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From the Editor

which Christmas right around the corner, I can think of no better holiday gift for Madison's and Wisconsin's LesBiGay community than the news late last week the historic Hotel Washington would be rebuilt on its current site. Greg Scheel and the hotel's owners and staff persevered when many were beginning to think the hotel would not be rebuilt. We heartily congratulate them for their efforts.

In Step Newsmagazine also has full coverage of the Hawaii marriage decision and its impact on Wisconsin and the rest of the news around the state and the nation.

New in this issue, is the first (and only as far as I know) gay science column, entitled "Queer Science." This new feature is written by Simon LeVay, Ph.D., well-known for his research on the "gay brain." He is the author of "Queer Science" and the co-author (with Elisabeth Nonas) of "City of Friends." He is also the co-founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. We are proud to have him join our stable of writers.

Look for exciting new writers, columns and features to debut in coming issues as we continue to bring the very best in entertainment and news our readers.

Also in this issue is the final installment of our Holiday Shopping Guide. There are now just a few days until Christmas and we encourage you to support those LesBiGay owned and supportive businesses when shopping for those last minute stocking stuffers and gifts.

For the first time, In Step Newsmagazine will not be taking 4-week break after the holidays. We will continue on our regular bi-weekly publication schedule without interruption. In 1997, we will move our deadline back to every other Wednesday, which was the traditional In Step deadline for so many years. Check the sidebar on this page for important deadline information.

We are also pleased to announce there are now even more places to pick up *In Step*. In a special agreement with area businesses, *In Step* is now available in several Sentry, Pick & Save, and Osco stores on through-out Milwaukee and Waukesha. In coming months we will be adding more sites through-out Wisconsin to our expand our distribution and readership even farther. At 12,000 copies per issue, *In Step* is truly the largest LesBiGay publication in the state.

Finally, from the entire staff at In Step we sincerely wish everyone a very happy holiday!

-William Attewell

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News

Hotel Washington Rebuilding Gets Green Light

by William Attewell of the In Step Staff

Madison — After months of ups and downs and intense speculation, rebuilding plans for the historic Hotel Washington took a decidedly positive turn when new financing pushed the effort forward with ground breaking on the same location expected early next year.

On December 4, Capitol Bank, a local Madison bank, approved a \$3.1 million dollar loan for the rebuilding effort. That loan, coupled with a \$600,000 Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) loan from the City of Madison, a \$300,000 loan from Madison Gas and Electric and \$1.1 million of Scheels' own funds, secured the future of the \$6 million rebuilding plan.

The loan makes good business sense, according to statement released by Jim Dolister, president of the bank, "Capitol Bank was established to work on community projects. The Hotel Washington will employ 120 people. It is community projects like these we want to build our reputation on."

The City of Madison City Council has yet to formally approve the TIF loan. Madison Alderman Mike Verveer told In Step Newsmagazine he plans to introduce a proposal to grant the loan on December 17. The proposal would go before the council on January 21, 1997 for final approval.

Verveer believes the City Council will approval the measure, stating, "I'm very optimistic the city will choose to participate in the rebuilding of this landmark building which has served has an important part in Madison's cultural history."

The hotel's rebuilding efforts have been the subject of intense interest. As recently as last month, press reports indicated the hotel was investigating opening at new location at 111 W. Main in Madison.

Another roadblock in the rebuilding effort came in the form of a deed restriction from HUD. In 1992, the hotel received a \$174,000 loan from HUD to re-hab several residential units on the restriction they would be subject to rent limits to provide affordable housing to low income individuals. The condition was secured by a deed restriction on the land which would have made it financially difficult for any rebuilding effort to succeed. The hotel received a waiver for the restriction in July of this year.

According to Greg Scheel, co-owner of the Hotel Washington, ground breaking is slated for February 1st with construction expected to last seven to ten months. The new Hotel Washington will be similar in design to the previous structure and will house the same businesses, Rod's, Cafe Palms and the New Bar. The Hotel will also feature 44 modern hotel rooms.

Scheel told In Step Newsmagazine, "So much emotion that runs through your body when you finally get something through like this. I am relieved the battle is over for the financing."

Scheel added, "I feel good for the community and the employees because they always thought we could get it done."

The original Hotel Washington burned in the early morning of Feburary 19 of this year. In Step will continue to follow this story as it develops.

Hawaii Marriage Decision to Impact Wisconsin Legislature

By Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Madison — The historic decision by a Hawaii judge in support of same gender marriage is likely to have strong repercussions in the Wisconsin legislature, where politicians who both support and oppose gay marriage have vowed to

introduce proposals representing their very different points of view.

The confrontation over same gender marriage in Wisconsin could come as early as January when the new legislative session begins.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), the state's only openly gay or lesbian legislator, announced on December 4 that she would introduce a bill to



—Tammy Baldwin

legalize marriage between same gender couples. Her proposal would allow gay and lesbian couples to receive all the benefits that heterosexual married couples currently receive: hospital visitation rights, family health insurance privileges, spousal inheritance rights and tax benefits.

"It's clear to me we will have to do even more to protect the rights we already have and to fend off these new attacks."

- REP. TAMMY BALDWIN

"Gay men and lesbians want and deserve the right to protect their partners in the context of legally recognized committed relationships," Baldwin said. "Families are the cornerstone of our society. We all have a vested interest in assuring that every family is afforded the same legal rights which serve to promote family stability."

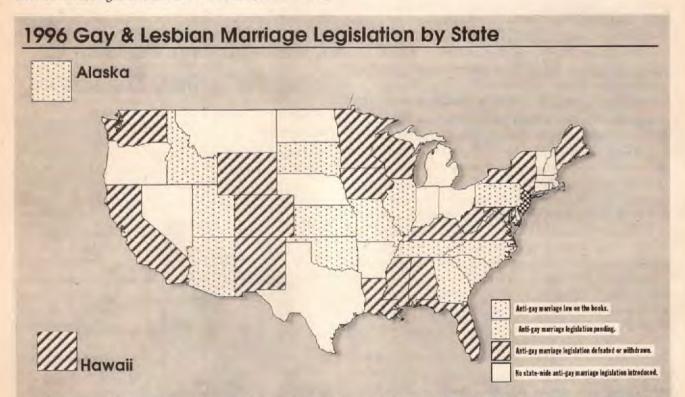
But opponents of gay marriage will introduce measures to block its legalization. Rep. Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle) plans to reintroduce a bill she sponsored during the last session which prohibits same gender marriage in Wisconsin and which denies the validity of any such marriages performed in Hawaii or other states. (Seratti's bill died in committee at the close of the last legislative session with no action taken on it.)

Meanwhile, Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) intends to lead an effort to change the state constitution to declare unequivocally that marriage is limited to unions between a man and a woman. Changing the constitution is a much lengthier and more complex process than passing a law. It includes both legislative approval and a statewide referendum.

Rep. Baldwin told In Step Newsmagazine: "We need to be prepared to activate very quickly. The bills to be introduced will be referred to committees, and hearings can be held with very little notice. People are going to have to be committed to travel to Madison on fairly short notice to testify in support of same gender marriage."

"I was very pleased with the level of activism I saw last session," Baldwin said. "But it's clear to me we will have to do even more to protect the rights we already have and to fend off these new attacks. Now is a good time for every reader of In Step to call their state representative and senator to let them know how you feel."

Action Wisconsin, a statewide network of gays and lesbians and their supporters, as well as local organizations such as Milwaukee's Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays, are currently informing and activating their members for the educational/lobbying campaign ahead.



NOTE: On July 12, 1996, the US House of Representatives passed HR 3396, the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act." On September 8, President Clinton signed DOMA into law. DOMA limits the federal definition of marriage to exclude same-gender couples. DOMA bars same-gender couples from receiving the federal economic protections and recognition afforded non-gay couples. Gay and lesbian couples are currently denied the right to legally marry anywhere in the US.

THE HAWAII DECISION

The ruling against the state of Hawaii by Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang on December 3 was the second court victory for gay marriage in the Aloha State. The final word is expected to be issued by the Hawaii Supreme Court in late 1997 or 1998.

The lawsuit was originally filed in 1991 by one gay and two lesbian couples who were denied marriage licenses by the Hawaii Health Department. A court threw out their case but, on appeal, the Hawaii Supreme Court in 1993 ruled that the denial of the marriage licenses appeared to violate the equal protection clause of the state constitution and statutes against sex discrimination.

The Supreme Court sent the case back to a trial court where the state had to prove a "compelling state interest" for denying same sex couples the right to wed. In the absence of such proof, the state would be required to issue marriage licenses to same gender couples. Both sides presented their case to Judge Chang during a week-

long trial in September.

In his December 3 ruling, Judge Chang declared that the state had failed to prove a "compelling state interest" in denying gays and lesbians the right to marry. Deputy Attorney General Rick Eichor argued for the state that the primary reason for denying marriage licenses to gays was the state's interest in protecting children. He called witnesses who testified that the "optimal" environment for raising children was a home with two biological parents of the opposite gender.

But Judge Chang disagreed, saying that the evidence presented by both sides "establishes that the single most important factor in the development of a happy, healthy and well-adjusted child is the nurturing relationship between parent and

child."

The studies of gay parents submitted to the court indicated, Judge Chang said, that homosexuality had no bearing on the quality of a person's child-rearing abilities. Chang noted that one of the state's own experts "agreed, in pertinent part, that gay and lesbian parents 'are doing a good job' raising children and, most importantly, 'the kids are turning out just fine.'"

Chang asserted that rather than harm children, same gender marriage would actually extend protections to the children of gay and lesbian couples which they do not currently receive, such as health insurance, inheritance rights and legal standing

in custody disputes.

Chang ruled that same gender marriage posed no threat to heterosexual marriage but could actually elevate the institution as a whole by encompassing all families — traditional and alternative. Chang also stated that, contrary to the state's argument, same gender marriage would not be a drain on public finances.

"This decision is the first major step toward recognizing that it's fundamentally unfair to exclude lesbians and gay men from marriage," said Matt Coles, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "Since we insist that couples marry to protect their most important relationship — or risk losing their homes, inheritances, even contact with their partners during medical emergencies — it is simply wrong to deny lesbians and gay couples the basic right to marry."

"This is a ruling that respects the rights of all people in Hawaii to marry the person they love," Coles added. "As this court recognized, the freedom to marry is a basic human right that belongs to each individual — not the state. The government should not be in the position of arranging our marriages. Marriage is a personal decision that belongs to the two consenting adults in a relationship."

Coles offered this historical outlook on the Hawaii ruling: "At one time, people of different races and people who had been previously married were denied the right



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In his decision, Judge Chang ordered the Hawaii Health Department to begin issuing marriage licenses to same gender couples. But a day later he



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stayed the order until such time as the Hawaii Supreme Court rules on the state's appeal. Most legal experts agree that the Hawaii Supreme Court will sustain Judge Chang's decision. Three of its five members ruled in support of the plaintiffs' earlier appeal against the

However, there is a movement afoot in the Hawaii legislature to outlaw same gender marriage through an amendment to the state constitution. Anti-gay groups also used a November referendum on holding a constitutional convention as a platform for attacking gay marriage. The constitutional convention, at which delegates could add same sex marriage prohibitions into the constitution, was approved by voters, though the referendum results are being challenged.

Should gay marriages indeed take place in Hawaii, the legality of those unions may not be recognized by the federal government or by other states because of Congressional passage of the Defense of Marriage Act and similar laws adopted by the states which deny recognition and benefits to same gender marriages. Both sides agree that legal challenges around the gay marriage issue could go on for years.

Judge Rules Against **UW-Madison Groups**

by Christopher Krimmer of the In Step Staff

Madison - U.S. District Court Judge John Shabaz ruled last week that UW-Madison students no longer have to pay for student groups that they do not support. The landmark decision has many students outraged especially those students who benefit directly from the many diverse student organizations currently on campus.

Not surprisingly, gay, lesbian and bisexual students form the basis of some of the groups under attack. This Fall the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community Center received over \$27,000 from the university and the Madison AIDS Support Network received over \$25,000. The popular Ten Percent Society is also funded in part by the University. If the court's ruling stands, the change in the funding structure may have a devastating impact on the survival of these groups.

Judge Shabaz ruled that the current system of mandatory segregated fees was unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Under the current fee structure, every student has \$37 dollars taken from their tuition to be allocated to student organizations. The Associated Students of Madison, the university's student government, decides what money goes to which groups. UW-Madison students can always be involved in the allocation of these funds by voting for their student representatives and voicing their concerns at ASM meetings.

The three UW-Madison law students who filed the lawsuit alleged that their First Amendment rights to free speech and association were being violated by this segregated fee policy. They objected to the fact that their money may end up subsidizing groups that they did not support. The three law students are devout Christians who oppose abortion and homosexuality.

In their trial brief, they selected eighteen groups that they objected to because of each group's ideological and political beliefs. The two gay, lesbian and bisexual groups were included in the list along with Amnesty International, Community Action on Latin America, the Progressive Student Network, Students of National Organization for Women and various other groups.

UW-Madison's Board of Regents defended the fee policy by arguing that the fees do not compel speech on behalf of the plaintiffs, but rather "funds fora for the expression of different views at the University of Wisconsin." The fees support a platform for the free exchange of a wide-range of ideas and

expressions, they do not directly endorse any one group's ideology or political beliefs.

Judge Shabaz said that he was required to balance the interests of the plaintiffs' right to not be compelled to subsidize political and ideological activities against the University's interest in providing opportunities for the free expression of diverse viewpoints on difficult and challenging issues. His decision was decisive and unapologetic.

"This court finds that the balance between the competing interests in this case tips in the favor of the First Amendment rights not to be compelled to speak or associate," Shabaz said.

Shabaz made explicit reference to the two gay and lesbian campus organizations, "The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center is a student organization that is primarily concerned with advancing the homosexual agenda and promoting pro-homosexual political activism. While it does offer some educational services to UW-Madison students, these services are incidental to the center's primary purpose of promoting political and ideological goals. [T]he Ten Percent Society describes itself as a pro-homosexual group that educates members of the UW-Madison campus on issues that affect the homosexual community as well as same sex marriages and domestic partner insurance...Even though the existence of these student organizations on the UW-Madison campus contributes to one of the university's functions of promoting the free exchange of perhaps controversial ideas, the primarily political and ideological nature of these student organizations results in the likelihood of some of these groups' positions being repugnant to students who hold ma differing political and ideological position." In this "repugnancy" stands the First Amendment violation.

Interestingly, Judge Shabaz was the same federal judge who dismissed Jamie Nabozny's case. Jamie Nabozny is the gay Ashland public school student who was verbally and physically harassed by other students for over four years while school officials did nothing to prevent the abuse. Judge Shabaz dismissed Jamie's case because he did not believe there was sufficient evidence in the pleadings to find the school officials liable for Jamie's injuries. Shabaz's ruling was overturned by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Nabozny argued his case at trial and won.

If the decision stands, the university will need to implement a fee policy where students can opt-out of subsidizing those organizations they do not support. It appears that students would receive a list of all the student organizations who are requesting funding from the university and the student would select only those organizations that they want to see funded.

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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Project Moves Forward

by Ed Grover

Milwaukee — On Sunday, December 8th about 35 people gathered for a Town Hall Meeting of the Milwaukee G/L/B/T Community Center. Karen Goetzler and Jim Schlief served as co-chairs for the meeting.

Schlief said that the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is moving toward a more formal structure and that in addition to the five current committees, four more are being added. These are: Bylaws, which will be writing the formal by-laws for the new Board of Directors; a Search Committee, which is an augmentation to Volunteer Committee efforts, in that in the new positions that are being opened up, several committee chairs are moving into new roles.

The LGBT Community Center Steering Committee is looking for people of diverse backgrounds to chair the new committees. Naomi Guzman and Edward Carr will be heading the Diversity/Youth Committee, which may evolve into a Programming Committee. A Strategic Planning Committee, which will integrate all the different components and will start, as of now, to make a final analysis.

The "Addition To The Governance Policies" of September 5, 1996 were distributed. Jim Schlief addressed the "Proposal To Add To Interim Governance Policies", which reads as follows: "The Interim Steering Committee will recruit four individuals to serve as Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, two men and two women, of which at least two shall be people of color."

This document stated that this proposal was: "in keeping with the commitment to diversity in our Givens and Assumptions and in addressing a proposal from a People of Color Caucus held on October 19, 1996." These new members are Redonna Rodgers and Leonel Marchan. The proposal was passed unanimously by members present.

Also announced was a "Master Timeline" for the projectwhich is being worked on by all the sub-committees and will be available at the next meeting.

Mark Street gave a progress report on the Feasibility Committee. Since the last Town Hall Meeting in September, letters and surveys were sent out to all Milwaukee area LesBiGay organizations.

Organizations were also invited to attend an organizational caucus at the end of October. Ten to twelve of these groups attended the caucus. An effort was made to reach out to the business community and organizations to find out what they would need as far as office space or meeting rooms. Two hundred-fifteen surveys were mailed out the third week in November and there has been a good response rate. There will be telephone follow-up on these contacts.

Wendy Radish, Co-Chair of the Public Relations

Committee gave an update on the "Name the Center Contest." The deadline for final submission of names is December 16, 1996. The Steering Committee will select, at most, ten finalists from the total submissions for a final vote by the GLBT community. A new ballot will be designed. This process will begin on January 11, 1997 and end on February 8th. The announcement of the new name for the Center will be made on Valentines Day, 1997.

Gwen Kibbe project costs of \$1,000 per month to run the Community Center for the first six months. Currently there is \$2,258 in the account; of that, \$248 was donated by the LAMM Auction. Kibbee said their next task was to start working on the budget for 1997.

Karen Goetzler said, "It is exciting to note the number of 'in kind' contributions that the LGBT Community Center has had from organizations, individuals and businesses in the community to help pay for things like telephone lines and copying costs. One of the reasons we are under budget at this time is because of these contributions."

The next Town Hall Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15, 1997 at a time and location to be announced. Volunteers are still needed and anyone interested in this or any other information may write: Community Center, PO Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0722, or call 414-4384710.

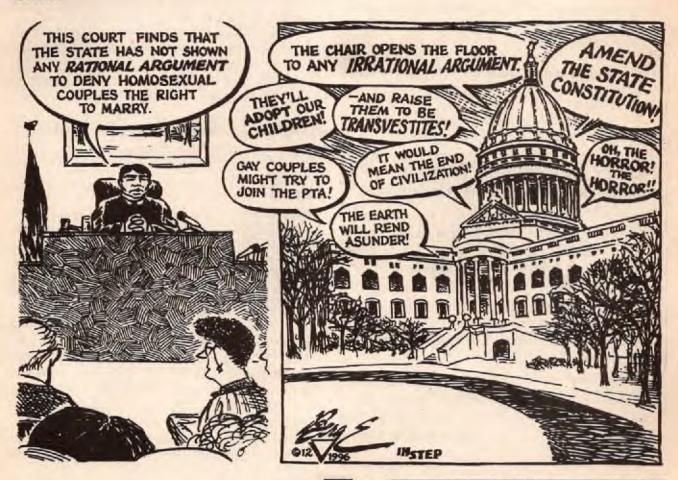
Dellis Charged in Death of Teen

by Cheryl Myers of the In Step Staff

Green Bay — On Tuesday, Dec. 3, David Dellis was charged with second-degree reckless homicide and hiding a corpse by Brown County prosecutors. He is also charged in Door County for mutilating with a chainsaw the dead body of Michael Kasee, age 15, of Green Bay. Dellis is currently undergoing mental health examinations at Winnebago Mental Health Institute to evaluate whether he can understand the criminal charges he faces.

Brown County District Attorney John Zakowski has announced that if Dellis is found competent to stand trial, both Brown and Door County will prosecute simultaneously. He also stated that though Dellis may have dismembered Kasee's body in an attempt to hide the corpse, it doesn't mean Dellis intended to kill the boy.

Dellis faces a maximum prison sentence of 10 years if convicted. Dellis contends that Kassee attacked him and in the ensuing struggle, he grasped the boy's neck which resulted in his death. He maintains it was not his intention to kill Kassee.



National & World News

"Lesbian Pro Tem" Kuehl Named to Leading Calif. Assembly Post

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Sacramento, CA - Democrats retaking control of the California Assembly after this November's election made a bit of history when they elected Cruz Bustamante of Fresno as their speaker - the first Latino to hold that post.

But another historic first followed quickly when the new speaker-elect tapped Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl of Santa Monica as the first woman and the first lesbian to serve as speaker pro tem.

"I too am pleased to be a first," Kuehl said after being sworn in to her new leadership post in the state legislative

Although the speaker pro tem now serves at the pleasure of the speaker and chairs the Assembly when the speaker is unable to, Kuehl's selection wasn't entirely without opposition. A brief dispute over the Assembly rules, which allow the speaker to select his primary assistant in the legislature, followed Bustamante's naming of Kuehl led by Republican Assemblymembers.

But the chamber's Democratic majority prevailed and Kuehl became a bit of California legislative history.

Disney Taking Heat from Lesbian Rights Organization for 'Dalmatians'

New York, NY - Walt Disney films just can't win. First ultra-conservative Christians called for a boycatt of Disney because it had added domestic partner benefits for its gay and lesbian employees. Then the Chinese government threatened an international incident because of a Disney film in the works about Tibet.

Now Disney's newest seasonal blockbuster, "101 Dalmatians," is taking some heat from rights activists who are angry over star Glenn Close's portrayal of Cruella De Vil, described as a stereotypical "man-hating, ballbreaking lesbian" by activists.

Kate Kendall of the National Center for Lesbian Rights told the New York Post, "When Disney does portray a villain, there is the tendency to portray that character as other than heterosexual," noting that the evil uncle in "The Lion King," another Disney box office hit, was widely viewed as being homosexual.

"I have to say as the first openly gay or lesbian person ever elected to this house," Kuehl said to here colleagues in the Assembly, "this will be a first and I think you for that."

Bustamante's election, many analysts say, reflects the growing political clout of Hispanics in the state - and in the nation generally.

"My grandparents were born in Mexico and they came to this country to work," Bustamante said following his election as speaker. "My parents are in New Mexico and I am a first generation Californian."

Kuehl's selection as the speaker pro tem, capital observers' say, reflects not only the growing importance women are playing in politics throughout the country, but also the political influence gays and lesbians have been able to exert within the state's Democratic Party.

A further indication of this increasing power, observers say, is the fact that one of the other Assembly members Bustamante was considering for the pro tem post was Carole Migden, the former San Francisco supervisor who is the other open lesbian who sits in the state Assembly.

Images of Kissing Men Put into Flight Simulation Game

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff



Walnut Creek, CA - Maxis Inc., makers of computer entertainment programs, has fired Jacques Sevrin, one of the firm's software engineers, for embedding hidden images of two bikini-clad men kissing in its just-released high-end flight simulation program SimCopter.

Between 50,000 and 80,000 copies of SimCoprer, which is the company's sequel to its best-selling simulation game SimCity 2000, were shipped out to toy shops, hobby stores and computer outlets around the U.S. in late November in time for the Christmas shopping season before the firm discovered the hidden images that Sevrin included in the flight simulation game.

Sevrin has said he included the surreptitious image - so common in computer games that they've been dubbed "Easter eggs" - to counter the general practices of included images of scantily-clad women in these sorts of programs that are extremely popular with teenagers.

"The artist that was working on it made the characters the standard female computer-game bimbos, really skimpy shorts, big breasts - what you'd expect," Sevrin said.

Sevrin, who is gay, said the male figures in SimCopter were "really dumpy, little squat middle-aged types." So he decided to throw in some "beefcake."

Programmers often add more innocent surprise characters - human and otherwise - to games without much fuss. On certain dates, for example, the Loch Ness monster and Elvis impersonators make surprise appearances, and SimCopter has a flying super-hero.

But Sevrin said that since the manufacturer allowed images of scantily clad women, bare-chested men should also be allowed.

"These boys in swim trunks just walk around - very rarely, I might add - except on certain days of the year," he said.

The images are programmed to show up in SimCopter screens only when users reach one of the higher levels of play in the simulation only on Friday the 13th, on Sept. 30, and on Aug. 22 - these latter two being Sevrin's and his partner's birthdays.

In SimCopter, players fly harrowing crisis management missions above the homes and between the skyscrapers of a virtual 3D city using their computers. Players can either fly missions in one of the 30 cities that come packaged with SimCopter or fly through a city they created in Maxis' earlier SimCity 2000 simulation.

Maxis says it will release a "patch" to block the images of the kissing men.

Will Wright, the head of Maxis, said he generally agreed with Sevrin that the hidden "Easter egg" images in most computer games and simulations are scantily clad females with few attractive men. But he said the problem he had with what Sevrin did was that he did it secretly.

Wright said that if Sevrin had raised the issue, "we would have had a really interesting discussion about this and we might have ended up including it."

Grim Data on Global AIDS from the UN

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

London — A United Nations report says the AIDS epidemic continues - and is even gaining momentum in some parts of the world previously little affected by the disease.

The joint UN Program on AIDS (or UNAIDS) brings together experts from various UN agencies such as the World Health Organization, the UN Children's Fund and the World Bank. Its latest report on the AIDS epidemic, released just before World AIDS Day on December 1, offers some grim statistics, such as the fact that more than 22 million people are infected with HIV.

Dr. Peter Piot, the executive director of UNAIDS, says the epidemic is far from over despite recent treatment advances.

"This year alone," Piot says, "3.1 million people became infected with HIV; 1.5 million people died from this disease, which is now double the number of people globally who have died from malaria, making it one of the main killers in the world today; and every single day, 85,000 people become infected with HIV, including 1,000 children."

The UNAIDS report says the epidemic has spread to regions such as Eastern Europe and the countries that made up the former Soviet Union - most of which

Also on the Newswire...

Speculation on Who Will Be the New 'AIDS Czar'

Washington, DC — With President Clinton beginning to name candidates to fill top Administration posts for his second term in office, speculation is rife about who will be selected to replace Patricia Fleming to head the White House Office of AIDS, the so-called "AIDS czar." Among those who have been named as likely front runners for the post are: Phill Wilson of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum in Los Angeles; Pat Christen, head of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; Michael Isbell, director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York; and Jim Graham, head of Washington D.C.'s Whitman-Walker Clinic.

So. Africa's Constitution Passes Court Muster

Pretoria, South Africa — South Africa's Constitutional Court has approved the country's new constitution after an earlier rejection of some sections. The new constitution, which naw goes to President Nelson Mandella for his already agreed-on signature, is widely seen as one of the world's most progressive, with a bill of rights that bars all discrimination, including bias based on sexual orientation - a first in the international arena.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Goes Online

San Francisco, CA — The Names Project Foundation has launched the first Internet display of the famous AIDS Memorial Quilt. The America Online site was created as part of the Dec. 1st ninth annual World AIDS Day. The online display consists of 48 panels. Each panel describes a person whose life has been cut short by aids. The purpose of the display is to raise AIDS awareness and to give those unable to visit the actual quilt a chance to see it.

were relatively unaffected by HIV until recently.

Despite the report's grim statistics, Piot says there is some grounds for optimism, nothing that in countries like Uganda and Thailand AIDS cases have actually decreased because of the countries' commitment to educational programs. But a greater political will to fight AIDS is needed, Piot says.

"Without a strong political commitment, it is impossible to do it," he



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-DR. PETER PIOT, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNAIDS

said. "It has to be possible to talk about sex, to advertise condoms, to have access to accurate information about sex - and that requires political commitment. In a country like Uganda, the president does not give a speech without mentioning AIDS - and that is really setting an example and being a role model for change in society."

Underscoring the growing impact the epidemic is now having in regions of the world that had previously been little affected, officials in the Ukraine are proposing that inmates with HIV in the country be segregated in the hope of stemming the spread of the virus in prisons.

Prison officials in the country say the virus has spread rapidly among inmates, with some 2,100 now infected. About 70 percent of those infected are men, officials say, and blame sex among prisoners and IV drug use in facilities for the explosion of the disease.

Ukrainian health officials say the epidemic is also spreading rapidly among the general population, and that more than 8,000 new cases of HIV infection have been reported during the past two years in the country. Most concede that number is significantly smaller than the number of actual infections in the country.

While in Russia, Prof. Vadim Pokrovsky, head of the Moscow-based Russian Scientific Systematic Center for Prevention and the Fight Against AIDS, predicted that as many as 100,000 Russians could be infected with HIV by the end of 1997 and as many a half-a-million by the end of 1998 unless the government acts to stem the spread of the virus.

In Japan, the health ministry joined with private organizations to launch the country's first national AIDS awareness and education campaign with a personal address by Health and Welfare Ministry Junichiro Koizumi.

In Manila, Philippine AIDS volunreers released thousands of red balloons to mark the event, while thousands of people throughout Thailand handed our condoms in massage parlors, brothels and gasoline stations.

While in Australia, the Sydney Harbor Bridge was topped with twin 60-feet high red AIDS awareness ribbons

Latin American countries from Argentina to El Salvador to Mexico to Brazil marked the international observation of World AIDS Day in an almost desperate awareness effort against rapidly escalating infection rates that continue to daunt both public and private-sector health care workers.

With some 30,000 reported cases of AIDS in Mexico and more than 80,000 cases in Brazil, HIV is rapidly become the primary cause of death in many Latin American countries where many health officials fear the epidemic has begun to outstrip their countries' abilities to control the spread of the disease.

In the U.S., the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund took advantage of the observance to issue AIDS "report cards" for two prominent public officials, Donna Shalala, the health and human services secretary, and Gov. George Pataki of New York - both of whom the gay public advocacy group gave failing grades to.

The organization said it gave Shalala a failing grade for her refusal to endorse needle-exchange programs and the administration's refusal to end federal restrictions against HIV-infected health-care workers. The group flunked out Gov. Pataki for portions of his proposed welfare reforms that would eliminate some housing assistance for people with AIDS, halt public assistance for people who test positive for narcotics, and eventually abandon Aids to Families with Dependent Children assistance to people who are infected with HIV.

Croatian Top Justice Apparently Comes Out in Political Flap

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Zagreb, Croatia — In what many see as complex political power maneuvering, the presiding head of Croatia's supreme court apparently has acknowledged that he is gay.

Croatia's judiciary council disciplinary court decided in late November to remove Krunislav Olujic from office as the president and judge of the country's supreme court while he is being investigated on charges of sexual activity with underage girls - despite widespread rumors that Olujic is himself gay.

Olujic, who has been sharply critical of attempts by the governing HDZ party to curtail the independent power of the country's judicial branch, told reporters in Zagreb, "The police accuse me of having sexual relationships with minors, girls what is more - which is astonishing."

Croatian news sources reporting on the removal of the presiding justice took his remarks as confirmation that he is homosexual, with no interest in females. Olujic has not denied any of the news reports in the country that have identified him as being gay.

If he is ultimately removed from his post, Olujic will be the second high court presiding justice removed in a row.

Many Croatian politicians, however, believe Olujic's ouster has nothing to do with sex and that the charges are simply the HDZ party's way of cementing its control over the courts and upcoming elections.

As head of the country's supreme court, Olujic would also have served as the president of the nation's electoral commission that would have had overall supervision of next year's presidential, parliamentary and local elections. Aside from Olujic's own apparent openness about being gay, critics of the ruling HDZ also point to his government-appointed success, Milan Vukovic, a ranking HDZ party official.

Florida Court Overturns Anti-Gay Measure

Gainesville, FL — A Florida circuit court has stuck down the Alachua County, Florida, ballot measure approved by voters in 1994 that repealed existing gay rights protections and prohibited the county from enacting any such laws based on sexual orientation.

Circuit Court Judge Frederick Smith ruled that Amendment 1, as the ballot measure was known, violated the Constitution's equal protection guarantees in the same way that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Colorado's Amendment 2 did by making it more difficult for a class of citizens to seek government protections.

Alachua County voters approved the ballot measure by a 57-43 margin.

Settlement in Raid on New Year's Aids Benefit

San Francisco, CA — The city of San Francisco will pay \$148,000 to settle a lawsuit resulting from a raid on a New Year's Eve AIDS benefit two years ago. The city admitted no wrongdoing in announcing the settlement. At the time of the event, police say they raided the benefit because organizers didn't have a permit. Those arrested say they were beat up because of their sexual orientation. Eventually all charges against those arrested during the raid were dropped and two police sergeants involved in the raid were suspended. In addition to the money, the settlement includes more sensitivity training for police officers.

Report: Experimental AIDS Vaccine Fails Tests

Washington, DC — U.S. researchers report in the Lancet that tests of an experimental AIDS vaccine, known as MNGRP-120, show that it does not work - a result similar to trials of earlier attempts to find a vaccine against HIV. In a 15-month test of MNGRP-120, University of North Carolina physicians found it provided no advantage to people infected with HIV. Among nearly 600 patients in the early stages of infection, the disease-fighting immune systems of those given the experimental vaccine still weakened at about the same rate as those who did not get it.

Settlement in Trailer Park Eviction Threat

Huntington Beach, CA — The owner of the Huntington Shorecliffs Mobile Home Park has reached a settlement in a dispute with a 39-year-old man, Steven Lewis, who has AIDS. The owner had threatened to evict Lewis after he moved in with his 61-year-old mother and he became too ill to live on his own. In the settlement, Huntington Shorecliffs has agreed to stop its threat to evict the Shirley Lewis and her son and will pay Mrs. Lewis \$25,000. The trailer park admitted no wrongdoing in reaching the settlement.

FDA Panel Splits Over Accelerated Approval for New Drug

Rockville, MD - Split over whether delavirdine, a new AIDS medicine from Pharmacia & Upjohn, is promising enough or not to deserve accelerate approval, a Food and Drug Administration panel voted 4-4 on the new drug, effectively leaving the final decision in the hands of the FDA itself.

After reviewing Pharmacia & Upjohn's clinical data on delavirdine, the panel decided the company's information about the drug wasn't sufficient for it to recommend the fast-track approval process.

"I do feel that there is a need for this drug ... [but] I don't think the data support accelerated approval," said Fred Valentine, an FDA advisory panel member from New York University.

Funeral Home Hit with Discrimination Suit

Chicago, IL — Brian Rabe has filed a lawsuit against Richard Demnicki, the owner of the Schaumburg-based Michael's Funeral Home, charging that the funeral director refused to allow a wake following the AIDS-related death of Rabe's partner two years ago.

Demnicki denies the accusations in the suit, and says Rabe's partner, identified only as Joe Doe, had asked in his will that he not be embalmed, which he said ruled out a wake.

Demnicki also says the funeral arrangement weren't made by Rabe, but by the dead man's father as the next of kin.

British Operators Create Flap for Refusing to Send `Gay' on Pagers

London — British Telecom, the UK's telephone giant, says it will retrain operators after a caller complained about a BT staffer who refused to send the words "gay" or "homosexual" on the company's telephone pager system to another customer's pager.

Ironically, the customer who complained - Polly Griffith - is heterosexual and was trying to convey a message to her boyfriend who is an actor about a part in a play she thought he should audition for.

"I wanted to let him know it would involve him playing a gay character," Griffith said. "But the operator told me I couldn't use the word 'gay' because it could be offensive to some people. Then I asked if I could use 'homosexual' ... but she told me her supervisor wouldn't allow her to type that either. I couldn't believe it - this is 1996."

A BT spokesperson later said the company doesn't ban the transmission of either word on its pager network, and said the incident was being investigated.

Gay Alum Donates \$500,000 to University Lesbigay Studies

Minneapolis, MN — Steven Schochet, a retired openly gay computer consultant now living in Cleveland, has donated a cool half-million dollars in support of the University of Minnesota's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender studies programs.





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Thomas E. Martin attorney at law 765-9413 Twenty Years Experience Schochet, an alumnus of the school, first came out publicly while he was a junior at the school in the 1950s at a time when few gays and lesbians were public about their sexual orientation at all.

In fact, Schochet said he was urged at the time to finish his education at the university in less than the usual time because "they wanted me out of there."

In making the donation, Schochet said that the school has made enormous strides in its attitudes toward gays and lesbians in the intervening years.

HIV-Positive Hemophiliacs' Settlement On Hold

Philadelphia, PA — U.S. District Court Judge John Grady has held up a proposed \$640 million settlement between blood-product manufacturers and hemophiliacs in this country who were infected with HIV by using the firms' product.

Judge Grady said final approval of the settlement, which would give each infected person in the class-action suit some \$100,000, was being delayed because attorneys on both sides were wrangling over how to keep federal and state agencies from filing claims for most or all of the individual settlement funds.

Because many of the individuals involved in the suit against the blood firms also depend on Medicaid, Social Security and other government agencies for treatment and financial support because of their illnesses, attorneys are concerned the government agencies might try to force the patients to hand over their settlements or face having benefits cut off.

Idaho Schools Opt for 'Abstinence Only' AIDS Education Policy

Boise, ID — Anne Fox, Idaho's superintendent of public schools, has

announced that federal funding will be refused to any school district in the state that teaches any form of HIV prevention other than total sexual abstinence the most restrictive AIDS education policy in the country, officials say.

Fox denied that the "abstinence only" policy was a result of pressure from far-right and fundamentalist religious groups, but said it was a result of citizen support for the policy in the state's public schools.

SF AIDS Activist Loses Services Over Kitty Litter Incident

San Francisco, CA — Ronnie Burk, a member of ACT UP/San Francisco, has charged he is being denied services by the S.F. AIDS Foundation in an effort to silence criticism of the organi-



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"It's shocking that AIDS Foundation executives think they can pull the plug on services to shut up criticisms about the organization's mismanagement and murderous AIDS treatment policies," Burk said in a press statement. "They are cutting off services I am entitled to receive."

Burk, who is HIV-positive and unemployed, has been disqualified from receiving services at two other major AIDS services agencies in the city as well: the Shanti Project and the University of California a San Francisco.

The agencies, however, say it isn't Burk's criticisms they caused the cut off of services but his "violent behavior," which most service agencies in the city say will lead to clients being stricken from their rolls.

In October, Burk and other ACT UP/SF members disrupted a public AIDS forum where Pat Christen, president of the SF AIDS Foundation, was present and dumped 25 pounds of stale, used cat litter on her head. Burk and others were arrested during the disruption. Later, Burk was again arrested on battery charges during an incident at the foundation's offices.

ACT UP/SF broke away from the original activist group six years ago and believes anti-viral medicines such as AZT and DDI are killing people with AIDS, not helping them fend off HIV.

Australian State Bars Homosexuals, Single Men as Foster Parents

Brisbane, Australia — The Queensland, Australia, family services ministry has set up new regulations that explicitly prohibit gay men, lesbians and single males of all sexual orientations from serving as foster parents.

Kevin Lingard, head of the ministry, told an Australian radio interviewer, "I have come across many cases where I am concerned about the approved person. I have to make a judgment in the best interests of the child and not in the interests of some minority. It is my responsibility to see that children are placed with people who will look after the interests of the child. I will not consider anyone who is a homosexual, a lesbian or a single man."

But Ian Dearden, head of the state's Council for Civil Liberties, said the new regulations were not only "extraordinarily denigrating to that group" but also violated two sections of the state's own anti-bias laws.

It's believed that more than a hundred foster children will be removed from homes if the new regulations go into effect.

Police Raid San Diego Private Club in Sensational Action

San Diego, CA — San Diego police say they've arrested Thomas J. Mitchell, also known as Mike Pastori, and Ian D. Morton, following a raid of a private gay sex club Manic Productions, which authorities described as a "sadomasochistic dungeon."

Mitchell, the owner of the club, was charged on suspicion of pandering, pimping and attempt pimping, police said. Morton was charged with "agreeing to engage in the act of prostitution."

Police were accompanied by Human Society officials who also took two dogs into custody that they said were reported to have been used in various sex acts at the club, officials said.

Police said they launched their investigation after neighbors reported seeing men outside the club wearing nothing but underwear and dog collars.

Sociologist Finds 'Alarming' Attitudes about AIDS, Gays Among Irish

Dublin, Ireland — Father Michael MacGriil, a prominent Irish Catholic sociologist, says his latest study of the nation's prejudices shows an "alarming" level of homophobia and hostility toward people with AIDS/HIV.

MacGriil's latest survey, included in the just-published "Prejudice in Ireland Revisited," updates a 1977 study he did on the same subject.

While MacGrill found a significant decrease in racism and sexism in the attitudes of the 1,000 Irish men and women he interviewed for the update, he also found that a quarter of those interviewed would deny Irish citizenship to homosexuals and that more than a third would exclude people with AIDS from the country.

The earlier study hadn't asked questions about gays and lesbians, and obviously didn't include any questions about AIDS since it was conducted before the disease had been identified.



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INDEPENDENTLY SPEAKING

by Marvin Liebman

Anxiety and Celebration

What follows are some pre-Holiday musings of an old man that begin somberly but have a happy ending, so bear with me.

A couple of weeks ago, I spoke to a group of gay and lesbian Harvard students in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from the so-called Generation X. Although I've been back many times since, I first visited Cambridge in 1947 and stayed there for almost six months as a "floater" (writing an unpublished novel and just hanging out) among the best and brightest. Cambridge was a wonderful place then, just after World War II, with optimism. hope, and new

ideas everywhere.

This time - almost fifty years later - Cambridge is quite different. The best and the brightest are deeply concerned about the future, their futures. The young lesbians and gay men of Generation X with whom I met are even more worried, and they have every right to be. Along with sharing the problems faced by their straight colleagues, they face the added problems inherent in their homosexuality, in their difference from the others.

During the presidential campaign, Bill Clinton spoke incessantly about a "bridge" - that he was going to build or to cross or to wait on the other side for the rest of the world to join him (I forgot which) - into the twenty-first century. The students are not at all sure what might await them there. A young woman asked me about balancing the budget, "... maybe the conservatives are right in their approach?" I answered that "balancing the budget" was a hypocritical way of denying the fact that the United States is a bankrupt nation and has been since WW II. We owe trillions of dollars which we are unable to pay. "Balancing the budget" will never begin to pay this debt which must be shouldered by the students and their peers of Generation X, and not by the babbling, squabbling, dimwitted politicians here in Washington.

As I continued the discussion with the students, I began to think of just what is facing them, what they have to look forward to. I tried to project into the future. What I saw was not very promising.

Most college and university students leave school in debt. Even in today's so-called booming economy, most of them can't find the work for which that were trained, except perhaps in computer science. So, the "bridge" they are supposed to cross isn't very sturdy. There is no way it can support them, together with the millions of the growing underclass of Generation X who don't have the college degree, who have the minimum wage jobs if they have jobs all.

This is only the economic future they seem to face. What about the rest? Death and disease throughout the world because of ignorance and hatred, ethnic and religious. In our own nation, we have millions of Generation X from



the underclass of our society silent, helpless, and hopeless. Where are the leaders to speak out for them? Where will the leaders of Generation X come from, the new politics, the new philosophies needed to address these great questions? Where is the cause, the truth, the movement to which young men and women can rally today? Nothing. Nowhere.

Clinton's bridge is dangerously weak, built largely on illusion, mirrors, and shadows. We are unable to see to the other side. But, consider the great strides we have made in our century, the great advances of civilization, of science, the politicians, pundits, and the professors will say. But, countless millions are still hungry, homeless, sick, afraid, helpless, hopeless, and silent. Who in Generation X will speak for them, the people from the old anthem which ultimately proved so deceiving the "prisoners of starvation, the wretched of the earth?" And who will speak for Generation X?

I returned to Washington from Cambridge, disheartened and sad. There seemed to be no solutions. I ached for the young people of Generation X, especially the different ones, the lesbians and gay men. And then I went to a party, a celebration of being gay.

It was the Miss Adams Morgan contest, an annual event, which was held for the first time in the Grand Ballroom of the Washington Hilton hotel. Over one-thousand people attended, most gay, some straight, and a number of the guests were in drag. There were ten official contestants, each more totally fabulous than the other. My friend in the contest was Frangelica Houston, and he was a Diva among Divas, statuesque and totally divine. The music was loud, the sequins blinding, and the hair was all very big. This wonderful extravaganza, here in Washington, DC, gave me real hope for the future - especially our future. Gay people can have the most fun, behave more outrageously than any other group, laugh at themselves, and form a continuous bond which holds together our own unique family throughout the world.

No matter how bleak the future may appear, we will survive. Miss Adams Morgan of 2000 will fling her feather boa over the abyss, and we will march over its great strength into the twenty- first century, heads held high, treading with ease over the sturdy feather boa. We will also walk in the assur-

ance that God, or a Higher Power, or whatever, who made us to be as we are, will guide all of us into a better world.

Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year to all my brothers, sisters, children, and grand-children.



Group Notes

St. Camillus Joins "Gifts In Kind International"

Milwaukee - St. Camillus Ministries, Inc. recently registered with Gifts In Kind International, the leading charity in the field of product philanthropy. The registration allows for instant access to more than \$200 million in product donations contributed by more than 1,000 of this country leading companies including Avon Products, Inc., The Disney Store, Inc., Dutch Boy Paints, Hallmark Card, Inc., IBM Corporation, Lotus Development Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, NIKE, Inc., Owens Corning, and 3 M.

Gifts In Kind International encourages and manages product donations such as building supplies, clothing, personal care products and educational materials from companies to support charities addressing critical needs including housing, health care, education and youth development. The organization also seeks contributions of office supplies, equipment and furniture to increase operating efficiencies throughout the charitable sector.

"We're pleased that St. Camillus has turned to Gifts In Kind International for support in carrying out its mission of service to the sick and poor. While funding remains limited, this country and its people depend heavily on the charitable sector. Now, through Gifts In Kind, hopefully some of the operating costs associated with the business of helping the needy will be a little more reasonable, a little more manage-

Firebirds Thanked for Fundraiser



Brother Stephen Braddock (left) thanks Firebirds club president William Edwards (right) for their efforts in a November 23rd fundraising event at the Boot Camp.

able," reports Daphne Bryant, director, association and registration service at Gift In Kind.

According to Bro. E. Braddock, Chief Executive Officer at St. Camillus, "As funding for HIV/AIDS, as well as Health. and Social Services in general, becomes more difficult to secure, contributions of goods and services will become a vital necessity instead of a nice commodity. We at St. Camillus are very cognizant of our responsibility to be good stewards of our limited resources. Many of our funders and benefactors have expressed serious concerns over the financial management of other AIDS service organizations... I am committed to delivering the highest quality of HIV services possible while being ever sensitive to the reality that dollars are scare and must be used wisely," Braddock vowed. "Gifts In Kind is just one of the creative strategies being employed to assist us in achieving this mission," he said.

In the past decade, Gifts In Kind has assisted hundreds of leading companies to donate nearly one billion dollars in products. Each year, more than 50,000 charities in this country and worldwide receive product donations through Gifts In Kind.

For information on the HIV/AIDS Services and other programs available through St. Camillus, call 414-259-4664. For additional information on Gifts In Kind, please contact Daphane Bryant at 333 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, phone: (703)836-2121, fax: (703)549-1481, e-mail: DBryant@GiftsInKind.org

GLEEDA To Hold 2nd Annual New Years Eve Gala

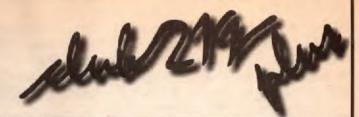
Appleton - Make plans to ring in the new year with GLEEDA at their second annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. The dinner and dance will be held at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center, located near the intersection of Highways 441 and CE (College Avenue). Cocktails will start at 7pm, with dinner at 8, followed by dancing with a live DJ until 1am.

The cost for dinner and the dance is \$20, but only \$17 for members of these Fox Valley LesBiGay organizations: GLEEDA, Positive Voice, Northern Womyn, East Central Wellness Organization (ECHO), and the Lavender Reading Salon.

For reservations and additional information, call Tim at 414/727-1515 or write to GLEEDA at PO Box 102, Appleton, WI 54912-0102.

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GLEEDA (Gay and Lesbian Education and Economic Development Alliance) is a growing network of lesbigay and gay-friendly individuals, families, businesses and organizations throughout the Fox Valley. Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month. To receive a sample copy of their bimonthly newsletter or for additional information, write to GLEEDA, PO Box 102, Appleton, WI 54912-0102, or call 414/830-2065.

Grapevine Holiday Potluck Set for Dec. 22

Milwaukee - Grapevine, the social activity group for Milwaukeearea lesbians, will hold a Holiday Potluck on Sunday, December 22 at the Pavilion in scenic Falk Park. Nestled in an oak-hickory woods at 20th and Rawson just west of I-94, Falk is one of Milwaukee County's rustic parks, lending itself to nature hikes and cross-country skiing.

Doors to the Pavilion will open at 4pm, with the potluck dinner to be served at 5pm. To ensure variety in the table offerings, potluck-goers are asked to bring a dish that begins with the same letter of their last name. The last Grapevine potluck in October, which featured a reunion of longtime members, drew more than 50 high-spirited women, many of whom brought bread. "The joke at the time was if we didn't eat all that bread, the geese in the park were going to be well fed," said Grapevine member Loraine Samsel.

In keeping with the holiday season, a "White Elephant" gift exchange will be part of the December 22 event. Attendees are invited to wrap little household trinkets that have as yet escaped a rummage sale. Julie Kleppin recalls that one year someone giftwrapped a light fixture. "At the end of the night we had to chase people down to give them their 'gifts' because they were trying to sneak out without them," she added with a laugh.

Falk Park is located at 2013 W. Rawson Avenue, on the south side of the street. The potluck is open to all lesbians. For more information on the event or on Grapevine, which hopes to plan more activities to chase the winter blues, call Julie at 414/778-1269.

New AIDS Care Facility Nears Completion at St. Camillus

Milwaukee - St. Camillus Ministries announced on World AIDS Day a plan to open a state of the art nursing care unit for persons with HIV/AIDS. Preliminary architectural blue prints show that the facility would accommodate nine patients in private rooms. A solarium/green house and sun deck is also to be built off the building which is located on the St. Camillus Campus, "This unit is being custom designed to skilled HIV nursing and rehabilitation care, as well as for persons in the final stages of the disease," said Bro. Stephen Braddock, Executive Director of St. Camillus. The physical plant is being designed with a "younger population" in mind and will also provide for the "comfort of partners, family, and friends," Braddock said.

A Sensitive Care program has been in place at St. Camillus for some time to care for HIV+ patients. Braddock reported that there is always a waiting list for admission and often a bed is not available. Over thirty men and women have died at St. Camillus since the program started last year. Milwaukee infectious disease physician, Dr. Barry Bernstein, is Medical Director for the HIV/AIDS program at St. Camillus and will supervise the medical care in the new facility.

Private funding is needed for the renovations and purchasing of necessary equipment and furnishings. Major donors will have the opportunity to dedicate patient rooms or common areas to loved ones or other special intentions. Exact details have yet to be finalized but interested individuals can

call St. Camillus at 414-259-4664.

Bro. Braddock is anticipating the project to move ahead relatively quickly. "I'm really praying for a Spring completion date," he said hopefully, "First we need to get Camillus Terrace done." Camillus Terrace is currently under construction on the Camillian's Wauwatosa Campus and will provide residential care for 18 individuals with moderate to severe dementia. "The first residents will be here in time for Christmas," Braddock said.

Mimma's Cafe and **BESTD Clinic team up** for Thanksgiving

Milwaukee - Holidays can be a difficult time for many people, especially those in the les/bi/gay/trans community and persons living with HIV disease. Mimma Megna of Mimma's Cafe, 1307 E. Brady Street and BESTD Clinic joined to make Thanksgiving a special celebration for anyone and everyone who needed to create their own family. A traditional dinner, with an Italian flair, was served to 125 people, including residents of Wisconsin House and Raphael House, members of various HIV support groups and United HIV Services volunteers.

Entertainment was provided throughout the evening by 'Lil Rev and John Nicholson, who circulated through the three dining rooms with their own brand of foot stomping, hand clapping music. Scott Friedman of WTMJ-TV (Channel 4 - Milw) produced a sensitive story which was aired on 10 pm news.

Some of the food was donated by friends of Mimma's and BESTD Clinic. BESTD volunteers helped with preparation, serving and clean-up. The Second annual "Thanksgiving at Mimma's" is a heartwarming story of what one woman's idea and cooperative efforts can pull off! Thanks Mimma!

HRL Reacts to Hawaii Marriage Ruling

Milwaukee — The Human Rights League For Lesbians and Gays (HRL) is pleased with the recent ruling by First Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang in the historic Baehr vs. Miike decision to permit same-gender marriages. Judge Chang ruled that the State of Hawaii (in opposing same-gender marriage) did not demonstrate a "compelling" reason for denying marriage licenses to same-gender couples. While HRL is excited by this decision, it is but another step in what is expected to be a long, protracted struggle for equal rights for same-gender couples.

The case now goes back to the Hawaiian State Supreme Court on appeal by the State of Hawaii. In 1993 the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled that the denial of marriage licenses for samegender couples was illegal discrimination based on the equal protection clause of the State's Constitution. Unless the State of Hawaii, in its appeal, can convince the State Supreme Court that the "compelling interests" of the State of Hawaii are that biological parents are the "best" for raising a child and that same-gender parents present an environment less "optimal" to children, Hawaii will be the first State to allow same-gender marriage. This is expected to happen within the year.

As it stands now on the Federal level, same-gender couples will still have to struggle to achieve the same economic and social benefits that married heterosexual couples automatically receive. For example, in the future, if a samegender couple would be married in Hawaii and move to another state, the union would not be recognized. Couples would then have to sue for the right to have their unions recognized fully and would use the "full faith and credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution to force recognition of their marriage. It is expected that these cases will take an enormous amount of time and money. "Our community should start saving

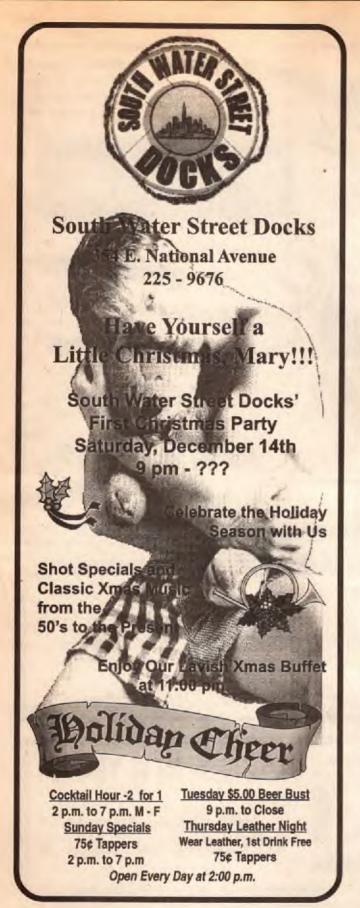




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right now today the necessary resources to take this fight to the final victory," stated Scott D. Gunkel, co-chair of HRL.

HRL supports the efforts of Wisconsin's own State Representative Tammy Baldwin in her efforts to introduce legislation in the upcoming session to recognize same-gender marriages in Wisconsin. We ask that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) groups in Wisconsin, and their friends, mount an effort of support so that this will be achieved and passed in the near future. Now is the time to increase our efforts which will result in the only fair that committed same-gender couples who live together, sleep together, eat together, love each other, and share every aspect of each others lives should have the same rights, i.e. hospital visitation, heterosexuals take for granted," said Margaret Flood, co-chair of HRL.

Green Bay's Angels of Hope **Celebrates Tenth Anniversary**

by Chervl Myers of the In Step Staff

Green Bay - On Nov. 30, Angels of Hope MCC of Green Bay held a double celebration, honoring their ten years of service to the local Lesbigay and transgendered community and dedicating their new building at 614 Forest Street.

"We're just so pleased and proud," Rev. Ken Hull told In Step Newsmagazine, "We started out small, in the back room of a local bar, and we've weathered many storms. But we're still here, stronger than ever."

Rev. Lew Broyles, pastor of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, was on hand as guest speaker for the celebration. He talked about his own personal challenges of faith in dealing with the death of his lover from AIDS.

"Even when things are difficult, our faith can keep usgoing. Faith and courage can keep us going," he related. After the special service and reception, the group attended a banquet at Our Place Restaurant, at which charter member Bruce Van was presented with the "Angel of the Decade" award.

"In addition to being a charter member, Bruce serves as our clerk and is one of the back bones of our church. He's a wonderful human being, and he really deserved this honor," said Rev. Hull. Church membership has grown to 23, and the baptisms of two children were planned for Dec. 1 services.

"We continue to grow. We have Christmas Eve services with special musical performances this year," Rev. Hull adds, "And everyone is always welcome."

Rev. Hull can be contacted regarding further church information at (414) 432-0830.

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PBS's "In The Life" Reflects on the Faces of AIDS

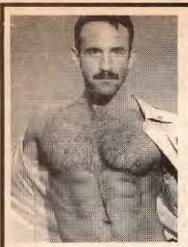
New York - "In The Life" explores the state of AIDS in America. Examing deeper the toll, the challenges, the hopes and the progress. The epidemic rages on, people continue to respond, whether it be activists on the street, artists on the stage, families laying down quilts, or people with AIDS finding hope in new treatments. "In The Life" also explores the burgeoning activist of the transgendered community, then goes West to catch up with the International Gay Rodeo. Air date and time for the mentioned episodes for Wisconsin are Thursday, December 19 at 11:00 pm and Monday, December 23 at 11:00 pm on WMVS/10.

"In The Life," presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York, is a not-for-profit newsmagazine series which chronicles the history and contemporary experience of gay America. It airs on over 90 public television stations nationwide, including 19 of the 20 markets, reaching over one million viewers per episode.

Correspondents Tanya Barfield, Hal German and Darius de Haas join host Katherine Linton for the following stories on the December edition of "In The Life": "AIDS in 1996, a Look Back, a Look Ahead," coverage of the Washington D.C.'s October '96 display of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt, the lead segment looks at the AIDS front today. The question is asked, "have we finally turned the corner on AIDS?"; "In Memoriam: Of Rage and Remembrance," composer John Corigliano viewed the NAME Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and was overcome with emotion that he vowed to memorialize his friends lost to AIDS. The result is a powerful choral work called "Of Rage and Remembrance"; "A Day In the Life...of Michelle Lopez," an African-American lesbian, a mother of two, and she has AIDS. She is also determined that her demographic profile be in the forefront of the discussion; "In the Arts: Rent," there are many ways to tell the story of loss, struggle, and survival in the age of AIDS. 1996 saw the coming of "Rent," the hit Broadway musical that puts AIDS front and center; "In the Community: That Business of 'He' or 'She'" explores a burgeoning activist movement where people who challenge traditional gender roles are coming our and fighting for visibility and equal rights-the transgendered community; "The International Gay Rodeo," what started out in 1976 as an idea by a handful of lesbian and gay cowhands, has now become a fixture of gay culture; and "Powars: Pet Owners with AIDS Resource Service," to end this edition of "In The Life" found that the war against AIDS is not being waged by people alone. Pets are a part of the picture, too.

Boulevard Ensemble Stages Premiere of "Little Egypt"

Milwaukee - The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's premiere studio theatre, will again introduce Milwaukee audiences to challenging and entertaining theatre by premiering Chicago playwright Lynn Sieferst's dark comedy "Little Egypt" December 19 through January 12 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Ensemble Artistic Director Mark Bucher will stage the production. Ticket prices will prove to be an exceptional value, as tickets for Thursday performances remain at \$9, Fridays & Sundays are only \$10. and Saturday evenings will be priced at \$12. And student and



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The production will benefit from the delightful contributions of a talented cast that include Michelle Waide, Jane Hanley, Megan Powell, Robert Kennedy, Jim Gallagher and Craig Halstead (Shepherd Express voted Best Actor of the Year). Mary Bailey, the Boulevard's Production Stage Manager, will stage manage this terrifically exciting production, with the assistance of Lisabeth Laciak as Assistant Stage Manager.

Siefert's odd comedy explores the characters' shaky foray into love and trust with a quirky, eccentric humor that neatly dovetails with her compassionate respect for their many, many flaws. Siefert's romantic fable was first staged at Chicago's prestigious Steppenwolf Theatre Company, as did her other dark comedy "Coyote Ugly."

Don't miss this opportunity to spend the holidays with the delectably deranged denizens of "Little Egypt." Please don't hesitate in purchasing your tickets early, as this production will sell out quickly! For reservations or information, please call 414-672-6019.

Cream City Chorus Holiday Concert Set for December 14

Milwaukee — December 14 brings the chorus' holiday concert, "Christmas (is not) For Everyone," will be held at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 18th Street, Milwaukee. Tickets, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, are available through chorus members, BESTD Clinic, The M&M Club, Designing Men, AfterWords Book Store and This Is It, as well as through the chorus office. For more information call 414-344-9222.

Woman Called Most Powerful in the World Profiled in "Intimate Portrait: Eva Peron"

New York — She grew up as a social outcast in the slums, but before her 30th birthday she was called "the most powerful woman in the world." The life and times of Eva Peron, known the world over as "Evita," are examined in "Intimate Portrait: Eva Peron." The special premiers Sunday, December 22 from 10-11 pm ET/PT on LIFETIME Television. The hour-long profile is narrated by actress Jill St. John.

Eva Peron grew up poor in a rural town in Argentina. Throughout her childhood, she dreamed of being an actress and the fame and glamour that would help her escape her poverty-ridden upbringing. At the age of fifteen she moved to Buenos Aires to pursue an acting career and after years of struggle and dismay, finally achieved fame acting on radio soap operas. But Evita's real fame was yet to come.

In 1945, at the age of 26, she met, fell in love with and eventually married military strongman Juan Peron, and against all conventions, took an active part in his political career. When he was elected President, her fame and power grew. She lived life on two levels, one as the beautiful and dazzling First Lady who outraged "polite society" with her extravagant gowns; the other as a devotee of the poor, social class from which she came.

At the height of her power, at the age of 31, her health began to fail. Tests showed cancer, but she refused treatment. By age 33, she was dead, and the nation saw weeks of unprecedented mourning. Her body was preserved and became a political symbol until a later government, fearing her power over her people, shipped her body to Italy for secret burial. She was not returned to her homeland until twenty years later. However, her legacy lives on. Her memory has continued to inspire political forces that have changed Argentinean life an politics and her story continues to be told on-stage and on the big screen, through the famed musical "Evita" and soon-to-be-released major motion picture starring Madonna.

Harold Pinter's New Play "Moonlight" at Theatre X

Milwaukee — Harold Pinter's new play "Moonlight," is currently running through December 22, 1996 at Theatre X. For ticket information please call the Broadway Theatre Center box office at (414) 291-7800. "Moonlight" is the first play that Harold Pinter has written in fifteen years. It premiered in London in 1993 and on Broadway in 1995. "Moonlight" is wickedly humorous and tragic.

In a dark space you can't measure, a once visceral father lies on his deathbed, looking over his life, his youth, his loves, lusts and betrayals of his wife. At the same time, in another



bedroom, the man's sons intellectually, clinically, and conspiratorially speak of their relationship with their father. Sidestepping their relationship with their estrangement from him, they rationalize their love-hate relationship with him and defend the distance they are incapable of closing, even when their mother calls them home. In contrast to these closed sons is the man's daughter, the baby sister who refuses the dourness and bridges the space between light and dark, youth and age, death and life.



David Barnett Gallery Showcases an Assemblage of Wisconsin Artists

Milwaukee — Group exhibition entitled "Wisconsin Artists Assemblage" will be show cased December 13, 1996 through January 31, 1997 at David Barnett Gallery, 1024 East State Street. The exhibition will begin with a 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm artists reception on Friday, December 13th. Seven artists will be featured and they are Harold Altman, Beckett Berning, Chuck "Garbo" Hajinian, D.D.S., Peggy (Meg) Leonard, Schomer Lichtner, Dan Muller, and Gregory Steele.

Harold Altman has been recognized by critics as one of the leading graphic artists in the United States and ranked among the finest printmakers in the world. During his 44 year career, over eight hundred one man exhibitions of his work have been held at galleries and museums throughout the world. As the artist's newly appointed exclusive Wisconsin representative, David Barnett Gallery will be previewing new editions by this internationally acclaimed impressionist printmaker.

Beckett Berning will make her debut with her watercolors and monotypes. These pieces were created during her recent stay in Florence, Italy. This series captures the beauty of the Italian countryside and culture.

Schomer Lictner at 92 years of age is still a major creative force in the Milwaukee art scene. Works of art include original silkscreen prints created as a part of the artist's Christmas celebration series starting in the 1940's. A special feature will be Lichtner's painting depicting his trademark cows surrounding the pond at his farm near Holy Hill.

Dan Muller uses an interplay of shapes and colors to creare his abstract mixed media. His work is centered on the idea of using successive layers of transparent and opaque pigment along with pigment-impregnated rice paper to create a density of color that would not be possible solely by direct painting on the surface paper itself.

The final artist featured is Gregory Steele, who believes the Midwest offers a rich assortment of landscapes and people that deserve to be painted. His paintings often stir a memory of a place or an event in the life of the viewer.

Viewing hours at David Barnett Gallery are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about the Gallery or the Wisconsin Artists exhibition, call (414) 271-5058.

Madison Repertory Theatre Presents "Season's Greetings"

Madison — Madison Repertory Theatre offers audiences a humorous view into the life of an English middle-class family as they celebrate the holidays with Alan Ayckourn's "Season's Greetings." The play, directed by Rep Artistic Director D. Scott Glasser, will run through December 31st in the Mitchell Theatre, located in the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Vilas Hall at 821 University Avenue. Advanced tickets to "Season's Greetings" are available by calling the Civic Center Ticket Office at (608) 266-9055.

Ayckbourn has again created an intricately staged domestic comedy with a half-dozen intertwined characters. In the play we are introduced to Neville and Belinda, the hosts for this holiday weekend gone awry. The Bunker household is filled to the brim with a fabulous collection of family and friends and soon the audience is privy to their numerous escapades.

The Rep has assembled a talented cast of actors that includes APT actors Jonathan Smoots and Catherine Lynn Davis as Neville and Brenda. Audiences may recognize them for their work this summer at APT. Fellow cast members include Madison favorite Colleen Burns in the role of Phyllis while Tony Dobrowolski will be making his Rep debut as her husband Bernard. The role of Belinda's sister Rachel will be played by Judy Kimball, a native of Madison, who was last seen in the Rep's production of "All in the Timing." Thomas Green V., another familiar face to Rep audiences will be portraying Rachel's friend Clive.

John Brandi's Work On Display at Woodland Pattern Book Center



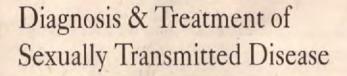
Milwaukee — John Brandi's exhibition of art work is currently on display through January 26th at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 East Locust. For ticket information call (414) 263-5001.

John Brandi's travels have taken him from his home along the Rio Grande to the Andes, Himalayas, crowed cities of India, Buddhist forest

temples in Thailand. Alaska's Arctic, and most recently to Bali, Java and Sumatra. He was in Ecuador during the upheavals of the sixties working in agrarian reform as a Peace Corps Volunteer, and has since supported himself as an itinerant poet throughout the USA with over 40 books published-poetry, travel vignettes and haiku-he has been invited to read in the United States, Paris and Mexico. As a painter he has enjoyed one-man exhibits in Houston, San Francisco, Rochester, St. Louis, and Santa Fe-with a retrospective at the University of New Mexico. His honors include the Portland State Poetry Prize; an NEA Fellowship in Poetry; a Witter Bynner Translation Grant; a Djerassi Foundation Residency; and the Buffalo Writers Center Residency. Recent books include: "Weeding the Cosmos: Selected Haiku;" "Heartbeat Geography: Selected & Uncollected Poems;" "Question of Journey."

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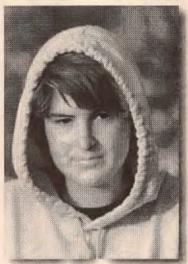
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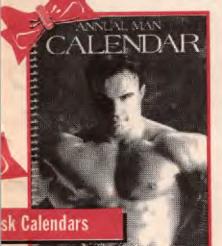
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TABLETOP BOOKS

If you've been paying attention lately, there are some really spectacular coffee table books out now. HarperStyle Books (\$45), a division of HarperCollins, has some real beauties. "The White T" features more than 130 highly stylized full-color and black and white images by eminent photographers chronicling the rise in fashion of the ever-popular T-shirt. Of course, gay icon James Dean and Marilyn are among those who not only helped establish the fashion, but model it.

The history of the white T might not seem that fascinating, but a cursory look at Alice Harris collection reveals the origins of the white T in Great Britain in the early years of this century through the decades to the height of its popularity—or is that yet to come?

Giving this book is like giving two gifts for the price of one, since Harris, who serves on the President's Council of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), has committed all royalties from "The White T" to GMHC.

Another HarperCollins book, this time from the Collins imprint, is "Mermaids: nymphs of the sea" (\$35) by Theodore Gachot (text) and Leah Demchick (photos). This book is chock full of beautiful images, interactive features, and enlightening truths and myths about mermaids, their symbolism; the fear, adoration, and curiosity they have inspired; and the world they are said to inhabit.

"Mermaids" is a wealth of detail, including excerpts from literature, comprehensive sources for mermaid art and decorative accessories.

A small, yet smart self-titled photography book by "Mark Brickel" makes another fine stocking stuffer. His photographic vision reflects classic erotic art. While reflective of Mapplethorpe and other photographers of the 80's, "Mark Brickel's" images reflect the images and high style of 19030's erotic photography to establish own style.

In these black and white photos Brickell sculptural representations of the male form are contrasted with stylistic decorative touches.

MUSIC

There are many great new holiday collections, sound-tracks, and greatest hits/best of collections out there that would make great gifts. Of a slightly different nature are two items that would be unique gifts this holiday season. The first is a newly released CD from RCA. "Heavy Breathing: The Crunch High Energy Workout" is designed to motivate workout sessions with familiar—popular—upbeat music.

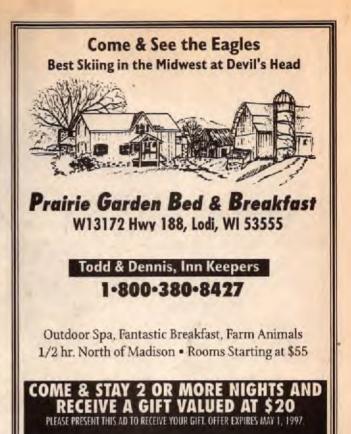
Included are: Macarena (Los Dios/Bayside Boys Remix), Jump (The Pointer Sisters), Shame (Evelyn 'Champagne' King), Turn the Beat Around (Vicki Sue Robinson), and much more. Two 37 minute workouts are designed to maximize workouts by varying the tempo, beginning with slow warm up selections, followed by high speed selections and a mellow cooling down period.

The nicest thing about this piece of "exercise equipment" is that if you decide you just won't exercise—with or without the CD—"Heavy Breathing" is still enjoyable entertainment and dance music.

Hot Licks: "Lesbian Musicians of Note" is another unique gift possibility. In this small volume edited by Lee Fleming and published by Canada's Gynergy Books those interested in music and lesbians—especially where the two meet—will find this book most interesting. Familiar artists like k.d., Chris and Tret, Janis Ian, Phranc, Alix Dobkin, Toshi Reagon, Melissa Ferrick, and Ferron are found in the company of more than a dozen soon to be familiar artists.

Included are their own stories, passions, influences, and politics in their own words; complete discographies; and the lyrics to one representative song of the artist(s) own choosing. There is no other book quite like this one; there would likewise, be no other gift received quite like this one.

Another great stocking stuffer choice is "Gay Apparel: X-mas Songs" by Go-Go Boys (Ring Records) is a hilarious queer paraody of traditional Christmas carols. Great for parties, this 14-track CD helps break the holiday monotony with songs like, "Boys to the World," "Chicken Hawk is Coming to Town," and "I Came Upon a Midnight Queer."





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VIDEOS

It can be difficult to sort through all of the product sent to be reviewed—especially around this time of year—and decide just what to recommend. Everyone wants a good review and a hearty recommendation. Those can be difficult to provide with so much that is so mediocre. Apart from the others, in the video department, is "The Midwife's Tale" (Northern Arts & Naiad Press) a film by Megan Siler.

"The Midwife's Tale" is one of a kind for a number of reasons. It comes highly recommended as a movie for all ages, all genders, all people in all places. For the most part, it is. This is the fairy tale many of us wished was out there when we were growing up—little girls hoping for their princesses, little boys awaiting Prince Charming.

Tired of those stories where the guy gets the girl in the end, when the town queer gets his or her due—rejection and ostracism? If you are, "The Midwife's Tale" is for you. Set in the time and region of all of the classic fairy tales, The Midwife's Tale takes the road most feared and none too often taken—and the acting is good.

This winner of The Emerging Talent Award at Outfest '96, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, is a love story framed as a bedtime story, touted as a "Princess Bride" for alternative families. This is one video you won't regret purchasing.

"Man of the Year" is the hilarious mock documentary about Dirk Shafer's Playgirl Magazine's Centerfold of the year. Labeled as the ideal man for every woman, Shafer finds himself living the lie of a lifetime as he really has no idea what women want at all. Blurring the line between truth and fiction, "Man of the Year" has is articulate, witty and funny and a great last minute stocking stuffer.

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Among the many books out there, there are none so directly aimed at our beloved pets as Collins' Books "It's a Dog's Life and Paws for Thought" — "baby books" for your babies that follow their lives from puppyhood or kittyhood into old age.

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Zebra'z, self-proclaimed "largest gay and lesbian

department store by mail" in the world, may be a newcomer on the scene—mailing out their first catalog late last summer—but their catalogue should be familiar to many. In addition to many new and unique items, Zebra'z features a number of items formerly in the

Shocking Gray catalogue.

Zebra'z has taken the original concept, and, hopefully by adding smaller, lower priced items, avoided some of the pitfalls of its predecessor. In addition to a number of quality T-shirts, Zebra'z offers boxers, an assortment of things to add to your rainbow wardrobe and paraphernalia, including a six-cup rainbow candle holder that looks great on the mantle, on the window sill, or on top of the TV. Zebra'z also has a broad selection of CDs and books, small gifts and cards, an array of red ribbons, some great posters, and jewelry. In addition, a portion of the sale price of several items, like simple red ribbon candles, "you light to remember their names," benefit AIDS awareness projects around the world. For more info and a catalogue, call 1-800-788-4729.

Another newcomer, the Tzabaco catalogue. Tzabaco, the "modern general store," has some of the most original gift ideas — especially for those special names on your list, the pets in your life. From jewelry made from "vintage" bottle caps to lanterns, tree ornaments, and vintage design clothing to "good dog towels, dog leash/key keepers, pet food bowls that that special kitty or pooch will just love getting to the bottom of, and placemats to keep the spillage to a minimum, Tzabaco has a range of items unlike any other catalogue.

One great gift idea might be the HIS/HIS or HERS/HERS cotton, terry towel sets that would make great gifts for all occasions from the holidays to anniversaries and housewarmings to weddings and unions. If you can't get the Tzabaco catalogue before you begin your holiday shopping, be sure to get it before you finish. You'll love it, Call Tzabaco at 1-800856-1667.

The possibilities are endless. Check out some of these books, CD's and videos, as well as these catalogues to make your holidays complete.





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QUEER SCIENCE

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Cures for Homosexuality

In 1952 the British war hero and computer pioneer, Alan Turing, was convicted of gross indecency. His crime was having consensual sex with a nineteen-year-old man (this was still a crime in Britain up until 1994). As an alternative to imprisonment, he was ordered to undergo a year-long course of injections of the female hormone, estrogen. Thus Turing became the most celebrated victim of "organotherapy," the attempt to manipulate people's sexuality though treatment with sex hormones, Turing became temporarily impotent, and grew breasts, but did not become straight. A year after completing his sentence, he bit into a cyanide-laced apple and ended his life.

The father of organotherapy was the Austrian endocrinologist Eugen Steinach, who claimed to find microscopic abnormalities in the testes of gay men. These abnormalities suggested to him that the testes were producing deficient or

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abnormal sex hormones. In 1917 he announced that he had converted a gay man to heterosexuality by transplanting into him a testicle taken from a heterosexual man.

The announcement caused quite a flurry of excitement. A number of men were subjected to the procedure: in one case a German surgeon, while performing a hernia repair on a gay man, grafted a piece of testicle into him without his knowledge. Within weeks, the surgeon reported, the man was "cured" of his homosexuality and talking about marriage. But this whole line of research turned out to be bogus. The transplant operations had no long-term results unless both the gay man's own testicles were removed, and then the effects were the same as those of castration: the man's sex drive gradually weakened and often was extinguished entirely. The transplanted testicles, of course, were rejected by the immune system.

During the 1930s, the sex hormones testosterone and estrogen were identified. In 1935, a Los Angeles psychiatrist reported that gay men had "too little" testosterone, and claimed to have cured numerous gay men (mostly prisoners) by injections of the hormone. But in later studies, testosterone injections did not "cure" gay men, but only made them hornier. According to the sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, one such study was conducted on 300 gay servicemen during the Second World War. The men's sexual urges were so inflamed that the Army had "the worst homosexual problem on their hands that they had ever had."

As testosterone didn't work, medical researchers tried estrogen. Although impotence and gynecomastia (growth of breasts) often resulted, the hormone had no more effect on men's sexual orientation than did testosterone. It seemed as if sexual orientation was hard-wired into the brain and was resistant to any hormonal treatment.

During the 1970s, Sreinach's spiritual descendant, the German endocrinologist Guenter Doerner, suggested that sex hormones do control sexual orientation, but that this control is exerted during fetal life, when the brain is assembling itself, rather than during adulthood. He proposed that doctors check the amniotic fluid of pregnant women to see if hormone levels were normal. If not, he said, the hormone levels could be corrected, thus averting homosexuality when the fetus became an adult. This plan was never put into action, and in fact Doerner has since become a lot more pos-

itive about homosexuality and gay people than he then was.

Given this gruesome history, you'd think any self-respecting gay person would completely repudiate this whole field of research. Well, I for one don't. I repudiate the efforts to "treat" gay people with hormones, of course. There's nothing about homosexuality that needs treatment, whether by hormones or by any other means. But if you strip



away the homophobia, Doerner's theory has a lot going for it. The idea that a person might be predisposed towards a certain sexual orientation because of the particular levels of sex hormones to which s/he was exposed during fetal life - that is a simple, testable, and to my mind quite appealing explanation for how Nature produces diversity in human sexuality. Equally, however, it is a theory that at the moment is supported only by quite limited evidence, and one that is unlikely ever to provide the complete explanation why one person is gay, another bisexual, and yet another straight.

As with most medical mistreatment of gay people, organotherapy was used mostly on men. The historical invisibility of lesbians, though it hampered their social and political development, did at least spare them from the worst excesses of the medical profession.

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TRIAL NO. 2 - DELAVIRDINE

This is a double-blind, randomized study. The study compares the responses of individuals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV) and AZT, AZT and 3TC or a combination of DLV, AZT & 3TC.

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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

What Was That Noise?

ja hear that? Oh. Well, it was kind of quiet. Kind of lost in the vast cacophony (a word that is usually much harder to work into a sentence.) of tolling bells and victory shouts and whistles.

What was it? Nuthin' much. Just the sound of the tectonic plates of your world shifting. Kinda funny, though. You'da thought that such a momentous and monumental reordering of the universe woulda made a lot more noise.

What was it? Oh, sorry. 'Thought I answered that. It was a 21-year old gay man getting an out-of- court settlement for nine-tenths of a million dollars. (Makes it seem like more than saying "nine hundred thousand," doesn't it?)

What's the big deal? I know. I know. Gay bashed guys are now regularly getting a voice in court, and their money back. We're practically used to that by now.

There was this one guy in Detroit who got ten million bucks for getting beat up. And not even from the guys who hit him. From the company that employs the security guard who watched the guys who hit him. Now that's a much bigger award so why didn't that qualify for changing life as we know it in the homosexual cosmos?

It was impressive. And a lot of money. A loooot of money. And, yes, maybe it might convince rent-a-bouncers at tacky clubs everywhere to stick their noses in to determine whether the totally blasted trio out brawling by the Bronco are just nosed-over in controlled substances, or are denying a homosexual citizen his constitutional rights.

Yeah, right. Something about pigs flying, and geographies of the divine totality freezing over.

So let me finish my story. Seems there was this guy, this young gay boy who regularly got pushed around in middle and high school by the bullies, because he was gay. They called him the usual unpleasant names we all kind of get used to, or at least callused over. They trapped him in the shower in the boys gym. One time they kicked him in the stomach so often that he had to have surgery. I think they pee'd on him too. Boys will be obnoxious, er, uh, boys at that age, won't they? Not the prettiest of our coming-of-age stories, eh?

Well, guess what, it got worse. This young man got so harassed, he dropped out of school. Good thing he didn't decide to just drop out of life. We all pretty much know that horrible teen statistic:1/3 of all teen suicides are gay teens who couldn't take it any more. Didn't entirely stop our boy, though. First, he got his high school equivalency. Then he got even. He sued. Yup, the school.

But he also sued the principal (at last a chance to use that other spelling in one of my columns) of the middle school, and the principal and assistant principal of the high school. And here's where the Richter scale moves. The school district was found Not-Guilty of discrimination.

Seems the good folks of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, had nondiscrimination policies already on their books. And, well, just maybe the administrators of the area schools just kinda winked and nodded at those politically-correctors who had them instituted. Everybody knew they were in place just for this occurrence. If they got sued, they were covered. Except.

And doncha just love this exception. Seems the administrators actually were bound to uphold those policies. And much to no one's surprise, they didn't. So the court ruled that they had violated our young man's rights by not protecting him from years of harassment by other students. Nine hundred thousand bucks worth. Which will be tough, I bet, on a principal's salary. Much less a vice's.

And lo, the word will go out from hamlet to village to shire: And let it be known to all the school administrators, and teachers and librarians (though most of them are us), support staff and janitorial custodians in the land. That your fairies and faggots and dykes, oh my, are as much your responsibility as any other child in your care.

And if that obligation should ger somehow passed you, the court no longer winks or nods at unwritten rules. Not only will the price be very high, but it will come out of your own pocket.

Nothing like making your point where it pierces, huh? Finally, with an expensive precedent like this, kindergarten teachers and biology lab leaders and everyone in between should be a lot less tolerant. Of bully behavior that makes our kids feel less than they have - now- the legal right to.

And that's the earthquake that will change our world. Imagine what this will mean for every one of our generation Y and Z'ers. Imagine what you're life would have been like with this decision in place. And isn't that a fitting end to a bad old tradition?!

There wasn't a whole lot about it in the metro papers. Or the nightly news. But isn't it amazing how such a very small noise can make such a big, sweet sound.

December 11 to December 26

The Calendar

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 14

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.

Monday, December 16

GAMMA Book Club (Milwaukee): Discussion starting at 7:30 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

GAMMA Sheepshead (Milwaukee): An evening of sheepshead card playing for everyone at 7:30 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Friday, December 20

GAMMA Cross Country Skiing (Milwaukee): Five days of skiing at Delta Lodge. Pre-Holiday Fun on the Snow. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Saturday, December 21

GAMMA (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League tonight at UWM Engelmon Gym. 3 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

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Monday, December 23

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ART

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

Milwaukee Arts Museum: Kara Walker (Milwaukee): 6:15 pm. Lecture by African-American Artist. Walker is a young painter and printmaker who has gained acclaim for her disarming, yet caustic narratives of 19th-century slavery and African-American history. Admission: \$5, \$3 students (free to MAM members). For more information call 414-224-3200.

Sunday, December 15

Milwaukee Arts Museum: Family Sundays (Milwaukee): 12:30 - 4 pm. Participants will have the opportunity to celebrate their favorite holidays of the year by creating art. Regular museum admission (free to children 12 or younger). For more information call 414-224-3200,

Tuesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 19

Aububon Court Books: Gayen (Milwaukee): 7 pm. The Reading Chair a program for booklovers of all sorts. As heard on Public Radio. For more information call 414-351-9140.

BAR SPECIALS

Sundays:

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7pm, \$1.25 Bloody Marys, \$0.75 taps, 7pm to closing, \$5.50 Beer Bust.

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

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

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

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

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

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Life's a Drag

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"It's against the law to commit adultry... unless, of course, you are in the mood."



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

nother Thanksgiving has past and I can't help but think of the things I am grateful for. It's too easy to just bitch about the things that irritate you and forget about all of the good things there are to be grateful for.

For instance, I could bitch about the fact that I had to buy a new camera because an overly-cocktailed guest at a party fell into a table and knocked my other one to the floor. (It's not like I ever dropped it before.) No, I will be grateful that with as much abuse that camera went through it lasted about as long as I can expect. I just didn't want to write a check for over \$300 just before Christmas.

I could also bitch about the fact that for the next few weeks we will have to endure those annoying Chia Pet and The Clapper commercials, No, once again I will be grateful that every once in a while they still run that commercial for Lee Jeans with the guy from Nebraska, he is sooo cute.

I would also hate to whine about the fact that every time I get into the check out line at the grocery store, the old guy in front of me can't find his little change purse. And when he does find it he has to count out the exact change no matter how long it takes him

Grateful

to find that last penny. No, I'm grateful there weren't 2 guys like that in front of me.

Seriously, there are lots of things I am grateful for, I have a roof over my head, food in my belly and am in pretty



good health. One thing we have to remember, not only through the Holidays but throughout the whole year, is that there are plenty of less fortunate people than ourselves out there. People that have no clue where their next meal is coming from or where they will find a warm place to sleep at night. I will keep that in mind the next time I am sitting here in my warm house stuffing my face with whatever item I picked out the fridge. I will definitely remember where I could be.

With that in mind, I will tell you where I have been for the past couple of weeks.

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- ►THURSDAYS 10pm to close \$1.50 Rail
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-Ms. Claus? At Club 219 HIT Show. Photo: Jamie



—Oberon Club night at Mama Roux: Photo: Jamie



-At the HIT Banquet, Photo: Jamie



—Being noughty at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



—These beauties performed at the GLEEDA benefit in Madison, Photo: Jamie

Jack Smith, Realtor Extraordinair, and his family. Good conversation and great food. (I did find out from a guy there who knows architecture very well that my house is a Victorian Stick Eastlake.) If you didn't make the journey home or didn't have a place to go, M&M and Mama Roux served a great Thanksgiving dinner. Ballgame put out some tasty Thanksgiving Hors D'oeuvres in case you hadn't gotten enough to eat at dinner.

With Thanksgiving in the air, also means that the H.I.T. Bowlers were also in town. Club 219 put on a H.I.T. Thanksgiving Show with H.I.T. bowlers organizing and staring in the show. I got there just a bit late but got plenty of good photo's.

This year for more H.I.T. photo's, instead of going to the bowling alley, I went to the banquet. In years past I always went to Red Carpet and shot photo's of people bowling so this years photo's should be a nice change. At the Banquet there were bowlers from all over the Midwest. Awards were given out to the best bowlers along with over \$18,000.00 in prizes and raffle winnings. The H.I.T. Board thanks all of the support this event gets from year to year.

At Maneuvers in Madison there was a Benefit for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN), Sunday, November 24th. It's always hard to get out to Madison on a Sunday evening for a photo shoot but I'm glad I went. Entertainment included the larger than life (literally) Simply Divine, Jessica Nolen, Margo, Paddy Cakes and a surprise performance by Duwanna Moore. I was

unable to get the final amount that was raised that night but by the looks of it, it had to have been a pretty



decent amount.

If you were wondering why South Water Street Docks was closed over the Thanksgiving weekend, the City of Milwaukee didn't file their amusement licenses properly and was closed by the Milwaukee Police. The night I went in to get the story, the police were there again checking licensing. Hopefully all of that stuff was straightened out and the Docks can get on with business.

On a little side-note here, if there is anyone out there interested in becoming a back-up In Step photographer and have an automatic camera, give me a call at 414-322-1872 and leave a message. I am looking for one in Madison, Appleton and Green Bay. The only requirements are that you can get me some decent photo's, give me a little info on what happened during the event and RETURN MY PHONE CALLS! In Step pays for all film and processing. You will also be paid for the shoot so you will have a little extra spending cash for the night.

Well I have run out of space here so I am going to close this column for the next couple of weeks.

In the mean time, keep your ears and eyes peeled, rumor has it that the old Y.P. will re-open as a Gay bar. Should be interesting to see what's up for the old girl. Until next time, I will be seein' ya and as always, slower traffic keep right.



-An enthusiastic crawd enjoys the GLEEDA benefit in Madison, Photo: Jamie



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

The Office: \$1 Bloody Marys

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-7 pm, \$0.75 taps, \$2 Margaritas, \$2 Bloody Mary's.

Station 2 (Milwaukee):\$1.50 Bloody Mary's, S6 beer bust for Packer games.

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Mary S2, Beer Bust \$1, Tap Beer \$0.50

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors

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

La Cage (Milwaukee): Shake A Drink

Ballgame: 10pm to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.50 roil

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 pm; 2 for 1 pints domestic beer til midnight.

Station 2 (Milwaukee):\$1.50 7 Crown Drinks.

Tuesdays:

Triangle: \$6 Rail pitchers

M&M: Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'auvres 5-7pm.

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

Ballgame (Milwaukee): 10 pm to close,\$2.50 Top Shelf, \$1.50 rail

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwoukee): Happy hour 3-8 pm; \$0.50 off Everything, South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust from 9 til close.

Wednesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust.

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

La Cage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust"

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

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Red Wednesdays- Red Dogs and Red Wolfs \$1.50.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 pm; Double Bubble • 8 pm til midnight.

Station 2 (Milwaukee):\$1.50 Bottled beer, Rail drinks, Wine.

Thursdays:

Club 94: \$5.50 beer and wine bust.

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Bust.

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

La Cage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust"

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

Ballgame (Milwaukee): 10 pm to close, \$1.50 roil.

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

Napalese Lounge: Pull Tabs (Drinks as low as \$.25) from 3-7 pm.

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee):Happy hour 3-8 pm.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Leather Night \$0.75 taps from 9 til close.

Station 2: \$0.75 Tappers.

Fridays:

M&M (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry with other great specials.

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Imported Beer, \$2 from 3 pm til close. Six Sharties in a Bucket for \$5.

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 pm; Fish Fry, 4 - 10 pm.

Station 2 (Milwaukee):\$1.50 Kamikaze shots.

Saturdays:

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

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

Main Club: 1 am - Door Prize.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Schnapps Shots.

BAR EVENTS

Wednesday, December 11

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Teasers.

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

Thursday, December 12

Mama Roux: Live entertainment!

Friday, December 13

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Teasers.

Men's Room (Madison): Grand Opening featuring Teasers from Chicago.

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Tabitha Presents- showtime at 11 pm Main Club (Superior): Donations for the Food Shelf/Bring a donation and receive a complimentary beverage.

Saturday, December 14

M&M (Milwaukee): Patterson Trio

Geraldine's (Madison): Dairyland Cowbays/Cowgirls

Mens Room (Madison): Wet Swimsuit Contest

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Teasers.

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): First Christmas Party. 9 til close

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 11 pm

Main Club (Superior): Donations for the Food Shelf/Bring a donation and receive a complimentary beverage.

Sunday, December 15

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Beer Bust Awards/219 Girls

Geraldine's (Madison): Dance Contest/Drink Special, Upstairs (Madison): Special Beer Bust \$4

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Special with Alvin for 2-8 pm

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

Monday, December 16

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

Club 219 (Milwoukee): Absolut Nite! \$1.25

Tuesday, December 17

Club 219: Brain Dead Review

Wednesday, December 18

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Teasers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Christmas Party. Buffet • Presents to ALL! Starts at 8 pm.

Friday, December 20

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Tabitha

Presents- showtime at 11 pm

Saturday, December 21

Just Us (Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. Every Saturday: Free 2-step lessons from Shoreline; also free line dance lessons from Shoreline.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 11 pm

Main Club (Superior): Holiday Party and Sing A Long. Bring Toys for Tots. Bring a gift to exchange-(Something you have always wanted to throw away, but hoven't!)

Sunday, December 22

Club 219: 219 Girls- X-Mas Show

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Specialwith Alvin for 2-8 pm

Monday, December 23

Club 219: Absolut Nite! \$1.25

Tuesday, December 24

Club 219: Open X-Mas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

Ballgame: Open on X-Mas

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open X-Mas

COMMUNITY

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.

Saturday, December 14

1100 Club: The Oberons-Final
Club Night Fundraiser
(Milwaukee): 10 pm til close. The
Oberons will host their final dub night
of the year, a fundraiser for our
Christmas Club for Children with AIDS.
There will be a \$5 beer bust and raffles.

OUTreach: 1100 Club (Milwaukee): HIV testing at 1100 Club from 9 pm until midnite. Sponsored by: BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Pioneers Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Holiday Party (Richland Center): 8 pm. At the Blue Highways. Food, Drinks & Music pravided. Admission: \$5. For more information call 1-800-484-8131 code 4419.

Frontiers: 14th Annual Holiday Dinner (Madison): 6:30 pm. Here it is! What we've all been waiting for: the annual holiday dinner, complete with all the tremendous trimmings we've come to enjoy over the years. Larry, 725 Gannon Avenue. For more information call (608)244-8690.

Sunday, December 15

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Wednesday, December 18

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Saturday, December 21

Shake It Up: Fussion with Frontiers (Madison): 4 pm.The Winter Solstice Teddy Bear Par Luck party, 4701 Judy Lane. For more information call (608)241-2500.

Sunday, December 22

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee: Surviving the Holidays/Celebrating the Season (Milwaukee): 6 - 8 pm. Adult Gay Children of Staight Families. As has been our tradition, please bring a holiday treat to share with others as we celebrate the season. Hot cider will be provided. For more information call 414-271-2565.

Tuesday, December 24

Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church: Christmas Eve Worship (Green Bay): 7 pm. The worship will consist of music, scripture, readings, a very brief message, condlelight service and holy communion.

TV/FILM

Wednesday, December 11

Shake It Up: Will Fellows (Madison): 9 • 11 pm. Public Access TV, Cable 4 WYOU; Nothing to Hide. Farm Boys, Lives of gay men from the rural midwest with two speakers who made presentation at the first congregational United Church of Christ.

Thursday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 18

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Thursday, December 19

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Wednesday, December 11

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.

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Friday, December 13

City Grille: Mike Sullivan (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Jazz Guitarist. For more information call 414-273-2489.

Saturday, December 14

Cream City Chorus: "Christmas (is not) For Everyone" (Milwaukee): 8 pm. This musical celebration will bid tribute to the dreams, hopes and faith of the many people who find joy and inspiration in the Winter season and its holidays. Location: Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. Admission: S8 in advance; \$10 at the door.

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Wednesday, December 11

"Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens (Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. UWM Fine Arts Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. This production runs Dec. 5 thru Dec. 21. For more information call 414-229-4308.

Thursday, December 19

The Boulevard Ensemble: "Little Egypt" (Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. December 19- January 12. "Little Egypt" paints a portrait of love, lust and romance gone awry in Cairo, Illinois when two waitress sisters and their less than saintly waitress mother pair off (respectively) with the town stud, a nerdy security guard, and an adulterous mayor. Boulevard Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. For reservations or information call 414-672-6019.

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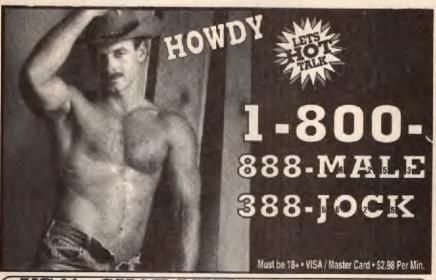
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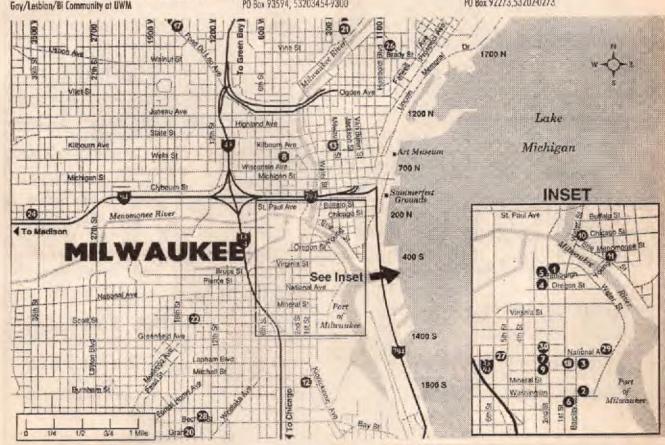
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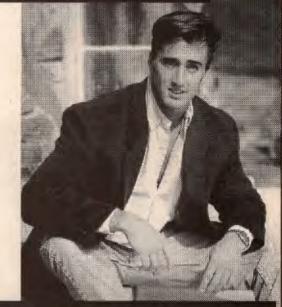


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UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	4366
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PO Box 152, Wousau, 54402	-0343
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320 Washington, Wausau 54401	-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	



2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481345-6500 Morshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)
c /o 117 W Jefferson St. Marshfield, 54449
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203 W 5th, Showana 54166
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(ask for Gay meetings)
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481346-4851
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Gay/Lesbian Support Group Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806
Northern AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organ.)
June Peters, Courthouse Rhinelander, 545(1 369-6228 Northern WI Lambda Society
PO Box 802. Rhinelander 54501
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Firmily, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's
Out Up North (G/L Social /Info/Network)
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891
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Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians Shirley: 458-2506Carolyn:467-0422
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336 Superior Avenue S3081
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan458-4889
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& SOUTHEASTERN WI
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9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94) Kenosha 53140857-9958
JoDee's (MW. DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804 What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)
625 College, Racine 54303
c/o Unitarian Universalist
PO Box 593, Kenosha 53141
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UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenasha 53141 595-2244 UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168843-4209
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PO Box 1304, Superior 54880	4-9467
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HIV/AIDS Service Organization	
505 Dewey St., So, #107	En line
Eau Claire 54702(800) 7	
Local Number	16-7710
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The Trading Company (MW, DJ)	17-7000
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 5470183	19-9494
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8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309	
Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 77	22-8585
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PO Box 264, Superior 54880	
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GLOBE (Compus LesBiGoy group)	
105 Garfield Ave, Davies Center, Eau Claire 54701	LACY
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PO Box 8091, Eou Claire, WI 54702-8091	
NW WI Pride Council (Social/Support)	

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e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu
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114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat735-4829
Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Box 131, Platteville, 53818
La Crasse Health Dept. (AIDS/HIV Service Organ.)
300 N 4th, La Crosse 54601
LaCrosse L/G Support Group
c/o Campus Ministry Center
Leaping La Crosse News
Box 932, LoCrosse 54602
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM)
417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
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PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

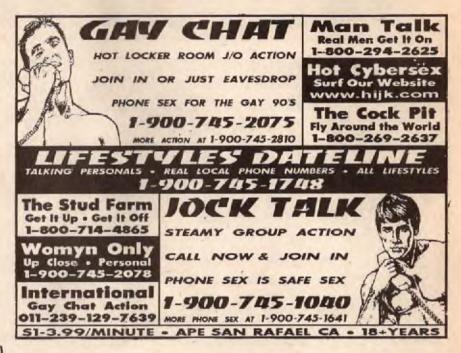
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Estate National Referral) (800) 442-9735
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Blue Star Hwy, Oouglas, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401
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WORK IT GIRL I'm a crossdresser, good looking, 6ft, 180lbs, 38 years old. I love to wear silk stockings, garter belts, and high heels. I would like to meet other cross dressers. (Appleton) #13646

MORE THAN THIS I'm a
Gay male, straight acting,
straight looking, 35 years old,
5'10, 160lbs, 1'm looking for
friends and possibly more, I live
just South of Appleton. If you
are interested give me a call.
(Appleton) = 10875

SECRET LOVER I'm a Bi White male, 27 years old, smooth, good looking. I'm looking for a younger White male 18 to 29 to be my secret lover. I can travel the whole state, Call me. (Appleton) #8732

APPLETON GUY I'm 22 year old Gay White male looking for someone to have fun with. Call me. (Appleton) #6976

LOOKING FOR A GOOD FRIEND I'm a 22 year old Gay White male new to the area. I'm attractive, 5'9, 150lbs, Brown eyes. I'm looking for someone 18 to 25 who loves to have fun and who can be a good friend. Call me. (Appleton) #6949

COLLEGE KID I'm a student at Northland college. I'm 20 years old, 6'2, 180lbs, 1 like swimming, walks, bike rides, bowling, ice skating, etc. If that sounds interesting to you please respond. (Ashlan) #12484

hairy chest and nice body, Blond hair, Green eyes. I would like to meet Goy men in my area. (Eau Clair) #6870

ENCOUNTER
THIS I'm a 31 year
old, Gay, White
male, 5'11, 190lbs,
Brown hair, Blue
eyes. I'm seeking
well hung, top men,
21 to 40 years old,
for hot encounters.
(Eau Claire)
= 16562

BISEXUAL MALE WANTED I'm a Gay male, cannot meet people freely. Looking for 33 years old professional Bisexual male in my area. (Fon du lac) #18752

CHEESE NEAR
THE BAY I'm a 27
year old, Gay male,
with Blond hair and
Blue eyes. I'm looking
to meet other guys in the
Green Bay area. Give me a
call (Green Bay) #19721

SUBMISSIVE BOY SEEKS
MASTER I am looking for a
dominant master. I am clean
and want to serve a very
dominant man. I will follow
your every command. Make
me do things your way. Please
call me sir. (Green Bay)
=13475

TOUCHING AND HUGGING I'm 5'11, 180lbs, single Gay White male. I like quiet times and going out. I'm looking for triendship first. (Kenosho) #13604

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

NEW TO MADISON! 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 looking for friendship and possible relationship. Serious replies only. (Modison) = 14270



WISCONSIN DELLS I love to 69. Call me if you are 35 and under. (Modison) =5610

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

EARLY MORNING HARD
ON I'm looking to get together
with someone in the mornings
or late evenings. [Madison]
#17456

MUTUALLY SATISFYING
I'm new to the Modison area.
I'm 5711, Blond hoir, Blue eyes,
33 years old. I'm looking for
men for friendship and possibly
more. (Modison) = 17106

DISCREET FUN IN
MADISON I'm looking for a
good looking, Gay, White
male. I'm 31 years old, 5'11,
170lbs, nice body, Blue eyes,
friendly and easy going. I'm
interested in very discreet fun.
Call me. (Modison) #5829

I'M LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm new to the area. I'm a cute 22 year old Gay Asian male, 5'6, 120lbs, I'm looking for White guys 18 to 25 for friendship and maybe more. Call me. (Madison) #10278

LET'S GET TO
KNOW EACH
OTHER I'm in my
early 30's, well built,
tall, dean shaven,
healthy. I would like to
meet men 18 to early
30's to get to know and
have fun with. Call me.
(Madison) #8996

MUSCLE MADNESS I'm 5'8, 155lbs, Bland hair, Blue eyes, I'm looking for muscular and hairy men who like to have fun. Call me. (Madison) #8511

LET'S CELEBRATE
OUR DIVERSITY I'm
looking for someone to
have a good time with.
I like to do lots of
different things. Call
me. (Modison) =6750

LET ME MODEL FOR YOU I'm 5'10, 1951bs, 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

SQUIRT ON ME I'm a 40 year old Gay White male looking for a relaxed gentlemon who want to use a White boy. (Milwaukee) #19075

ROMANCE IS BEST I'm a Gay White male, 5'11, 165lbs, versatile, Black hair, Brown eyes. Lenjay movies, and romantic evenings. I'm seeking a Gay Hispanic male for friendship. Possible relationship. (Milwaukee) #18863

BROWN HANKY I'm a handsome 39 year old Gay white male. I'm 6'5, 190lbs and very well hung. I'm looking for other Gay White males for Brown hanky fun! (Milwaukee) #19214

SOME OF US WANT TO BE ABUSED I'm oft, 160lbs, White, submissive, slave, I'm seeking a dominant Black man ar a group of dominant men to use me on a regular basis. #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 shoving. 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)

LET ME TOP YOU OFF SAFELY I'm a White male, 32 years add, 5'11, 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 bondage, but
lenjoy leather. I'm usually a
bottom, but I can top a
submissive bay. [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 Milwaukee area. I'm 57, 150lbs, Brown skin, good looking, and very well maintained. (Milwaukee) #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 hat, 39 year old, Gay White male, 6'5, 190lbs, very well hung. I'm looking for Gay, White males, who like butt worship. (Milwaukee) #13543

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head, nice body, well endowed.
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(Milwoukeel) = 13995

WEST SIDE MASSAGE I'm 26 years old, good looking, Gay White male, Brown hair, blue eyes, smooth, clean shaven, swimmers build. I'm looking to get together with someone who will give me ar massage. I will reciprocate (Milwaukee) #13563

REACH NEW HEIGHTS I'm a good looking 33 year ald White male, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'11, 175lbs. I'm looking for top men. I'm more of a bottom. (Milwaukee) #5873

CONDOM SENSE I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for top men for clean safe sex. I am a Bi male. Lets get together and talk. (Milwaukee) #12022

ATHLETIC, WHITE MALE I'm a very good looking White male, 5'10, Brown hair, Brown eyes, nice build, very athletic. I'm into movies, volleyball, and anything athletic. I'm seeking men with similar build and interests. Please call me. (Milwaukse) #12112

WATCHING AND
WAITING I'm 38 years young,
5'11, 175lbs, 32" waist, Brown
hair, Green eyes. I'm looking
for someone intelligent and
sincere. I like boating, good
food, books, music, hiking,
poetry, politics, etc. If you have
similar interests call me.
(Milwaukee) #12129

FOX VALLEY

MAN I'm a 36 year old

Gay White male, 6'1.

190lbs, Brown eyes, hairy
chest, masculine, very straight
acting. If you are looking for just
sex move on. I'm in the doset
and plan to stay that way. I'm
looking for a long term
relationship. (Milwaukee)
11862

POSITIVE AND HEALTHY I'm.
31 years old, HIV positive,
healthy, I'm looking for men in
my area. If you have left a
message in the past please leave
one again. Thanks. (Milwaukee)
177328

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
I'm a 33 year old White male,
510, 165lbs, Brown hair, Brown
eyes, handsome. I'm looking for
men 29 to 35 who are attractive
and straight acting, I'm interested
in casual dating and a possible
relationship. Call me.
[Milwaukee] = 10017

COOL, CALM AND SLICK
I'm 6ft, 160lbs, nice looking,
clean shaven, 23 years old,
lonely. I enjay movies, exercise,
travel, etc. I'm seeking a very
attractive bottom 18 to 22. Call
me. No games. (Milwoukee)
#96.13.

CLEAN AND INTELLIGENT?
I'm a 27 year old Bi Black male looking for friendship. I like racquetball, fishing, working out, etc. I'm looking for someone 18 to 31 who is clean, intelligent and a non smoker. Call me. (Milwaukee) #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. (Milwaukee) #9137 RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED
I'm a handsame professional
Gay White male, 33 years old,
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. #9218

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, hairy chest, recoded hair line. I'm looking for an East Side top for fun on the side. #7373

LET'S GET WET I'm 6'3, Bland hair, Hazel eyes, 155lbs. I like swimming, walking, biking, comping, etc. I'm interested in meeting new friends. Call me. [Milwaukse] #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. (Milwaukae) #7498

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

SIT BACK AND RELAX I'm a handsame and bared 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. (Milwaukee) #5879

THE WILD NIGHT IS
CALLING I'm a very attractive
32 year old Gay White male,
Blande hair, Hazel 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.
(Milwaukses) #3897

THE COLOR OF MY DREAMS I'm a 29 year old Black male, 6'3, 180lbs, mustache, attractive. I'm seeking other men of color in my area. Call me. (Milwaukee) #3985 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.

(Milwoukee) #3378

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, 6th, 200lbs, freddes. I'm looking for a top man 18 to 25. Call me. (Milwaukee) #2611

SMOOTH, LITTLE BOTTOM, WANTED I'm a lop man, 41 years old, 6'5, 230lbs, I'm looking for a smooth little bottom 18 to 25. I'm secure and a workaholic. (Nina) #8686

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 county life, movies, home life, and cuddling. I'm looking for a life time relationship with a man 27 to 33. You must be a non smoker and non drinker. You should hove 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. (Shebaygan)
=9110

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

THE HEAT OF THE
NIGHT I'm a 31 year old Gay
White male, 5'8, 155lbs, Brown
hair, Hazel eyes, hondsome,
young looking, I enjoy biking,
nature, hiking, camp fires, snow,
dogs, and music. I'm a caring
and husting person in search of a
dean White male. #12491

WHITE WATER STUD
I'm a 21 year old Gay White
male, 6ft, Reddish Brown hair,
Brown eyes, freckles, and
glasses. If you are 18 to 25,
White, and willing to travel,
call me. (White Water)
=13378

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



OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for Dec. 11 chrough Dec. 23



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Queer Rams find that the beneficial aspects between Jupiter, Venus and Mars can launch a career into the

stratosphere. If you've been putting in the time and effort into your professional dream, be prepared to have that dream come true. Of course this transit can also mean that a honed bod can catch the eye of the boss as easily as a honed mind. What type of retirement plan did you have in mind?



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

If you hanker to express yourself creatively. I suggest you dive into it now in a wild artistic frenzy. What

delightful pastimes can lead you to new, exotic and possibly international adventures? I don't know but your may want to ask Jupiter, Venus and Mars who are, even now, buying your ticket. It could be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings (...and ain't it always just one of those things?)



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Proud Twins may yearn to feather their nest as Jupiter, Mars and Venus kiss their personal life. Home, work and deep interperson-

al interactions blend to a melodious harmony. Belt it Out baby and tend to any irritative issues in these areas now when your charm alone seems to quell restive waters. If you are not proudly out to parents, this is a good time to open up that closet!



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Queer Crabs wax eloquent when Jupiter, Venus and Mars buddy up this week. Any one to one relationship, either for business or pleasure,

reaps the benefit of your astute insights. But honey, words alone won't get the job done; it's also time to roll up your sleeves and get physical. Happily, all efforts go to a good cause (your happiness) so get off your duff and get a little dirty.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG.23)

Extravagant gay Lions will either break the bank or have it crash on their paws. What matter these

wounds? Jupiter, Mars and Venus have a way of making your life a little easier no matter how irresponsibly you behave. Family relationships go a bit more smoothly now and even the day to day job gives you the recognition and payback you deserve. So what type of reward do you actually deserve?



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT.23)

Stand back world; proud Virgins are divas for a day. Mars, Venus and Jupiter form an unbeatable triumvirate which grants you unparalleled

popularity and charm. Milk it for what it's worth dear, queer Virgo and cram that foot into the slipper if you can. This fabulousness will fade with the dawn and you'll be back to tending the pumpkin patch in your rags before you can bat an eye.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

It takes more than pure moxie to make the world a little louder and prouder, queer Libra. The Jupiter, Mars and Venus partnership

enhances your ability to make good deeds pay off figuratively and literally so put your money where your mouth is or seek contributions to our cause. Harmony even reigns at home. Does this mean that you have reconciled with your family?



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Resolve any disputes you have with friends or social acquaintances during the Jupiter, Venus, Mars transit. You can turn even your most under-

handed, specious motives into something unequivocally divine. In fact, you won't settle for less than mutual honesty and harmony even if you have to discuss it to the nth degree. Is this the gay Machiavelli we have all come to know?



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Even if the career has been getting you down, proud Sags can professionally rise and rejoice with the

Jupiter, Venus, Mars aspect. Hidden enemies are flushed out, efforts are recognized and valued by those in authority and you may get a little extra dough for your sweat. Not bad! But strike while the corporate fire is raging. Lazy Archers are shuttled to the mailroom or even worse - research.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN.20)

Gay Goats take the legal profession by storm with the Jupiter, Venus, Mars transit. Disputes can be

resolved to your benefit as you win friends and influence people to act on your behalf. Even the most afflicted Caps make spectacular first impressions; Dress the part and take it to the stage. It's an excellent time to plan (and execute) the perfect vacation. Do I see Key West on the itinerary?



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB.19)

Aqueerians rev up their internal resources to achieve personal harmony and professional stability. Volunteer for a good gay cause and

see how much you can achieve for the benefit of our community. Jupiter, Venus and Mars form an unbeatable offensive line that is poised to score (and since this transit impacts sexual energy, need I say more ... ?).



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Partnerships find a way of bridging your more global ideas with the concerns of local social groups and organizations. Seek advice and

guidance. Queer Fish should use the Jupiter, Venus, Mars transit to horness various commitments and adapt them to bona fide gay concerns. Also use this time to improve relationships or seek one that is right for you. The planets don't lie.

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