missouri's sexual misconduct law.

To strengthen local organizations will, however, require change in how national organizations relate to the hinterlands in terms of fund-raising. National groups should do joint fundraising with local organizations. Most local groups maintain a precarious existence, in significant part because of lack of funding.

It's time for the HRC to end its practice of planning high-ticket fund-raising dinners throughout the country for HRC's benefit and failing to do such dinners jointly with local organizations. These dinners suck tens of thousands of dollars out of local communities into HRC's coffers in D.C. Joint fundraising dinners would allow HRC to raise money for itself, while also allowing the local organization that is co-hosting the event to raise money. Joint dinners will increase the visibility and membership of both HRC and the local organization.

Likewise, when Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund sends out fund-raising letters regarding its work on the marriage issue, these letters should be joint fundraising letters with the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project. HERMP, after all, is the group whose lonely, but successful, legal efforts in the early '90s, brought the marriage issue to national attention, without the support of any national organization.

The financial stability and health of our local groups are as critical as that of our national organizations. Without viable local and state political groups, we will lack the capacity to implement whatever victories that may be won at the national level.



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Group Notes

PrideFest in '97 to Remain at Summerfest Grounds

Milwaukee — PrideFest, Wisconsin's Lesbigay pride festival will return to the Henry W. Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds) on June 6, 7 and 8 in 1997. The Board of Directors of Milwaukee World Festivals approved the festival's return to the park during a meeting on November 14, 1996.

"We couldn't be more excited to bring the festival back to the Summerfest grounds," says PrideFest Co-Director Mike Hall.

"We couldn't ask for a better bunch of people to work with down at the festival grounds," says PrideFest Marketing Director David Todd. "Everyone at World Festivals is so supportive and makes putting on a great festival for our community just that much easier to do."

PrideFest also announced the theme for 1997: "Sharing a World of Difference."

"The entire council voted unanimously to adopt this year's theme. Everyone saw how important it was to stand behind a message that was inclusive of our whole community, not to mention universal in its meaning." says Susan Cook, PrideFest Co-Director.

PrideFest is also announced the addition of Jill Clark to the PrideFest council. Clark will be the entertainment coordinator for this year's festival. Clark has years of experience working with festivals in both Racine and Appleton doing everything from development to performing.

LGBT Community Center Project Schedules Town Meeting

Milwaukee — A town meeting for the LGBT Community Center will be held on December 8th at the UW-M Union, Room E-280 at 8pm. Representatives of each working committee will be on hand to give updates of the progress thus far on the Center planning.

All members of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community and their supporters are welcomed to attend, to become involved, to volunteer for committees.

For further information you may write: Community Center, P.O. Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0722, or call: 414-438-4710.

Alternative Business Association to Publish Resource Guide

Milwaukee — The Alternative Business Association (ABA) announced it will publish a resource guide for the greater Milwaukee area in the beginning of 1997. It will comprise listings of all gay, lesbian and gay friendly business' in the greater Milwaukee area as well as the various organization also here. Ten thousand copies of the guide will be available for distribution to local business,' bars and special events.

The ABA hopes to include as many area businesses and organizations in it's listing as possible. Anyone wanting a listing or if you know of a business or organization that would like to be listed, contact the ABA before December 31,1996. For more information please contact us at A.B.A., P.O. Box 65, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or by phone 414-389-1200.

Holiday Food Baskets Needed for Families Affected by HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — The holiday season is a time to enjoy with family, friends and others. As many celebrate, however, there are those less fortunate who either are related to someone, or themselves are, infected with HIV/AIDS, a very costly disease.

Throughout the year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Food Pantry supplies food to families affected by HIV/AIDS. This is the fifth year MAP is sponsoring a Winter Holiday Food Basket program through its food pantry during this special time of year.

To donate a food basket, call the MAP Holiday Line at 414-225-1622 by December 6 to sign up. MAP will send you a menu of food ideas for the family size you have selected and will deliver the food basket once it is completed.

As you plan and shop for your holiday meals, please consider preparing a food basket. Another family will be thankful for you generosity and kind offering.

MAP to Unveil New Dental Clinic at Community Open House on Dec. 2

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) announced it will recognize World AIDS Day

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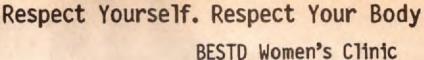


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by hosting a community open house from 4 pm to 7 pm at 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, on Monday, December 2 when it will unveil the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new HIV Dental Clinic, which will treat HIV positive adults including those with little or no ability to pay for services.

"The MAP Dental Clinic will become the first exclusively HIV community," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the ARCW. "In its first year, we expect more than 500 individuals will use the Dental Clinic."





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Nelson said that the need for the clinic became acute with the closure of Doyne Hospital where many HIV/AIDS patients received dental care. The MAP HIV Dental Clinic is another expansion of health care services provided by MAP.

Other health care services offered confidentially, with most at no charge, to people with HIV through MAP include: early intervention (assistance to individuals with HIV who are not experiencing many symptoms of the disease but need to have their immune system regularly monitored for changes); therapies to reduce pain and stress such as massage, acupuncture and chiropractic care; physician referral; mental health counselling; and health education on how to better manage living with HIV/AIDS. MAP also offers free and anonymous HIV testing.

"We are determined to keep MAP services convenient," said Nelson. "With one visit to MAP, clients can access a dentist, a nurse, a housing advocate and a case manager. We want to assure high quality and convenient care."

Survival Revival to Mark World AIDS Day on December 1st

Milwaukee - World AIDS Day was celebrated in 1994 with the opening of the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) resale shop Survival/Revival. In honor of the store's second anniversary and World AIDS Day, Survival/Revival will celebrate by offering specials, a variety of new items and free cake.

All of the items found in the shop, located at 246 E. Chicago Street, in the Historic Third Ward, are donated from caring individuals within the community, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit MAP.

Customers frequenting Survival/ Revival are as different as the many items that can be found at the resale shop. There is the Generation X crowd, antique dealers, low income individuals and the average shopper, all looking for great deals on items which include, but are not limited to: clothes, furniture, fur and leather coats, artwork, collectible items, books, records, shoes, appliances, dishes and much more.

In its first two years of existence, Survival/Revival has exceeded all goals, showing not only the success of the store but the positive benefits for many MAP programs. Hours of operation are Sundays 12 noon to 5 pm; closed Mondays; Tuesdays through Fridays 10 am to 6 pm; Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm. In honor of World AIDS Day, visit Survival/Revival on Tuesday, December 3 and mention this article to receive an extra 25 percent off any items purchased.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time at the store or donating any items should call Survival/Revival at 414-291-2856 during store hours.

MAP is a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW). ARCW is the Midwest's largest private, non-profit health and social service agency that works to confront and alleviate the effects of HIV disease in Wisconsin.

The ARCW is dedicated to the fight against the worsening AIDS epidemic through prevention, care, research and advocacy. For information on AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDSLine at 800-334-AIDS.

MAP presents GALA **Holiday Fete**

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) invites you to attend their winter benefit. The Gala Holiday Fete will be Tuesday,

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December 3, 1996, at the Milwaukee Center Arboretum and The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Powerhouse Theater, 108 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee.

'Tis the season to join in the festivities as Skyy Vodka, Miller Brewing Company and Capitol Husting present the spirits while some of Milwaukee's finest restaurants, caterers and chefs provide and appetizing taste of their fare. The Milwaukee Repertory Theater will also entertain with their hilarious production of "Inspecting Carol."

The evening begins at 6 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Following the performance of "Inspecting Carol," coffee and desserts will be served.

Ticket prices for the evening are \$100 and \$75 per person and are available through the Milwaukee Repertory's box office or by phone at 414-224-9490. For more information, call Jim Moore at 414-225-1549. Your ticket also includes participation in a raffle drawing for a theater weekend on Broadway in New York City.

All proceeds to benefit the education, research and advocacy programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW).Resource guide to be published at the beginning of 1997.

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Entries of any length, format and genre are accepted by the Festival. The deadline for entries is February 10th, 1997. For an application and festival guidelines, please write or fax to Frameline (Festival Entry), 346 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Fax: 415-861-1404/ Tel: 415-703-8650.

Eau Claire Groups Join to Commemorate World AIDS Day

Eau Claire - The Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project has collaborated with the Eau Claire Chapter of the American Red Cross and Youth Ministries- Diocese of LaCrosse to present to the community an interfaith service of remembrance and hope for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The service will begin at 7 pm on Sunday, December 1, 1996 at the Ecumenical Religious Center on the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Campus at 110 Garfield Avenue. Eau Claire. The service is being planned and officiated by Reverend Sandee Kosmo-Christoffersen, Peace United Church of Christ, Fall Creek and St. Johns U.C.C., Humbird, Dennis Kurtz, Member of Wisconsin Conference of Churches HIV/AIDS Task Force and Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of LaCrosse and Reverend Linda Bunyard, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Eau Claire.

Individuals are encouraged to bring pictures or memorabilia of loved ones whom they have lost to AIDS to display on a remembrance table. All Faiths/Individuals are welcome and encouraged to participate in this service to draw public attention to the AIDS Pandemic.

Public Access Television/Cable 11 will be airing two halfhour HIV/AIDS related videos titled, What Begins With "A:, and Teen AIDS and Focus, from 1 pm to 2 pm on Sunday, December 1, 1996. Teen Peer Educators will be available to area youth during this time at 715-836-7710 or 1-800-750-2437 to answer questions about HIV/AIDS and local services. If there are questions or more information needed please do not hesitate to contact me at 715-836-7710 or 1-800-750-2437. Thank you for helping us increase our communities awareness of HIV/AIDS.



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Health News

Grim Economic Wrinkles in AIDS Fight Lottery to Decide Who Gets News Drugs, Who Doesn't

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Jefferson City, MO - In December, an official with the Missouri health department will punch some keys on a computer which will print out 132 random numbers. Each number will be the key indicating to people with AIDS throughout the state who will be eligible for government-funded drugs that could mean the difference between life and death.

Confronted with more people wanting the costly new protease inhibitors than the state's AIDS budget can afford, Missouri's lottery will be the first in the country to decide who will get the expensive - and potentially life-saving - medication.

Protease inhibitors - in use for less than a year - combined with older drugs like AZT can reduce the amount of HIV in

many patients' blood to virtually undetectable levels, and prolong their lives.

While physicians and researchers still say there are too many unknowns about the news drugs to pronounce it an effective "cure" for the disease, many people with AIDS who have been taking protease inhibitors are rising from sickbeds, leaving hospitals, regain-

ing lost weight and energy, and beginning new lives - a phenomenon that's already being dubbed the "Lazarus syndrome."

But protease inhibitors came on the scene so quickly - in large part because of accelerated federal drug approval procedures - that AIDS agencies in many states have had little or no chance to budget adequately for them. When the Washington state health department's AIDS Drug Assistance Program quickly began paying for the pricey new medications at the beginning of this year, it quickly found itself facing bankruptcy because so many patients saw the protease inhibitors are their way out of what they believed was an almost certain death sentence.

A year's supply of one of the three protease inhibitors available, along with the two other drugs typically given with it, can cost between \$12,000 and \$16,000 per person.

The expense has forced several states to ration protease

inhibitors and other AIDS medications for people not covered by private insurance or Medicaid.

Missouri has set aside about \$1.3 million for a year of protease inhibitor therapy and will provide \$10,000 to each of the 132 persons who will be selected in the December lottery. Because costs per person easily can exceed that amount, health department officials are trying to negotiate discounts with pharmaceutical companies for the drugs.

Other states have taken different approaches.

Indiana, South Carolina and Vermont are putting patients on waiting lists. Kentucky has established strict medical guidelines for accepting AIDS patients to receive the new drugs. Illinois has tightened income restrictions, narrowing the number of patients eligible to get the state-subsidized protease inhibitors. Montana and the District of Columbia have simply temporarily closed enrollments for the govern-

ment-funded drugs.

Florida has decided not to distribute protease inhibitors to anyone at all because health officials there feared sufficient funds will not be available to adequately fund the treatment at any significant level. While in California, the legislature voted to augment the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) funds so it could cover the costs of protease inhibitors, increasing the ADAP budget from \$17.5 million to \$36.9 mil-

lion. Even so, without the additional federal funds the program would have run out of money by February because so many people want to take the new drugs, AIDS care workers in the state say.

Kansas has not refused protease inhibitors to any of the 133 people enrolled in its government-funded drug assistance program. But the state has put a cap of \$4,000 on the drug expenses for each patient from now until March 31, when the next infusion of federal money through the Ryan White CARE Act is due.

Kansas officials acknowledge that \$4,000 is not enough to cover protease inhibitor therapy for the entire period, and parients taking the drugs will have to seek the rest of the money to pay for the medicines elsewhere.

"The alternative is just to run out of money some time this year and the whole program shuts down," said Sally



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Finney Brazier, director of Kansas AIDS. "The cap gives clients the advantage of knowing how much they're dealing with so they can plan. It gives them more notice than they might have in other states."

Fifteen states that had initially been covering protease inhibitors are now expected to run out of money before the next federal Ryan White appropriation begins adding new money to state coffers, according to a survey released in September by the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors.

"This is like a train wreck aboard the Titanic," said Gary Rose, treatment and research coordinator of the AIDS Action Council, an advocacy and lobbying group in Washington D.C. "I sit here every day hanging my head, looking for some solution that is fair across the board. Right now, I can't find it anywhere."

The federal government has appropriated an extra \$115 million for drug assistance through Ryan White programs next year. But that is less than half of the \$266 million in additional federal and state money that experts estimate will be needed to provide protease inhibitors to thousands of uninsured Americans.

The AIDS Action Council and other AIDS organizations blame manufacturers of the protease inhibitors, saying they are charging too much. Wholesale prices are about \$4,500 to \$7,000 for a year's supply of the medicines.

But the manufacturers counter that their prices are based on the high cost of developing and manufacturing these drugs. Merck & Co. Inc. conducted 10 years of AIDS research before it was able to bring its protease inhibitor Crixivan to market, according to company spokesman Michael Seggev.

"We had to build two new factories," Seggev said. "It was a rather substantial investment."

Merck also provides Crixivan free to about 5,300 AIDS patients around the country who meet certain income guidelines, Seggev said. The other manufacturers have similar "compassionate care" programs.

But how funding should be spent isn't always as clear-cut as it might seem at first because of the complex "economic ecology" of the AIDS epidemic and continuing unknowns about the long-term impact of the protease inhibitors.

Many AIDS activists argue that as much funding as possible should be diverted to assuring that as many patients as possible get the new drugs, saving as many lives as possible.

Others, however, are less certain this rush to put everyone infected with HIV on the new drugs is an economically feasible course of action at a time when health care budgets are strained almost to snapping points.

No one, for example, knows anything about the longterm effectiveness of the protease inhibitors in fighting the virus. In the short-term, the drugs have a dramatic effect in reducing viral levels in many patients and repairing their immune systems. But HIV has proven to be a wily microbe that has successfully evaded long-range treatment in the past and it may yet prove itself able to elude treatment with the new drugs as well.

Moreover, the dilemma confronting policy makers as the AIDS epidemic changes course is that with this new class of expensive drugs drastically improving the health of many people with AIDS, pressure is building to make them as widely available as possible - even as those taking them live longer and so require more primary care services.

"Over the long-term, the success we're having with these drugs is greatly changing the demand for other kinds of services," said Steve Morin, an aide to Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) who spearheaded the request for more federal funding for the new medicines.

But Morin and other policy makers agree that neither the federal government nor most states can shift already strained funds as quickly as treatment developments in the epidemic have suddenly required.

That rapid shift in the battle against HIV, most agree, is what nearly forced Washington state's HIV drug treatment program to the verge of bankruptcy and has now led to tightened eligibility requirements, closed enrollments, and in Missouri, a lottery to determine which 132 patients out of potentially several thousand people with HIV in the state will get the medications that may well save their lives.



PERFORMANCE REVIEW

by Jamakaya

Madison's Lesbian Variety Show Weekend Packed with Fun

'm filing this report just hours after returning home to Milwaukee after participating in Madison's 11th annual Lesbian Variety Show (LVS) weekend, produced, as always, by Kissing Girls Productions.

It was a blast, but has left me quite exhausted - in the best kind of way. There was so much to see and do, so many old friends to catch up with, so many musicians, artists and comedians to enjoy...whew! Partly because I'm pooped and because of an immediate deadline, this isn't a comprehensive

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review of the whole weekend but rather the subjective meanderings of a veteran LVS-goer.

My overall impression of this year's event was how institutionalized it's become. And, again, I mean that in the best possible way. Beginning 11 years back with one evening of fairly uneven entertainment, the LVS has expanded into an entire weekend of cultural events and amusements appealing to a broad range of women.

This year, the fun began Friday night with the Lesbian Art Show Opening and the "Evening of Love and Lust Songs," a lesbian cabaret, at the Madison Senior Center. Among the cabaret performers were singer/pianist Sterling Jones, and Mary Waitrovich and Tara Ayres, whose humorous ode to a "big purple strap-on" became a running joke throughout the evening. Adding real heat to the lusty cabaret was a provocative striptease by Angela Mercy - baby oil, naked flesh and all!

On a loftier plane, the Art Show has grown bigger and better each year, with an increasingly eclectic mix of styles and media. I particularly enjoyed the fine basket weaving by Christine Violet, the black/white photography of Susan Kaye (who has made her mark in previous variety shows as a trapeze artist), and the abstract acrylic paintings of Constance Tenhawks, which were also featured in a slide show tribute to Ella Fitzgerald during the variety show.

The Art Show could be viewed most of Saturday just one floor above the KGP Carnival and Craft Fair. I saw little of anything resembling a carnival, but there was a great selection of women artists and entrepreneurs doing a brisk business selling everything from jewelry to greeting cards to pottery to stuffed toys. It was a great opportunity to support women during the holiday gift-giving rush.

New this year and quite the talk of the town was the Kissing Girls Spa at the Atwood Community Center, offering massages, hair cuts and dips in a hot tub. I didn't make it there but heard from those who did that it was fun, relaxing and a good way to meet new women!

THE VARIETY SHOW

The anchor for the weekend, the Lesbian Variety Show, took place Saturday night and lasted over four hours ouch! The main problem was booking eleven performers for the first act (about four too many). The second act, with just seven performers or groups, moved more swiftly. It also included most of the more outstanding acts, so was a real pleasure.

Variety Show highlights for me: a lesbian parody of the dating show "Singled Out" by a boisterous improvisational comedy troupe called Flaming Dykosaurus; outstanding musical performances by a jazz quartet (guitar, viola, cello and percussion) called Mz. Communication and by a contra band, Dark of the Moon, featuring Madison's renowned Fire Chief Debra Amesqua in what was apparently her first public appearance as an out lesbian; and another sharp comedy routine by LVS regular Lynda Finn.

The show ended with a heart-stopping rendering of "Hollywood Haircut," a tribute to butch/femme lesbian pioneers, by the fabulous a cappella group DykeAppella. The audience listened to the words in hushed silence, paused a moment at the end as if to catch its collective breath, and then broke into thunderous applause. It was a very special moment. DykeAppella will be recording its first CD next spring, I can't wait. The LVS finale featured the Variety Show interpreters signing and performing a choreographed routine to Meg Christian's comedic song "Leaping Lesbians."

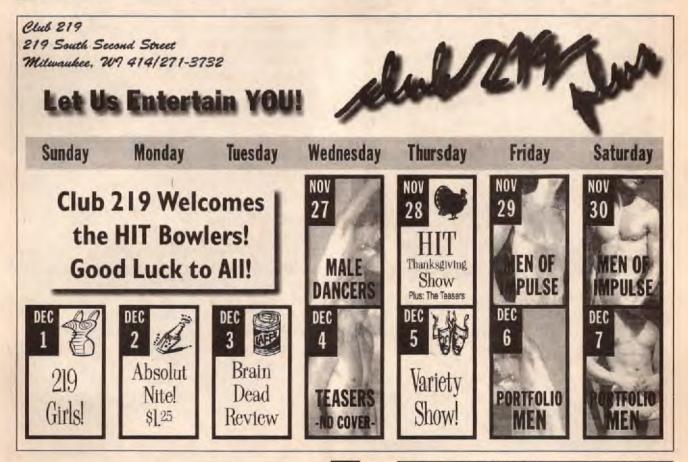
Variety Show MC's Dana Alder and Diane Painter were jovial throughout (though Painter, a veteran radio personality, should know better than to end her introductions on a down-beat — by the time she concluded her intros she barely whispered the name of each act. Intros should build up, not fade out.

On a personal note, I was the winner of an Ellen DeGeneres CD for suggesting the most popular answer to the MCs' question (while killing time): "Who would you like to see bring Ellen out of the closet?" There were many names offered — Jody, k.d., Melissa — but on impulse I yelled, "Xena: Warrior Princess!" which was greeted with a huge cheer. Later in the show, someone won an 8x10 color glossy of Xena. I'm jealous. I'd gladly trade my Ellen CD for that photo. Go, Xena!

Sunday morning began with the big Pancake Breakfast at the Atwood Community Center, and continued with the Art Show Reception and then the Poetry and Story-Telling Showcase at the Senior Center. People either love or hate poetry and, I must confess, I have been known to dis' poets now and then. Mea culpa, mea culpa.

The Poetry Showcase was very strong this year. Women with distinct voices and significant stories to share (with one clunky exception) poured out their hearts, their ideas and their eroticism. The most emotion-filled moments came amid Hertha Lande's autobiographical reveries and Cheryl Rompa's poems of oppression and survival. Kat Sojourner's musings on mythological figures were unexpectedly, side-splittingly funny. She was a real ham!

Mucho thanks to the women of Kissing Girls Productions — Teri Varney, Jade River and Angela Prestil — and the many volunteers for another wonderful LVS weekend. Kudos too for their continuing commitment to accessibility for those of us differently-abled and for their grant program to lesbian artists/performers. And finally, congratulations to KGP on their coup in getting "Dykes to Watch Out For" artist Allison Bechdel to design this year's precious logo. I can't wait til next year!



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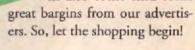
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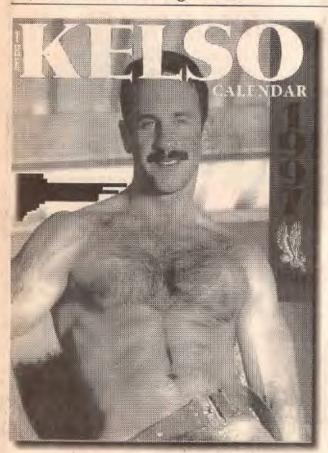
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Holiday Gift Guide, Part One

In our first installment we take a look at a few unusual, mail order and one-of-a-kind gift ideas.

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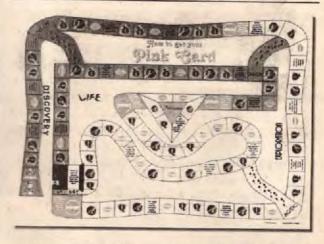




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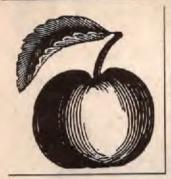
How to Get Your Pink Card is available now in select stores nationwide and will undoubtedly be under the trees of many "family" members this Christmas.

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by Jorge L. Cabal

Wild Space Dance Presents "The Wild Ones"

Milwaukee - Wild Space Dance Company will present the second of its tenth anniversary season, "The Wild Ones," December 5-7 at the Stiemke Theater. "The Wild Ones" is an evening of wild solos, dynamic duos and small ensemble pieces. Three of the solos presented were originally created and performed by Artistic Director Debra Loewen. After presenting two sold out performances at the Stiemke Theater in October, Wild Space has added a Thursday evening performance of "The Wild Ones." Tickets for all three evenings are available at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater box office. For more information, call (414) 271-0307.

"Stand Up," is a glimpse of the dark side of stand up comedy and will be performed by Erica Rawlingwulff. "Fall Back," performed by Margaret Elsner Howland, is a solo meditation based on the folding and unfolding of the body. "Sticks," performed by Randy Talley features a dancer moving and accompanying himself with twenty-six foot bamboo poles. The fourth solo was created by New York City choreographer Patricia Hoffbauer for Janet Lilly (UWM dance faculty). This dance is a wild and wacky view of childhood memories, games, toys and impersonations.

"The Wild Ones" will also feature a new duet about remember and forgetting, choreographed and performed by Ms. Loewen and founding company member Diane VanDerhei, entitled "You Were There."

Actress Profiled in "Intimate Portrait: Shirley MacLaine"

New York - From her childhood to her film career to her days as a political adversary and best-selling author, the life of Academy Award-winner Shirley MacLaine is explored in "Intimate Portrait: Shirley MacLaine," premiering Sunday, December 1 from 10-11 pm ET/PT on LIFETIME Television.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1934, Shirley MacLaine was the product of a strict middle-class background from which she and her brother, Warren Beatty, would escape into the fantasy world of show business. At age three, Shirley began ballet lessons which later payed off. Upon completing high school, Shirley moved to New York and landed a chorus



-Wild Space Dance presents "Wild Ones"

role on Broadway in "The Pajama Game." As Shirley recalls, "they were looking for six dancers who could be heard-and they hired me!"

In addition to performing in the chorus, Shirley also understudied one of the featured roles. One night, fate intervened, as Shirley had to take over the role and none other than Alfred Hitchcock was seated in the audience. Next thing she knew, she was making her screen debut in Hitchcock's "The Trouble with Harry." In the years that followed, Shirley starred opposite Hollywood's most popular leading men: Jack Lemmon, Frank Sinatra, Clint Eastwood, Robert Mitchum, Dean Martin, and Jerry Lewis to name a few. She established herself as an actress adept at comedy, drama and musical's. In 1969, she landed a role she was born to play, "Charity Hope Valentine," the prostitute with a heart of gold, in "Sweet Charity," directed by Bob Fosse.

Life in front of the camera never proved as important to Shirley MacLaine as life behind the camera. Despite her marriage to Steve Parker, who moved to Japan to become an impresario bringing shows to and from Japan, and a daughter Sachi, Shirley insisted on living life on her own terms. In the early seventies she all but quit acting to support George

McGovern in his bid for the Presidency, feeling it was "worth giving up her career to defeat Richard Nixon."

Upon returning to Hollywood, Ms. MacLaine was less than thrilled with the scripts being offered to her. Having hit the big "40," she decided that her film days were over and returned to her roots: dancing and live performance. She staged a one-woman show about the highs and lows of her life, which wooed audiences in Las Vegas and in cities around the world. As Alan Johnson, her choreographer puts it, "Shirley is not the best dancer in the business, or the best singer in the business, but she proved that she's one of the best entertainer in the business."

The last fifteen years have found Shirley sharing her metaphysical and life experiences through a string of best-selling books. She has also found herself back on top in Hollywood, playing "women of a certain age roles" in a number of top-grossing film, including "Guarding Tess," "Steel Magnolias," "Postcards From the Edge," and "Terms of Endearment," for which she won the Academy Award.

"Intimate Portrait: Shirley MacLaine" includes clips from many of the forty films which Shirley has helped bring to life, including "Evening Star," the soon-to-be-released sequel to "Term of Endearment."

"Intimate Portrait: Shirley MacLaine" is produced by Wombat Productions. Gene Feldman producer. Executive producer of the "Intimate Portrait" series for LIFETIME Television is Lisa Nee.



Barrett to Read from "Milwaukee Winters Can Be Murder"

Brookfield — Mysteries are found in the most exotic and the not-so-exotic places, like Milwaukee. Attorney and author Kathleen Anne Barrett will read from her aptly titled whodunit "Milwaukee Winters Can Be Murder" at the Schwartz

Bookshop in Brookfield on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Writers are often told to write what they know. Former Milwaukee resident, attorney and author Kathleen Anne Barrett has certainly heeded this advice in her new mystery Milwaukee Winters Can Be Murder. Throughout the book, readers journey through familiar Milwaukee sites from the Grand Avenue, where Beth Hartley {the main character, who also happens to be a lawyer} does her Christmas shopping, to the crime scene on the east side just off of Brady. The title of

her book, the first series, needs no explanation. Nor do weather reports like, "It was twenty below zero with a windchill of negative thirty." Beth's fellow sleuth is a handsome Milwaukee homicide detective named Brian McHenry.

Kathleen Anne Barrett lived in Milwaukee for thirty-two years. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy obtained accounting and law degrees from Marquette University. After practicing law in Milwaukee and Philadelphia, Kathleen Anne Barrett turned to writing full-time. "Milwaukee Winters Can Be Murder" is the first of a planned series of Milwaukee-based mysteries that will include "Milwaukee Summers Can be Deadly" and "Milwaukee Autumns Can Be Fatal."



West Releases Debut CD "Take Honey West Home"

Chicago — Honey West's debut CD features ten of Honey's most requested and favorite show stoppers. "We felt Honey's popular songs had to be the focus of her first recording project. It is what her fans have been asking to be done for years," explains Kevon Smith of Island Recording. However, the producing team along with West, all agreed from the inception of the project to give new sounds and arrangements to her popular songs.

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Jim Casey of BuzzWerks, Inc. Kevon Smith of Island Recording and West's new personal manager, Douglas L. Hartzell of Entertaining Marketing, Inc. will collectively produce the debut CD under the banner of West Recording, Inc. For more details call (773) 478-7588.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts to Honors Founder Phyllis Chicorel

Milwaukee - A tribute reception and play-reading by WPCA founder Phyllis Chicorel will take place Saturday, November 30, at 3 pm.

Ms. Chicorel opened WPCA in 1987 in a former drugstore on 5th and National (now La Perla) and served as Director for two years. She has since moved to San Francisco and is currently pursuing a performance career. She will perform a sample of her own work at the reception.

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Tickets for "Christmas (is not) For Everyone are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and are available through chorus members, and at The M&M Club, Designing Men, AfterWords Bookstore, and This Is It.

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, a non-profit choral organization is dedicated to the positive promotion of gays and lesbians throughout the community, the chorus is currently in its 10th Anniversary season. For more information on the concert or the chorus, call (414)344-9222, or write to P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Actress/Singer Profiled Vanessa Williams on Lifetime

New York - "There she is, Miss America..." that's how Vanessa William's birth announcement read in 1963. Her mother was able to foresee part of Vanessa's destiny, but not all. The life of beauty queen turned entertainment superstar is explored when LIFETIME Television presents "Intimate Portrait: Vanessa Williams," premiering Sunday, December 8 from 8-9 pm ET/PT.

Venessa Williams has led, for the most part, a charmed life. Growing up in Millwood, New York, she never considered herself a beauty, but when she heard that scholarship money was available to the winner of the Miss America pageant, she entered. To her surprise, she was crowned Miss America, making her the first African-American to hold the title ever. All that glittered was not golden. She received death threats from the Ku Klux Klan and ultimately relinquished her title in the midst of controversy.

Wounded but not defeated, Vanessa refused to let life's hardships defer her from her dreams. In the past ten years, she has gone on to become a major recording star, selling over four million albums worldwide. In addition to a new R & B/Pop CD to be released in March 1997, she has a new Christmas album, "Star Bright," in stores this holiday season. Her skills as an actress have also won her rave reviews. In 1994, she wooed theater-going audiences when she starred in "Kiss of the Spider Woman" on Broadway, and film-goers

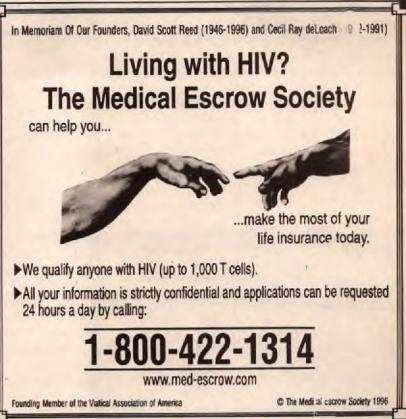
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1994, she wooed theater-going audiences when she starred in "Kiss of the Spider Woman" on Broadway, and filmgoers flocked to see her in the hit film "Eraser, opposite Arnold Schwarzeneger. In March, Williams can be seen co-starring with Lawrence Fishburne in "Hoodlum," a crime drama set in 1930's Harlem.

Immediately following "Intimate Portrait: Vanessa Williams," will be a 1/2 hour concert comprised of Vanessa's biggest hits. The exclusive performance was taped in front of a live audience on November 4 at The Supper Club, located in heart of New York City's Times Square. Producer of "Intimate Portrait: Vanessa Williams" is Gay Rosenthal Productions. Producer of the concert material is Ken Ehrlich Productions in with association Southpaw Entertainment. Executive producer of the "Intimate Portrait" series for LIFE-TIME Television is Lisa Nee.









INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

suppose the title of this column could be construed as misleading if one were so picky as to point out that (1) I am not, technically, married to anyone and (2) the object of my affections is not actually Judith Martin, thre real Miss Manners. But I am not speaking literally; rather, I am speaking figuratively, meaning: I figure I like the way it sounds and that's a good enough reason to use it. Having now justified my title, I feel free to go ahead and get to my topic, which has something or other to do with long-term relationships.

Having once been accused of overdoing the suburban lesbian couple thing in my writing (despite the fact that we, as a couple, have never actually lived in the suburbs), I have honestly tried not to focus too much on my relationship but have in the main, I suppose, failed miserably in this attempt. Mostly, I have found that it was really quite difficult for me to address, for instance, the current dating scene without so much as having set foot in a bar for at least five or six years much less asking another woman for her phone number for purposes other than getting my porch repaired. There is more to life than affaires d'amour, of course, but none that matter quite so deeply to most of us. This has been made quite clear to me by the number of people, both gav and straight, who have asked me to assess how it is I think Kathy and I have managed to stay together so long. Having quite recently been asked thisquestion again, and with our ninth anniversary taking place this very month, I decided to address the question once more.

Frankly, though, I am beginning to feel like something of



I Married Miss Manners

a circus freak.

Not that this is a new feeling to someone who has been wearing glasses since the age of two, who could pogo stick up and down small flights of stairs, who could put both ankles behind her neck simultaneously, and who owned a three-piece black brushed cotton suit and black fedora—and wore them to discos. But as the years go by and friends are breaking up right and left around you, you do begin to realize that there is something odd about you and your relationship.

Not that I would ever be so brazen or foolish as to think we are immune from feeling a need to go our separate ways, but at the moment it's hard to imagine. In any case, the sta-

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bility of our relationship thus far is cause for much speculation as to what holds us together, including by the two of us. Or at any rate by me: Kathy is much more inclined to accept things as they are without analyzing and agonizing all the time. That's my job.

So what conclusions have I come to? Well, my conclusions are everchanging. Having similar senses of humor, though, is always on the list. You'd almost have to have a sense of humor to live with me any length of time, though, because otherwise you'd have to take my neuroses seriously and usually I have to pay someone money for that.

But larely I have come to realize that another factor contributing to the relative longevity of our relationship is that we are a polite couple. By this I don't mean that we, as a couple, refrain from sucking face in public (although we generally do) or that we abstain from belching, spitting, or shouring obscenities, singly or in tandem, in the presence of others (although we generally do). Rather, I mean that we are polite to one another. My girlfriend, you see, is a stickler for manners. (Aha! you are saying, *now* that title makes sense.)

Not that I was some sort of lout or brute when we met who required extensive training in etiquette to pass muster, but it is a real thing with her. "Please" and "thank you" are de rigeur, and when she answers the telephone, she expects the party on the other end of the line to say "hello" first, and preferably introduce herself, before demanding to speak with one or the other of us.

Say what you will about this oldfashioned clinging to civilities, but I think it has an awful lot to do with our still being together. Virtually any time one of us does some chore around the house, no matter how large or how small, from doing the dishes to calling a repair person to toasting a bagel, the other one says, "thank you." This is not a household in which either of us feels used or unappreciated by the other. Furthermore, if, for instance, one of us is in the bathroom with the door closed, the other never simply enters without knocking. And we kiss each other hello and goodbye whenever either of us is going anywhere, even if we're going there together.

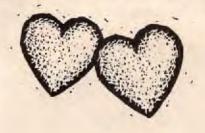
This runs counter, I think, to why most people get into relationships in the first place, which is to be able to dispense with all that wearying expression of gratitude and appreciation, with having to refrain from picking one's nose in the presence of one's beloved, and with having to acknowledge occasions of rudeness, intended or otherwise. I believe it was for these people that Ali McGraw was speaking in *Love Story* when she said, "Love means never having to say your sorry."

Maybe this system of benevolent neglect works for some people, but I believe we would have split up long ago if I felt like everything I did around the house was simply expected of me and went unnoticed by Kathy and vice versa. Chores in our househould are not divided up using some complicated system measuring the units of work or time required and weighting each task so they can be divided up equally. Things get done based on who has the most time right then, who is better skilled to perform a certain task, who

remembers to do that job, and so on, and so things don't always necessarily feel equally divided at any given moment. Under circumstances like these, it would be easy to feel taken advantage of or taken for granted if one's work went uncommented on.

And I do genuinely appreciate everything Kathy does for me and us, and I am in awe of her abilities, so why not tell her that? Of course, we don't let all this etiquette crap get carried too far. We have been known to eat dinner, for instance, while watching Rescue 911. I don't know for certain what Miss Manners has to say about this, but surely it must be not only a breach of etiquette but a lapse in taste as well. Did I mention a mutual love of high-quality entertainment as one of the things that keeps us together?

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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Surreal Life

'm an avid collector. Which is not to be confused with Pack Rat, although anyone entering my house today as a surprise mystery guest would be hard pressed to determine a significant difference.

I collect carnival glass. That stuff they gave away at turn of the century carnivals for knocking over steel milk bottles. I also collect glass banks distributed by milk companies in the days when both doctors and milk men made house calls. I collect passport stamps as a holdover from my college days when cheap souvenirs were the best I could afford.

And, for years, unremittingly, I have also collected SUR-REALISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE. Observations and incidents of inordinate amusement if you're really paying attention. Oxymorons in daily living. Like why it is that dogs never know where to look when you point?

My two in-print favorites, worthy of a "Tonight Show," were this tabloid headline proclaiming "Mistaken as Woodchuck, Wife Shot." Wow, talk about your little missus. And a west coast classified for a law firm offering divorces and gun licenses.

This morning's mail delivered another one. It is November 20th, 1996. The Presidential Election, and Senator Robert Dole are behind us. William Jefferson Clinton is re-elected, which is not the surrealism of which I speak. (Well, maybe not yet, but that remains to be seen, doesn't it?)

This Surrealism In Every Day Life was a letter from the Executive Director of one of those big, national, rainbow, initialed, political organizations which all look pretty much interchangeable from outside the Beltway. It boasted a huge, fake watermarked eagle and the header carried the names of a bunch of those other big, national, political, rainbow, initialed organizations.

"Dear Blab.

"I'm writing to you blah blah. Advanced notice blah blah blah. Fundraiser blah blah elections. 105th Congress.

"What is absolutely clear is that the issue of protecting gay and lesbian Americans in employment emerged not only as a common sense issue for the political center, but as a winning issue in this election. (Nope. Hold on. That's not the one, although if you read that over a couple of more times, it could be.) (Here it comes):

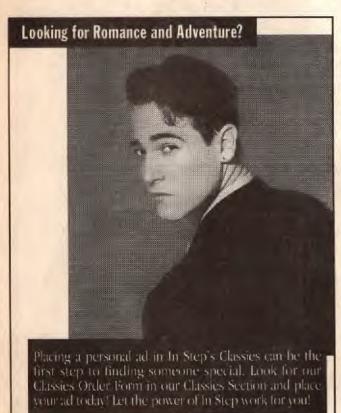
"Our successes, along with those of (the other rainbow, political, national, initialed, big, organizations) are worth celebrating. We hope you will plan on joining other members from all these organizations at our unique inaugural party!"

That's it! That's the one. It's an invitation TO THE GAY AND LESBIAN INAUGARAL BALL! OUR inaugural. Just like the ones for the labor unions, and DNC volunteers. And anybody else delivering winning votes. Us.

Party animals to party regulars in just under 30 years.

That's bizarre if you're over 30. And pretty surreal for a lady who stuck here lesbian nose above water in 1972 to find Mafia bars, secret handshakes, shock therapy and disinheritance. Abomination and separation. Distance and damnation.

Is it just me, or do some of you also think it's just a teeny tiny touch fantastical having a government sanctioned (albeit private) celebration in front of gods and goddesses, politicians and CNN? A ball that isn't a drag. Where, while some



women will, no doubt opt for tuxedos, most likely none of the men will don ball gowns.

Now lest you think I am subtly nyah-nyahing about getting an invite when you didn't, (Okay, well, maybe a little. I'm still human.) you're also invited. All it takes is 150 buck\$. Each. Cough up three bills per couple, get in the door, have a slice of pastrami on a mini bagel, and pay for your own drinks. Not to mention the four or five bills for the hotel, roundtrip airfare, a heavy coat if you live in a sunshine climate like I do, cabs, and a general miscellany of things like eating and using your cell phone to tell your mother that you personally stepped on Tipper Gore's toe, or that Joe Kennedy stood no more that a few hundred yards from this very spot.)

A thousand bucks easy. Just call Box Office Tickets at 1-800-494-8497 and tell them that you want a gay ol' time in DC in January. Personally, if the credit cards will stand it, I'm planning to go.

Because I think it'll be a collector's item soon. We're becoming so commonly mainstream now that our centers are closing around the country for lack of support. Our businesses are doing the same. We've gotten so integrated that some of us have even become Republicans. (Don't get me started on THAT surrealism.)

By the millennium when they conveniently scheduled the next Presidential election, we should be entirely undetectable again. Completely absorbed into the society around us.

Invisible to Invisible in twenty-eight years. When my grandson asks me what I did in the revolution, I intend to tell him that I went to a disappearing ball and danced and danced and danced. I'll show him this invitation I saved for my collection. Although, at a thousand bucks, cheap souvenirs are getting considerably more expensive. He'll probably think I am weird.

Maybe even surreal.



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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Update

here is new hope for the HOTEL WASHINGTON project. I gave GREG SCHEEL a call the other day and got the latest scoop. The original plan was to rebuild the hotel complex right where it used to be but after some of the bids for rebuilding came in the Scheels started looking at existing building closer to the Capitol. There were a couple of sites they were looking into but they just weren't Hotel Washington.

New financing opportunities made the Scheels take another look at rebuilding the complex at it's original location. Remember, this is a five million dollar project and the insurance from the fire wasn't anywhere near that amount. After talking to a different bank they were able to come up with most of the capitol needed to rebuild. They are still short by about two hundred thousand dollars.

There are a couple of ways to come up with the rest of the money needed.

One of the ideas was to sell gift certificates for the hotel that as soon as the hotel was opened for business, the certificates could be used.

The other way is another investor. The project is a pretty safe investment so if you have a couple hundred thousand to invest, call Greg.

The other update is actually great news for me. I had an appointment with my orthodontist the other day and he told me that we will probably be able to remove my braces a few months early. By the way, I have gotten so used to having the braces that I no longer have to use a knife and fork to eat everything. I no longer get bitchy after having them tightened and am getting much better at flossing around the wire. And in case you were wondering, this will probably be the last time you hear about my braces until the time I can tell you I had them removed.

OK, I have to move along pretty quickly now, I am having some serious

computer problems and am afraid this damn thing will crash at any moment so here goes!

MELROSE MONDAYS TRIANGLE has really taken on a life of it's own. There's a pretty good size crowd hooting and hollarin' at all the antics of Amanda, Jane, Michael and the rest of the crew. Don't sit at home on Mondays in front of the tube, it's much more fun yelling at the TV with a bunch of other Melrose fans.

The Packers against Cowboys! What a crappy game. That didn't stop people from filling IN BETWEEN to legal capacity. The staff put out a great spread of good grub for people to munch on while watching Dallas munch down the Packers.

The BALLGAME, M&M, and TRIANGLE also threw a Packer party as well. I only made it to IN BETWEEN and BALLGAME for the parties but people tell me the turnout at the other places wasn't bad.

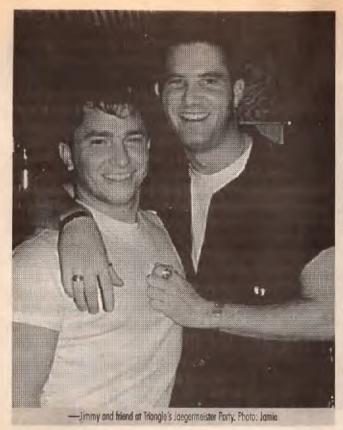
OK, that's it, I am tired of hitting Ctrl-Alt-Delete to clear the screen so I am ending this column now before I loose the whole thing. Hopefully I will have the problem fixed before next

Until then, if anyone is ever offended by anything I write in this column, feel free to ask me about said offense. Maybe I can tell you where I was going with that particular thought and it might not seem so offensive. You can also write to me, just send it to my attention at IN STEP'S address.

That being said, I hope you don't stuff yourself too much over the Thanksgiving Holiday and as always, slower traffic keep right.

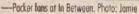


-Watching the Packers at the Ballgame, Photo: Jamie



—Tipping the stripper at Club 219. Photo: Jamie







—A couple of cute boyz partying at Triangle. Photo: Jamie

November 27 to December 12, 1996

The Calendar

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, November 27

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open Volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 8 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Saturday, November 30

GAMMA Fun Run and Walk (Milwaukee): 9 am. A 30-40 minute jog through the fashionable east side. followed by a stop of eating. Starts at the base of the Water Tower. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Wednesday, December 4

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open Volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 8 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Saturday, December 7

Madison Gay Video Club: Young Men's (18-30) Night (Madison): "Safe Sex Video Awards I and II." For more information call Larry Kneeland at (608)244-8675

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ARTS

Wednesday, November 27

Woodland Pattern: Art Exhibit (Milwaukee): John Brandy, November 22- Dec. 31. Location: 720 E. Locust Street, Milwaukee, For more informafion call 414-263-5001.

Tuesday, December 3

Aububon Court Books: Animal Crackers (Milwaukee): 10:30 am. Share an animal cracker during preschool & kindergarten story time. For more information call 414-351-9140.

Friday, December 6

Aububon Court Books: Thomas Sannar(Milwaukee): 7 pm. Author of Angel Quest, A Journey Into Wisdom. For more information call 414-351-9140

BAR SPECIALS

Sundays

Triangle (Milw.): \$2 Bloody Marys, \$2 Screwdrivers, \$2 Mimosas,

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 am to 4 pm.

Just Us (Milw.): \$1.50 all rails drinks, \$0.75 Miller tappers, \$1.50 Miller tappers; all day.

Ballgame (Milwaukee): 'til 6 pm, \$0.80 Top Beer, \$2 Bloodys, Screws, Greyhound. \$1.50 rail (9 pm. until dose)

Main Club (Superior): Open 11 am for tail gate. Drink specials and Free darts 5 to 7 pm.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay):Beer bust from 3 pm til 8 pm, \$6.

The Office (Rockford): S1 Bloody Marys

Mondays

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'ouvres 5-7pm.

La Cage (Milwaukee): Shake A Drink Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 pm. \$1.75 Miller Brands: 8 pm to close.

Ballgame (Milwaukee): 10 pm to dose, Dom. Beer \$1.25, \$1.50 rail

Main Club (Superior): Bucket O' Beer; 6 for \$5.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs from 3 pm fil 7 pm (drinks as low as \$.25), Beer Bust from 10 pm til 2 am for S6.

The Office (Rockford): Martini Specials, \$1.50; Michelob and Mich

Club 219 (Milw.): Absolut Nite! \$1.25.

Tuesdays

Triangle (Milw.): \$6 Rail pitchers

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble, complementary Hors D'ouvres 5-7pm.

La Cage (Milw.): Beer Bust with Joan, Shot of Doctors/Cuervo for rail price.

Just Us (Milw.): 2-4-1: 5-8 pm. Pull Tabs 8 pm to close.

Ballgame (Milw.): 10 pm to close,\$2.50 Top Shelf, \$1.50 roil

Main Club (Superior): Show Your Pride: wear a t-shirt-botton hat; get S0.25 of any drink.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake A Drink (Aces Free and Sixes Half Price) from 3 pm til 7 pm.

The Office (Rockford): Weekly Beer Specials \$1.25

Wednesdays

Triangle (Milw.): S5 Beer Bust.

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'ouvres 5-7pm.

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust"

Just Us (Milw.): 2-4-1: 5-8 pm. Margarita Pitchers \$3.50; all day. Imports \$1 off: 8 pm to close.

Ballgame (Milw.): 10 pm to 1 am. Beer Bust \$3.50 or \$0.80 glasses of

Main Club (Superior): Ed's winning Wednesday's 3 until 8:30 pm.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar roil for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$.50 from 3-7 pm, Beer Bust from 10 pm til 2 am for S6.

The Office (Rockford): Red Dogs & Red Wolfs \$1.50.

Thursdays

Triangle (Milw.): \$6 Rail Bust.

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'ouvres 5 pm till closing.

LaCage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust", plus DJ & Dancing 7 nites a week.

Just Us (Milw.): Food Service: 6-8 pm. 2-4-1: 5-8pm. \$1.50 rail: 8pm to

Ballgame (Milw.): 10 pm to close, \$1.50 rail.

Main Club (Superior): Sit and Spin for fun & specials.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs from 3 -7 pm.

The Office (Rockford): Dollar Daze -\$1 Beer/Wine and \$1.50 Well Drinks.

Fridays

Just Us (Milw.): Food Service: 5-10 pm. 2-4-1: 4-8 pm. After midnight specials.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Imported Beer, S2 from 3pm - close. Six Shorties in a Bucket for S5.

The Office (Rockford): Rockford's Best Dance Party.

Saturdays

Just Us (Milw.): Food Service: 6-8 pm. After midnight specials.

Ballgame (Milw.): 'til 6 pm,\$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloodys, Screws, Greyhound.

Main Club (Superior): 1am - Door Prize.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer bust from 3 pm til 8 pm for S6.

The Office (Rockford): Rockford's Best Dance Party.

BAR EVENTS

Wednesday, November 27

Club 219 (Milw.): Male Dancers

Thursday, November 28

Triangle (Milw): Thonksgiving Day: Open at 7 pm.

Ballgame (Milw): Thanksgiving Day: Hors D'oeuvres will be served.

M&M Club (Milw): Thanksgiving Day: Serving Dinner.

Mama Roux (Milw): Thanksgiving Day: Serving Dinner.

Club 219 (Milw): H.I.T. Thanksgiving Show plus The Teasers

Friday, November 29

Club 219 (Milw): Men of Impulse

Saturday, November 30

Mama Roux (Milw): Oberon Club Night: 10 pm, \$5 Beer Bust. Fundraiser for Children with AIDS.

Club 219 (Milw): Men of Impulse

Sunday, December 1

Mama Roux (Milw): Deer Hunters Ball, Wear Blaze Orange for a Free Drink.

M&M Club (Milw): Julie Wood Jozz Trio.

Club 219 (Milw): 219 Girls

Monday, December 2

Triangle (Milw): Melrose Place Party: 7pm every Monday.

Tuesday, December 3

Club 219 (Milw): Brain Dead Review

Wednesday, December 4

Ballgame (Milw):Dart Night: Every Wednesday at 7 pm.

Club 219 (Milw): Teasers.

Thursday, December 5

Club 219 (Milw): Variety Show.

Friday, December 6

Club 219 (Milw): Portfolio Men.

Saturday, December 7

La Cage (Milw): The year 1989: Music from this year featured all nite.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Artic Blast Christmas Show at 11 pm.

M&M Club (Milw): Live Entertainment. Sinasationals at 9 pm.

Just Us (Milw): Country Dancing Christmas celebration: 7 pm -12 am: Every Saturday: Free 2-step lessons from Shoreline; also free line dance lessons from Shoreline.

Club 219 (Milw): Portfolio Men

Sunday, December 8

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Trixies Birthday Party.

COMMUNITY

Wednesday, November 27

H.I.T.: Registration(Milwaukee): 5-9 om. At the Milwaukee Hilton.

Shake It Up: "Nothing To Hide." (Madison): Public Access, Cable 4. 9 pm to 11 pm. Kate Kaufman conuthored a book entitled Free Your Mind

Thursday, November 28

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Cable channel 47, Guests: BESTD Volunteers "The gift of myself!"

Frontiers: Thanksgiving Feast(Madison): 4 pm. For more information call (608)241-2500.

H.I.T: Welcome and Team Event (Milwaukee): The team event at Red

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Carpet Regency begins at 5 pm. Welcome show at Club 219 begins at 10:30 pm.

Friday, November 29

OUTreach B's Bar (Milwaukee): HIV testing at B's Bar. From 8 pm until 11 pm. Sponsored by: BESTO Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Shake It Up: S.A.G.E.'s High Tea & Talk (Madison): 3:30 pm. Meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner on Atwood.

H.I.T.: Doubles/Singles (Milwaukee): At Red Carpet Regency at 10 am & 2nd shift at 5 pm.

Saturday, November 30

H.I.T.: Team Event (Milwaukee): Team event at Red Carpet Regency at 10 am. Followed by the H.I.T Banquet with Cocktail hour from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Dinner from 6:30 pm to 8 pm followed by the Awards presentation.

Sunday, December 1 World AIDS Day

The Southeast Wisconsin Coalition for HIV/AIDS Spiritual Care: Interfaith Prayer Service (Milwaukee): 6:30 pm. World AIDS Awareness Day, "One World...One Hope." St. Joseph's Center, 1501 South Layton Blvd. For more information 414-334-9768 or 414-223-5105.

St. Camillus World AIDS Day Event: (Milwaukee) at St. Camillus Campus 10200 West Bluemound Road Interfaith Service from 6pm to 6:30pm followed by a Social 6:30pm to 7pm and "Pop Out of the Drama" 7pm to 8:30pm.

Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church: World AIDS Day Remembrance Interfaith Services (Green Bay): 6:30 pm. Will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, at 330 South Broadway, For more information call (414) 432-0830.

Monday, December 2

MAP Open House (Milwaukee): Community open house commemorating World AIDS Day from 4 pm to 7 pm at 820 N. Plankinton Ave.,

Tuesday, December 3

ARCW: Holiday Gala Fete (Milwaukee): Start the evening at a reception featuring some of Milwaukee's finest restaurants and caterers in addition to vodka bars sporsored by Skyy Vodka, followed by the final dress reharsal of "Inspecting Carol," a hilarious twist on the dassic tale of "A Christmas Carol." All proceeds benefit MAP. For more information, call Jim Moore at 414-225-1549.

Wednesday, December 4

OUTreach: La Cage (Milwaukee): HIV testing at LaCage from 10 pm until 1 am. Sponsored by: BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Thursday, December 5

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Cable channel 47, Guests: Scott Stewart & Matthew Pamperin "Singing 'for our supper!"

Medical College of Wisconsin (CAIR):
Lynda Doll, Ph.D. (Milwaukee): 3pm
until 4:30 pm. "Bisesual Men and
Women: What Is Their HIV Risk and
How Should We Intervene?" 1249 N.
Franklin (at the corner of
N.Prospect/Franklin and Knapp
Streets, which is four doors north of
the CAIR Downer Mansion building).
For more information call 414-2874680.

Friday, December 6

GAMMA Circle(Milwaukee): Social starting at 7:30 pm. This is our Christmas Special Circle. It is a Pat Luck so bring something to share. For more information call 414-425-2146.

Saturday, December 7

LAMM-EF: Skill development and empowerment session (Milwaukee): 9 am - 1 pm. The Community Election Coalition is sponsoring a post-election skill development and empowerment session. For more information call 414-264-2600.

Shake It Up: Fussion with Frontiers

(Madison): 6:30 pm. At Larry Kneeland's annual Christmas Pot Luck party, 725 Gannon off East Washington Ave., at the Schroeder Funeral Home. Let's dish.

Sunday, December 8

GLBT Community Center: Town Meeting (Milwaukee): Will be held on December 8th at the UW-M Union, Room at 8pm.

Tuesday, December 10

GAMMA Board Meeting (Milwaukee): Monthly Board Meeting at 7 pm. For more information call 414-425-2146.

Wednesday, December 11

OUTreach: Triangle (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Triangle from 9 pm until midnite. Sponsored by: BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Thursday, December 12

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Cable channel 47, Guests: Milwaukee Alderperson Mike D'Arnato "The state of things!"

TV/FILMS

Sunday, December 1

Lifetime Television: "World AIDS Day": Lifetime Television commemorates the war against AIDS on Sunday, December 1, 1996 with Three films that portray the struggles that AIDS victims and their families must endure. I

"And Then There Was One," 12 noon - 2 pm (ET/PT). 2 "Something to Live For: The Allison Gertz Story," 2 pm - 4 pm (ET/PT), 3 "Our Sons," 4 pm - 6 pm (ET/PT).

Friday, December 13

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Student Film Festival (Milwaukee): 8 pm. UWM Union Theater, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information call 414-229-6015.

GALLERY

Wednesday, November 27

BESTD Gallery: Faulkenberg (Milwaukee): An Unfinished Life Exhibit: Nov.1 thru Dec. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 am until 9 pm; Thursday and Friday, 10 am until 5 pm. For further information call 414-272-2144.

MUSIC

Wednesday, November 27

Aububon Court Books: Emily Smith(Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. Live music: Pianist Emily Smith.

Friday, November 29

City Grille: Jazz (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Jack Grassel and Jerry Grillo. For more information call 414-273-2489.

Sunday, December 1

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Chamber Music Series (Chicago): 7 pm. Grainger Ballroom, Orchestra Hall. For more information call 312-294-3000.

Thursday, December 5

The University of Chicago: University of Chicago Jazz X-Tet(Chicago): 8 pm. Goodspeed Recital Hall, 1010 E. 59th Street, on the campus of the University of Chicago. For more information call 773-702-8069.

Saturday, December 7

Bay City Charus of Green Bay: "Noel, Noel, Bells are Ringing" (Green Bay): 4:30 pm. A variety of musical selections from traditional to contemporary. Union Congregational Church, 716 South Madison St. For more information call 414-497-8882 (Green Bay).

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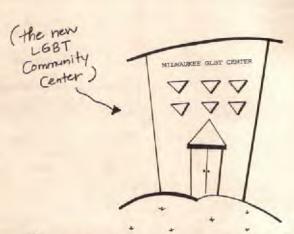
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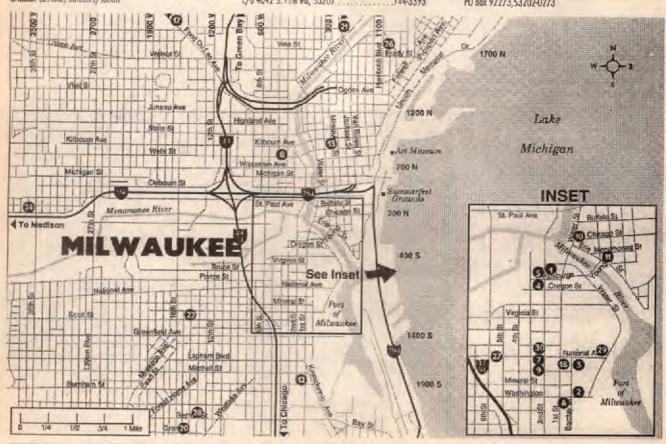
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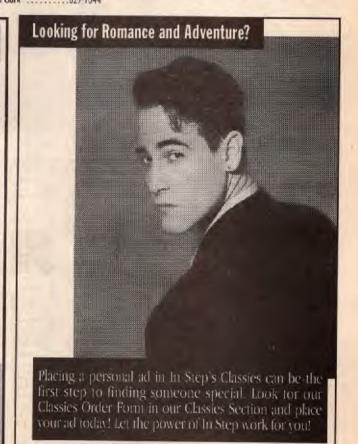
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6ft, 190lbs, masculine. Call me.
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male. I enjoy sporting
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look forward to
meeting someone.
Please be discreet.
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#32076

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IT'S ALL IN THE GAME I'm looking for someone to just have fun with. I'm 5'11, muscular build, 160lbs, dean cut, shaved. I'd like a man in his early 20's. I'm a versatile top man. (Madison) = 17764

NEW TO MADISONI I'm 5'7.
180lbs, 26 years old, Brown hair, Brown eyes, muscular build. I'm into outdoor sports (especially down-hill skiing), movies, and dancing. I'm laoking for friendship and possible relationship. Serious replies only. (Madison) #14270

"HUNG" HUNTERI I'm óft. Bland hair, Blue eyes, medium build, very well endowed. I'm looking for men who are good looking and well endowed. (Madison) =17253

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I'm new to the Madison area.
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men for friendship and possibly
more. (Madison) \$17106

DISCREET FUN IN
MADISON I'm looking for a
good looking Gay White male.
I'm 31 years old, 511, 170lbs,
nice body, Blue eyes, friendly
and easy going. I'm interested
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ARREST ME I'm a submissive Gay White male, 5'11, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, I'm looking for a dominant man 21 to 45 who is in law enforcement. Call me. (Madison) #2840

ISN'T THAT YOU ON THE SCREEN? I would lave to get together with some guys in my area. If you are into adult videos call me. Lets watch together. (Madison) =1314

MADISON BEAR I'm 28 years old, 6'2, heavy set, short Brown hair, hairy all over. I like big hairy men like myself. I'm into movies, theatre, reading, and good conversation. Call me. (Madison) #1163

TAKE A CHANCE
ON ME I'm a Gay
White male, 6'1,
175lbs, Brown hair,
Green eyes, 30 years
old, fit, clean cut. I'm
looking for a top Gay
male for fun,
friendship, and
possibly more. Try me.
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(Madison) #34680

LET ME MODEL FOR YOU I'm 5'10, 195lbs, muscular build, professional model. I'm looking for a friends first relationship. (Marion) #16614

MENASHA MAN
I'm a Gay male in my
early 30's. I enjoy the
outdoors. I'm new to
the area. Call me.
[Menasha] #16411

SOME OF US WANT TO BE ABUSED I'm 6ft, 160lbs, White, submissive, slave. I'm seeking a dominant Black man or a group of dominant men to use me on a regular bosis. (Milwaukee) #12191

SMOOTHIE? I'm 6'1, 175lbs, 30's. I swim and I dance. I have a nice smooth body. I like to give and receive massage. (Milwaukee) \$17702

ASTRO GLIDE If you are interested in body shaving. I would like to shave your entire body. (Milwaukee) =17826

TOE AND BOOT LICKER I'm into boots and feet. Hope you are too, Let's talk soon. (Milwaukee) #13168

WIDE RECEIVER I'm a Gay, White male, in search of other men who are into football gear and football. In shape guys only, Discretion assured.
(Milwaukee) =17403

LET ME TOP YOU OFF SAFELY I'm a White male, 32 years old, 511, 150lbs. I'm looking for bottom men for safe sex. I love getting it on with other men. (Milwaukee) #17554 BROWN HANKY
WIENERSNITZEL Hey Brown
Hanky wearers. I'm a hot
German, Gay, White male, 6'5,
Brown hair, Blue eyes, late 30's,
190lbs, masculine and looking
for a buddy who wears a brown
hanky. I'm not into bandage, but
l enjoy leather. I'm usually a
bottom, but I can top a
submissive boy. (Milwaukee)
e17314

STRAIGHT UP I'm a Black male, 6'2, 150lbs. I'm seeking a man who is straight acting and appearing. =16937

HOT WIRED WHEELS I'm interested in meeting hot guys in the Milwoukee area. I'm 57, 150lbs, Brown skin, good looking, and very well maintained. (Milwaukee) p. 15990

SADDLE UP I'm 28 years old, Bland hair, Blue eyes, 148lbs, top man. I like riding guys. (Milwaukee) #15781

RAUNCHY AND UNINHIBITED I'm a hot, 39 year old, Gay White male, 6'5, 190lbs, very well hung. I'm looking for Gay, White males, who like butt warship. [Milwaukee] #13543

BROWN HANKY FUN I'm
39 years old, 6'5, 190lbs, very
well hung, handsome, Gay
White male. I'm loaking for Gay
White males for uninhibited
taboo action. Respond only if you
know what Brown hanky means.
I'm into humiliation. No
bondage. I have a playroom in
downtown Milwaukee.
(Milwaukee). #8024

CHUBBY DADDY 48 year old top, chunky build, 5*11, Blond hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a male slave 18 to 35. If you want to be daddy's boy call me, [Milwauker] =14429

TRANSSEXUAL DOMINATRIX WANTED I would like to meet White, Hispanic, or Asian Transsexuals who like to dress up and get into new and exciting scenes. I'm 5'9, 175lbs. I would like to meet someone to dominate me. [Milwoukse] #14446

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FINE, YOUNG THING I'm in my late 20's, tall, slim, straight acting, cute. I'm looking for an older gentleman 35 to 50 who is clean, discreef, and masculine. I'm submissive and seek an in shape older man who is aggressive. (Milwaukee) #14334

FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE I'm new here from Chicogo. I'm tall, 200lbs, work out, dark skin, live on the East side. If you would like a companion call me. (Milwaukee) #12586

DRESS UP TIME I'm a submissive, non passable cross dresser, mid 30's, Bi sexual, looking for a strong, attractive top to use me as his toy. I also can be versatile. (Milwaukee) #14236

COOL, CALM AND SLICK I'm 6ft, 160tbs, nice looking, clean shaven, 23 years old, lonely. I enjoy movies, exercise, travel, etc. I'm seeking a very attractive bottom 18 to 22. Call me. No games. (Milwoukee) 19613

CLEAN AND INTELLIGENT?
I'm a 27 year old Bi Black male
looking for friendship. I like
rocquetball, fishing, working out,
etc. I'm looking for someone 18
to 31 who is dean, intelligent
and a non smoker. Call me.
(Milwaultee) #10181

OUT AND ABOUT I'm a Gay White male, 29 years old, 6ft, 150lbs. I'm looking to meet other men 18 to 35 for friendship and possible relationship. I like the outdoors, good times, etc. Call me. (Wilwaukee) #9137

RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED
I'm a handsome professional
Gay White male, 33 years ald,
5'10, 165lbs. I'm relationship
oriented and I'm seeking
attractive Gay White men 29 to
35 for dating, fun, and possible
relationship. I'm straight acting
and appearing. (Milwaukee)
19218

SMOOTH BOY I'm 5'9, 125lbs, smooth body, smooth chest. I'm looking for someone in my area for fun times. Call me. (Milwaukee) #8967 ON THE SIDE I'm a Gay White male, late 30's, 5'8, 150lbs, harry chest, receded hair line. I'm looking for an East Side top for fun on the side. Call me. (Milwaukee) #7373

LET'S GET WET I'm 6'3, Blond hair, Hazel eyes, 155lbs. I like swimming, walking, biking, comping, etc. I'm interested in meeting new friends. Call me. (Milwaukee) #6599

HELP ME GET OFF I'm 25
years old, smooth bottom boy
looking for a hot top muscular
man. A hot construction worker,
body builder, cop, etc. to take
control of me. Make me do it sir.
Make me your dirty little boy.
(Milwaukee) #7498

READY FOR A CHANGE I'm a single White male, 30 years old, 6th, 200lbs. I'm looking for a Transvestite. I need a first time experience with a kinky cross drasser. (Milwaukse) #5255

SIT BACK AND RELAX I'm a handsome and bored Gay White male, early 30's, slim, discreet, very oral. I'm looking for Gay or straight White men who would like to be serviced. Call me. (Milwaukae) #5879

LIVE IN SLAVE WANTED I'm 48 years old and I'm looking for a slave boy or she male slave 18 to 35. I'm willing to train someone. This is a possible live in situation. (Milwaukee) #3680

THE WILD NIGHT IS
CALLING I'm a very attractive
32 year old Gay White male,
Blande hair, Hazzel eyes, 6'1,
165lbs, trim muscular build. I
enjoy working out, camping, etc.
I'm looking for guys in my area
for fun and friendship. Call me.
(Milwaukee) #3897

THE COLOR OF MY
DREAMS I'm a 29 year old
Black male, 6'73, 180lbs,
mustache, attractive. I'm seeking
other men of color in my area.
Call me. (Milwoulee) #3985

DANCES WITH NATURE I'm a Gay White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 6'1, 25 years old, nice body. Hove dancing and the outdoors. Give me a call. (Milwaukee) #1538

NO CRIMINAL RECORD I'm a Bi White male, 6'1, 29 years old, 217lbs, athletic build, Blue eyes, handsome, GQ looks, drug free, disease free, no criminal record. I'm looking for a Bi White or Hispanic male 21 to 35 who is muscular and good looking. [Milwaukee] #3378

MORE THAN THIS I'm a caring Gay White male looking for the same for friendship and possibly more. I'm 51 years old, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'8, 1 45lbs. If you are interested please call me. (Milwoukee) #1720

LOOKING FOR A HOT, HUNG TOP I'm a Gay White male, 25 years old, Brown hair, Blue eyes, slender build. I'm looking for a hot hung top man, Call me. (Milwaukee) 21774

SMALL ENDOWED
BOTTOMS WANTED I'm an older young looking 44 year old Gay White male, 5'9, 165lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven, hairy chest, nice legs, top man. I'm looking for younger guys who are small endowed bottoms.
Call me. (Milwaukee) #1878

LET'S PLAY A GAME Let's turn up the heat together. I'm 41 years old, honest and caring. I enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, black jack, and cribbage. Call me. (Milwaukee) \$2582

TOP MAN WANTED I'm a 20 year old Gay White male, Reddish Brown hair, Brown eyes, 6tt, 200lbs, freckles. I'm looking for a top man 18 to 25. Call me. (Milwaukee)

I LOVE TRANSVESTITES If you enjoy crass dressing call me. I enjoy the company of another guy when he is in drag. Call me. (Milwaukee)

MAKE ME LAUGH I'm 5'7, 180lbs, well built. I'm looking for the same in a guy with a good sense of humor. Lets go out. (Milwaukee) =1316 BLACK MEN ONLY I'm a 21 year old Drag Queen. I have Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'9, 1.55lbs, flexible. I'd like to meet a very fun loving and caring guy who likes to do a lot of things as well as cuddle. I'm only interested in Black men. Call me. (Milwaukee) #42795

LEATHER TRAINING I'm into leather. I'm looking for a slave boy or she male. I'm in my 40's, good build. I'm looking for someone to train.
(Milwaukee) = 32154

SMOOTH, LITTLE
BOTTOM, WANTED I'm a
top man, 41 years old, 6'5,
230lbs. I'm looking for a
smooth little bottom 18 to 25,
I'm secure and a worksholic. If
you would like to know more
please call me. (Nina)
28686

HERE'S THE SKINNY I'm a Gay White male, Bland hair, Green eyes, skinny, 120lbs. I like cuddling, watching movies, and the beach. If I sound interesting to you please call. (Racine) #17609

MORAL OF MY STORY I'm a Gay, White male, 29 years old, 5'3, 130lbs, Brown hair, changing eyes, look younger than I am. I enjoy shopping, the country life, movies, home life, and cuddling. I'm looking for a life time relationship with a mon 27 to 33. You must be a non smoker and non drinker. You should have church morals. (River Falls) #15672

HERE I AM I'm 21 years old, 5'8, 145lbs, dark Bland hair, Blue eyes, I like the outdoors, dancing, the movies, animals, etc. I'm looking for someone 18 to 23 who likes to go out and have fun. Call me. (Shebaygan) 29110

LONG WALKS AND CUDDLY NIGHTS I'm a 42 year old Gay White male, 6'1, 275lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for a Gay male who is interested in a long term relationship. I have many interests. Call me. (Sheboygan) #6524

DAD WANTS BOY I'm a Gay White male retired professional seeking a cute young dude, son, brother, for affection, companionship, and more. Call me. (Sturgeon Bay) ### 34420

BIG HEARTED BEAR If you are looking for a big hearted bear to love call me. I'm 43 years old, 6'2, Blue eyes, Brownish Grey hair, moderately hairy. I'm looking for a cuddly young cub 21 to 35 who would like to pamper and spoil this papa bear. (Wisconsin Dells) #15056

LET'S GET TOGETHER Gay White male couple, early 30's, seeks other Gay White couples or singles for get togethers and more. (Wisconsin Rapids) 19317



OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for Nov. 27 through Dec. 11



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Attention to personal appearance pays when Saturn, Pluto and Uranus aspect. Proud Rams have

friends indeed who provide a surprising entree into international society. On a low level it may mean that a pal connects you to the internet under an apt email monikor, but don't piss away this energy on small stuff. Set your personal agenda on go, go, go and send it Out globally. That's the Rambo moxie I've come to expect!



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Hidden enemies may have been making mincement out of your best corporate efforts but their power

has peaked and passed. The Saturn, Pluta, Uranus aspect unleashes all gay Bulls in a china shop, charging, conquering and breaking through to success. Expect a psychological epiphany at this time; If you're closeted at work, prepare for an unexpected outing. I just love outings, and so should you.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Queer Twins may be balancing the needs of friends with those of partners. Sadly, even the most imagina-

tive Twins can't serve two masters at once, so Saturn, Pluto and Uranus are gonna make you queen for a day. Expect a royal apportunity to forge an international peace treaty between these two warring factions. If that doesn't do the trick, you can always escape to fabulous parts unknown for a bit.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Pink Crabs have won their claws down to a nubby stub (and very few people like it that way...) trying to

have their professional efforts recognized and rewarded. While you might have given up hope of grabbing the brass corporate ring, pout no longer; Saturn, Pluto and Uranus are about to ring you up. The clarion call will come in loud, proud and queer through the most unexpected sources.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Dramatic and proud Lions continue to expand their horizons and talents through artistic and creative enter-

prises. Saturn, Pluto and Uranus hand you a mondate; Do what you love to do and it will find its proper adoring audience. Who knows, even partners or other one to one relationships could provide you with the spark of direction that pushes this puppy into the global gay community. Remember us when you are famous. Aw you probably won't...



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Get thee to a gym, Virgin, and hone that queer bod. You need to be in the right place at the right

time to cash in on the Saturn, Pluto, Uranus aspect. Attendance to health and diet helps you attract that perfect older (or maybe just wiser) lover and transform your drab home life into a love nest. If you're a lethargic diva, it may also be possible to meet your dreamboat at work. Ain't life wonderful, cousin?

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)



Sociable gay Libras find that their gleeful participation in a funfest may in fact lead to more powerful and far reaching enterprises.

Communication packs a punch when Saturn, Pluto and Uranus converge, so be warned. If you are still trolling for a perfect partner, you may find that creative authers or artistic venues place a few delicious possibilities on your plate. It always pays to eat out dear.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

If you've been feeling like an old rat on a treadmill, thank Saturn, Pluto and Uranus for the planetary

reprieve. Hard work pays off and queer Scorps can cash their chips for a tidy sum. Don't be a short sighted putz; invest in a happy home life where you can feel warm, cozy and comfortable with who you are. Surround yourself with affirming folks and and spare no entertaining expense.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Proud Sags have pretty big mouths (which often accounts for their popularity in certain circles...). Naw,

with the fabulaus aspect of Saturn, Pluto and Uranus, your words pack a punch like never before. Literally interpreted, if you've been noodling around with some after hours project just for the fun of it, you may suddenly be caught like a deer in headlights, in the center stage of attention. Don't trip over the edge...



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Dear, queer Cap, we've spoken about this before; you are undergoing a vast and cathartic internal transformation. Now, with the

Saturn, Pluto, Uranus aspect, this personal journey will be a little less painful. You may find that all that you value is surprisingly valueless. This is an important step; Re-evaluate home, family and spiritual obstacles blocking you from true affirmation and ultimate happiness.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB 19)

Aqueerians are in their element with the Saturn, Pluto, Uranus consortium. You have the urge to take up

the rainbow banner and wave it for all to see. Now you will not wave it alone nor will your voice go unheard. Social outlets transform and strengthen any good gay cause and Saturn's influence gives your words a wise and studious feeling. Shout it from the rooftops, cousin. I know you will triumph.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Hidden enemies may have temporarily succeeded in biting you on the butt but now, with the Saturn,

Pluto, Uranus aspect, you will have the opportunity to bite back. Career tracks, which have recently appeared rather muddled, open up like a superhighway. Swim directly, pink Fish, and gather in the rewards while the energy is hot. You receive a beneficent hand from out of the blue. Why ask why?

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