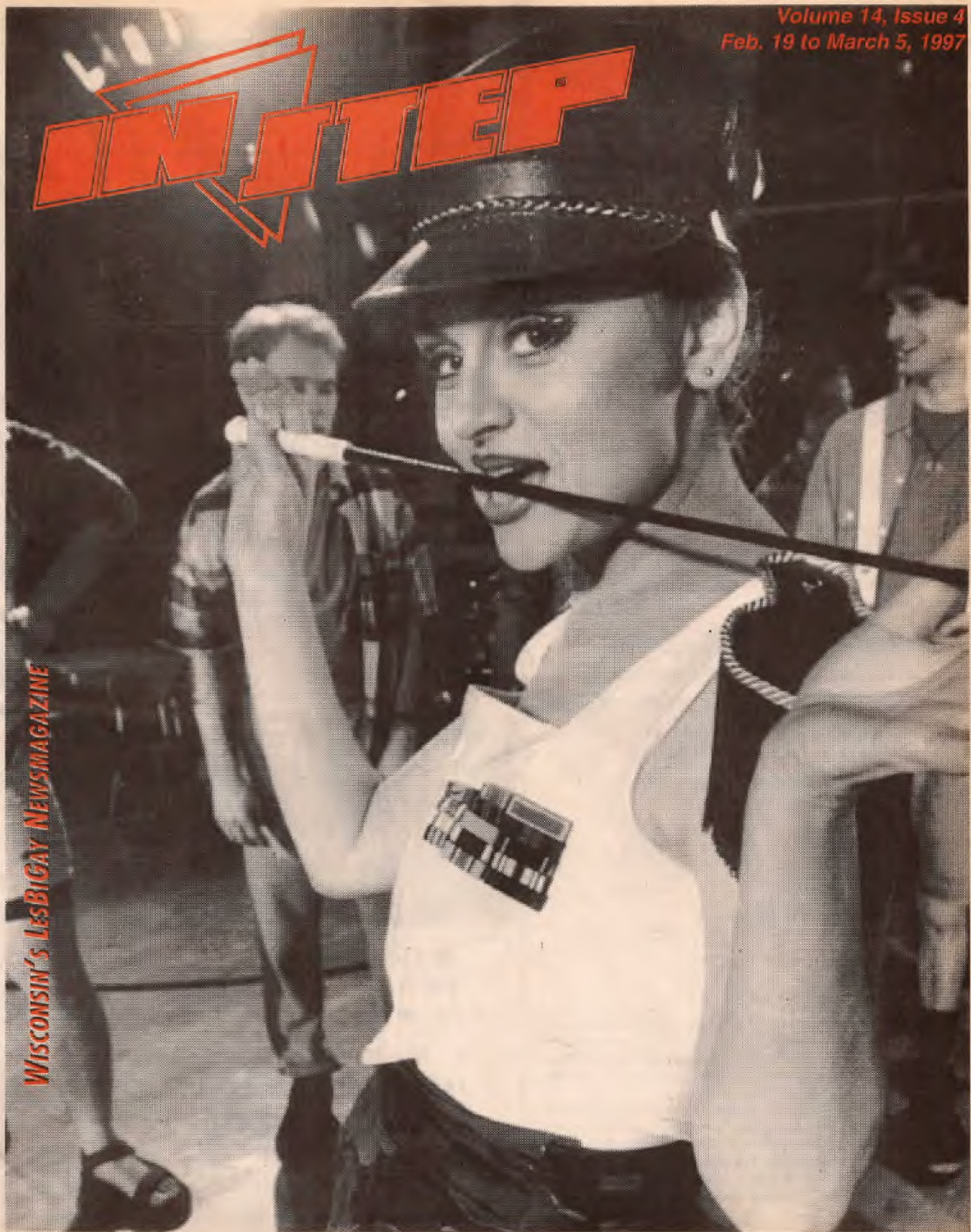


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 Judy Tenuta stars in the comedy "BUTCH CAMP" premiering in Chicago next month. Photo: Steve Becker.

I have been the editor of *In Step Newsmagazine* for almost ten months now... my education on the "politics" of our community has been fast and furious and I've surely stepped in it a few times. Between time spent trying to develop a thicker skin and attempting to figure out what the definition of "our community" actually is... I have come to the conclusion that as our "LGBT" community reaches for growth and maturity there are inevitably going to be growing pains.

It seems often when people express an opinion that appears in print or actually take a public stand on a specific issue, it is seen by others as a scandal of near biblical proportions (Old Testament). The inevitable chain reaction of community fuss-budgeting begins; rumors start to surface like some of the stuff we see floating down the Milwaukee River from our office windows, and near-tearful laments of community division and polarization rise... all with appropriate hand wringing.

I say rejoice the opinions! Praise the conviction of our community leaders, whether we agree with their positions or not. Celebrate the courage it takes to actually state a belief or to be quoted to our media in the face of being misunderstood or offending someone else's agenda. An honest exchange of ideas and opinion is a clear sign of health in any community.

Many, many times individuals have come to me, heavy with consternation about this issue or that, or expressing concern about something that *In Step* has printed or did not print. My response is universally the same, write us a letter, I promise we will print it.

Rarely do the letters come. This is unfortunate, as letters to the editor should be a staple of community debate. I know the letters page is often where you will find some of the most intelligent and thoughtful writing in any publication.

As I look at the mission of *In Step*, it is clear that our pages should be open to the expression of a myriad of ideas. It should be a place where the divergent opinions and issues affecting our community can be fairly reported and honestly discussed.

God knows that in our community there are no shortage of issues and opinions and I, for one, welcome them all with thick-skinned open arms.

WILLIAM ATTEWELL

Cartoon Misleading

To the Editor—

I want to correct a serious misperception left by the cartoon which ran in the January 22 edition of *In Step Newsmagazine* (Vol. 14, #2). The cartoon was misleading and made it seem as though the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) receives almost all of the state Ryan White AIDS funds. The facts of Ryan White funding are much different.

In the current fiscal year, ARCW receives 14 percent of all state Ryan White funding. Eighty-six percent of the funds go to other HIV/AIDS agencies or are retained by the state to fund state services such as the AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program.

Of the state Ryan White funds that are distributed for community based services, ARCW receives 27 percent of these funds. Almost 73 percent of the funds go to other HIV/AIDS agencies.

Further, of the state Ryan White funds that come to Milwaukee for community based services, almost 72 percent go to other HIV/AIDS agencies; ARCW receives 28 percent of the total dollars distributed.

We are very proud of the fact that ARCW led a national

campaign to reauthorize the Ryan White Care Act with equitable funding formulas. Because of ARCW's advocacy, Wisconsin will receive as much as \$4 million more in Ryan White funding during the reauthorization period.

I hope this information is helpful to the readers of *In Step Newsmagazine*.

Laura Glawe

Director of Communications,
AIDS Resource Center of
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PrideFest Intensifies Organizing, Seeks Sponsors

Milwaukee — Although Wisconsinites are still shoveling their walks and going ice fishing, organizers of PrideFest, the annual gay and lesbian pride festival, are entering their most intensive organizing phase, preparing for the three-day festival set for June 6-8, 1997 at Henry Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lakefront. The theme of this year's festival is: "Sharing a World of Difference."

For the first time ever, PrideFest has produced and is mailing out to businesses and organizations an official 21-page "PrideFest Planner," outlining the weekend schedule, sponsorship opportunities, sales and exhibit booth dimensions, award nominations, the parade route and rules, volunteer needs, and "Pride Guide" ad rates and information. It includes all necessary application forms and a worksheet for fees.

"It's the first time we've really put all our information together in one solid package," PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook told *In Step Newsmagazine*. "The information we've assembled in the Planner should have the answers to almost any questions people have about the festival."

"In the past, people often received four or five mailings from separate coordinators," Cook said. "It could get very confusing, and sometimes people still weren't sure who to talk

to. In the Planner, we list the names of the people responsible for each area — entertainment, food, merchandise, etc. — so they know who's in charge and who to ask for. But we've also included all the forms people need to sign up for booth spaces, parade contingents, ad space in the Pride Guide — you name it. And for the first time, you can use a Master Card or Visa to send us your payment."

"The Planner also lays out the kind of support and sponsorships we are seeking to underwrite the various stages and entertainers we're trying to bring in."

Among some of the acts PrideFest is hoping to bring in are the nationally known comedian and actress Lea DeLaria, the a cappella group The Flirtations and the out Swedish pop group Bjorn Again. PrideFest needs \$6,000 to bring DeLaria in, \$5,000 for the Flirts and \$8,500 for Bjorn Again. Other "name" entertainers can be obtained for as little as \$2-3,000, so businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor one of the acts named or others are encouraged to contact PrideFest.

"We don't have all those people committed yet," Cook cautioned about DeLaria and the others. "But we want to get the word out about the caliber of talent we're considering, so sponsors will come forward."

PrideFest is also seeking major sponsors for the various stages and tents. The Main Stage, called the Alyn Hess Stage for a pioneering gay activist in Milwaukee, requires \$7,500 in funding. The increasingly popular Dance Tent will be tripled in size this year, adjoin permanent buildings and host two beer bars. Sponsorship is set at \$4,000. Smaller venues at Maier Park, which will host fine arts performances, cabaret style music and literature readings, offer sponsorship opportunities at even lower rates.

The Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian History Exhibit will return to the festival this year with new visuals and updated information. PrideFest also plans to debut a new Family Day Activities Area (Saturday, June 7) with games and entertainment for children and their families. The Lambda Car Club will again display members' vintage autos, a Volleyball Tournament will be held, and PrideFest hopes to launch yet another fireworks and laser display.

Anyone interested in these or other sponsorship opportunities should call PrideFest at 414/272-FEST. Planners can also be obtained by calling that number.

"We first sent the Planner out to businesses and organizations we have a relationship with, those who have participated and sponsored us in the past," Cook said. It only makes sense to invite them back and give them an opportunity to

Baldwin Addresses Valentine's Day Marriage Rally at Milwaukee's City Hall



About 30 persons attended a rally in support of same-sex marriage at Milwaukee City Hall on February 14. Sponsored by the National Organization of Women, the protest included the public "marriage" of three same-sex couples. Legislation which would allow the state recognize only opposite gender marriage has recently been introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Photo: Jorge L. Cabal.

get involved early on. We're now sending it out to people who make general inquiries."

The Pride Planner includes route and entry fee information and standards of conduct for the Pride parade, which will step off at Noon on Sunday, June 8 from Maier Park. It includes ad rates for the "Pride Guide," which is widely distributed in the weeks before the event. This year's Guide will be in a new format on higher quality paper. Cook says its usefulness as a guide to Wisconsin's lesbian groups and businesses will extend beyond the June festival.

Cook also announced that PrideFest will operate a shuttle service serving both the south side bar district and the lower east side, ferrying people to and from the festival grounds.

"The shuttles are a first for us this year. They are an example of how we do listen," said Cook, "and when at all possible, we take action on requests."

PrideFest is anticipating 12,000 visitors this year and believes the festival offers "great potential" to businesses and organizations to promote their products and services. The festival also needs hundreds of volunteers in areas as diverse as bartending, American Sign Language interpreting, food service and set-up and clean-up work. Volunteers receive free admission and other benefits.

"We need everyone's support to build a successful festival," Cook said. "In turn, that success will be a great reflection on our whole community."

For more information on PrideFest, call 414/272-FEST and leave your name and number. Cook and Co-Director Mike Hall promise that your call or inquiry will be answered as promptly as possible.

Era Ends as Hotel Washington Financing Plan Collapses

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Madison — The improbable up and down story of the Hotel Washington fire and rebuilding effort came to a quiet, emotional conclusion last week when Greg Scheel announced his family's decision to discontinue their efforts to rebuild the hotel.

Scheel cited a requirement by Capitol Bank that the contractor selected for the project be required to post a construction bond which

"It is devastating personally, tears were flowing for many days. I feel bad for the community because the support from them was there."

—GREG SCHEEL

would cost an additional \$85,000 and effectively placed the rebuilding effort out of reach.

The bond, which was to guarantee the cost of the project should the contractor be unable to complete the work, coupled with concerns over cost overruns and stress induced health problems associated with

Hotel Washington Timeline

MARCH 1996

After the fire, rebuilding efforts proceeded full speed. The Hotel Washington meets most obligations with the appropriate City of Madison agencies to proceed with the rebuilding.

APRIL 1996

Financing cannot be completed due a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deed restriction. Hotel seeks waiver of deed restriction from City and Federal agencies.

MAY 1996

City of Madison approves waiver of the deed restriction.

JULY 1996

HUD approves waiver of the deed restriction.

AUGUST 1996

Associated Bank indicates unwillingness to finance rebuilding. Search for begins alternate financing.

SEPTEMBER 1996

Employees are laid off. Other options are considered as Scheel's investigate opening a club at 111 E. Main Street.

OCTOBER 1996

The Scheel's begin search for financial partners in the rebuilding effort. No compatible candidates were found, but the exploration led to contacts with Capitol Bank.

NOVEMBER 1996

New financing options move forward as The Capitol Bank indicates the Scheel's may be able to finance the project with their own resources.

DECEMBER 1996

Loan by the Capitol Bank is approved. City meeting schedules during the Holidays delay approval of the City of Madison TIF Loan.

JANUARY 1997

City approves TIF loan and groundbreaking set. Capitol Bank requires that a Construction Bond be issued to insure project contractor adding \$85,000 to cost of project. Cost overruns develop in sprinkling system plans and/or dedicated fire stairwell adding an estimated \$50,000 to project cost.

FEBRUARY 1997

Scheel Family makes decision not to rebuild the Hotel.

the rebuilding effort amounted to the final straw in a series of delays and obstacles in the rebuilding according to Scheel.

Scheel told *In Step Newsmagazine*, "We didn't know when this was going to end... when and what would be the next hurdle. Between that and the stress concerns of my family, we decided we couldn't continue with the rebuilding effort."

According to Scheel over \$400,000 of his family's own money was spent over the past year to keep the rebuilding effort afloat. Scheel cited the numerous delays as contributing to their decision (see sidebar, page 5).

The final decision was difficult according to Scheel, "It is devastating personally, tears were flowing for many days. I feel bad for the community because the support from them was there."

According to Scheel, many options were explored to keep the rebuilding project alive. Attempts to bring in additional investors failed to produce reliable candidates. Plans to scale back the scope of the rebuilding project failed to produce the revenues needed to pay back the cost of rebuilding, according to Scheel, "When we scaled back the project, we couldn't get the revenue. We just couldn't make ends meet by scaling it back."

Scheel's plans for the future were uncertain, as distribution of a large portion of the insurance money from the fire



—Madison Alderman, Mike Verveer

was contingent upon rebuilding the hotel, "Our heads are still spinning," stated Scheel.

Alderman Mike Verveer of Madison's Fourth District in which the Hotel was located told *In Step* the loss the Madison's gay and lesbian community would be great, adding "The feelings are one of devastation, personally ... I really felt a sense of finality and a profound loss.

It is clear now that we are left with only the memories of the Hotel Washington to look back on."

Verveer stated he was surprised when the Scheel's made the decision to end the rebuilding, explaining, "I did not realize the extent of the road blocks that were in the way of the rebuilding effort. I think the community realizes he [Greg Scheel] and his family did everything they could to rebuild ... it was just not meant to be."

The hole where the Hotel Washington once stood is expected to be filled-in shortly and the property, near where



the Kohl Sport Center is being built, has the potential for significant land value.

Verveer stated that the Scheel Family indicated they have not yet decided whether to sell or lease the land and stated, "I would be surprised if it [the land] would serve the gay lesbian community the way the Hotel Washington did for so many years."

When asked if he would consider opening a club catering to the gay and lesbian community in the future Scheel stated, "I would really love to do that. But for now I'm going to sit back and relax and regroup."

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Project Moves Forward

by Ed Grover
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — At the open town Hall Meeting of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Project on Saturday, February 15th the final ten names for the Naming Contest were released by Mike Phillips and Wendy Radish, Co-Chairs.

Posters with name finalists and ballots should be out in the voting areas (local LGBT businesses) soon. The deadline for mailing ballots is April 13th and the winner will be announced at the next Town Hall Meeting which will be held on April 19th at UWM.

The ten names are: The Alternative Lifestyles Community Center; The Rainbow Friendship and Freedom Center; The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center; Queer Central; The Stonewall Center; The Alyn Hess Community Center; The Pride/Justice/Freedom Center; The Audrey Lorde Rainbow Unity Center; and The Lavendar Community Center.

The first order of business was to submit a Proposal for Changes to Interim Governance Policies. Karen Gotzler said that the main purpose was to clarify what the jobs of the Co-Chairs was. The proposal was approved.

The final study of the Feasibility Committee was released by Mark Street and Nancy Snow. From a total of 1,610 responses that were filled out at PrideFest 1996, data was used to complete this study. Copies of the report can be made available by contacting the Project.

Also released were reports from the Finance and Budget Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Gwen Kibbe, Co-Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee submitted an amended budget of \$6,523.50 for the six-month period covering January through June of 1997. The budget was approved by those present.

Denise Wise gave the Strategic Planning Committee report as Co-Chair, and went through the process used to formulate plans for the Community Center. They are now in the process of moving forward to get the new Community Center open. The committee is looking for buildings to lease in Riverwest, Brewer's Hill, the Lower East Side and the Walker's Point areas.

Gotzler spoke about the one-on-one meetings she has had with LGBT businesses and organizations. Twenty-four groups have expressed initial commitments and two business have made initial commitments to locate at the new Center. Walker's Point Cafe was one of those to do so. Walker's Point Cafe will be the site of a Potential Tenant Reception on Tuesday, March 4th at 6 p.m. All LGBT-owned and LGBT-friendly businesses, organizations and individuals are welcome to attend.

Gotzler said that the next step was to incorporate the LGBT Community Center. This was important because the Strategic Planning Committee is in the process of working with the Milwaukee AIDS Project on a grant for a Youth Drop-



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in Center. This action was approved and will take place within the next two weeks.

If the grant is approved, this will fund a full-time position to be housed at the new Community Center. The drop-in center will help to inform LGBT youth about HIV Education and Prevention techniques ... especially gay youth of color. Goetzler feels that they may be able to look forward to

yearly participation in the grant process and this would add impetus to the community center.

Patrick Flaherty, Co-Chair of the Fundraising/Membership Committee revealed plans for a direct-mail campaign. There will also be an advertising/membership drive held at this year's PrideFest. Hosted house-parties to promote membership are in the works. Flaherty stressed that key Social Services of the LGBT Center will be provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Also, no one will be refused membership based on that person's ability to pay; volunteer services may be considered after negotiating with a special contact.

Naomi Guzman, Co-Chair of the Diversity and Youth Committee gave a report. Guzman said that the Steering Committee had decided not to wait until they have a space for a center, and gave the go-ahead to start planning for alcohol-free nights and "rainbow nights" at many local bars and area churches. There will be a focus on sensitivity training and diversity needs. Guzman said that there were plans for a Gay Prom to be held in the Spring, with possibilities of a youth float in the PrideFest parade.

Liquor License Approved for Madison Gay Club, Appleton's Pivot Club Closes

Madison — Scandals (formerly R Place) located at 121 West Main Street was granted a liquor license by the Madison Alcohol License Review Committee during a meeting held last week. The vote was unanimous.

Meanwhile, in Appleton the popular Pivot Club closed its doors earlier this month after the owner retired. Reports indicated there are no plans to reopen the club under different owners and the property has been acquired for

other business purposes. The closing leaves only Rascals Bar and Grill serving the Appleton area.

Green Bay to Host the Music Ministry of Terry Lee Ousley

by Cheryl Myers
of the *In Step* Staff

Green Bay — Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will host a special musical program by Terry Lee Ousley on Sunday, March 2, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 614 Forest St. in Green Bay and is pastored by the Reverend Kenneth Hull.

"I'm very excited about this program," Hull told *In Step*. "This is a very popular Christian musician, and I've always felt music adds so much to spirituality. It can be so uplifting."

Ousley was born into a very conservative, musical Christian family. Ousley became increasingly disillusioned with his ultra-conservative religious upbringing as it condemned homosexuality as a sin punished by damnation. He struggled with his feelings for God and his own homosexuality.

In 1990, he became involved with the MCC (a Christian denomination begun and guided by homosexuals).

Ousley states, "My goal is to show others that they, too, are not alone in what they are going through. If sharing what Jesus Christ has done in my life can help one person on their journey, then the effort is worth it. That's what ministry is all about."

Admission to the event is free, and all are welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Hull at (414) 432-0830.

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The "Re-Gaying of AIDS"

AIDS Education & Prevention Efforts Again Targeting Gay Men

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — For more than a decade, AIDS activists and gay rights advocates have battled against the widespread idea that AIDS was a "gay disease." Phrases like "HIV doesn't discriminate" and "AIDS is everyone's problem" became dogma among activists of all stripes.

And during the past 15 years, the demographics of the epidemic have shown they were right as HIV increasingly spread among women, heterosexual men and children in the U.S. and most Western nations.

But the reality of the AIDS epidemic is that each year gay and bisexual men still account for the majority of new cases, state-by-state, nationally, and in all the industrialized Western countries as well.

While no one has really talked about it much until very recently, there are indications there's a movement afoot to reemphasize the risks HIV poses for gay and bisexual men, and to redesign education and prevention programs focused more toward gay communities around the country.

Like it or not, the motion toward programs again aimed mainly at homosexual and bisexual males, is increasingly being called the "re-gaying of AIDS."

The concept got a major boost in January when researchers with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California at San Francisco concluded in a study that HIV prevention programs targeting younger gay men and IV-drug users could be as much as 200 times more effective than programs aimed at other population groups less at risk of infection.

The study, published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, estimated that a \$1 million annual prevention program aimed at high-risk younger gay and bisexual men and IV-drug users would prevent between 90 to 160 new HIV infections. But the same amount of money for prevention programs aimed at low-risk groups — including women being treated for sexually transmitted diseases or women of childbearing age — would statistically prevent just one new HIV infection.

The reason, of course, is largely numbers.

As education and prevention efforts during the past several years have increasingly shifted to new population groups — younger heterosexual women and men in particular — younger gay men have entered adulthood with less emphasis on prevention. And after years

of being relatively stable during the first 10 years of the epidemic, figures of new HIV infections among younger gay men again began skyrocketing a few years ago.

A study presented at the 11th International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver last years found that 18 percent of the gay men 18-29 years old in San Francisco are infected. Another survey presented in Vancouver reported that among gay male college students in Boston, some 30 percent reported having had unprotected anal sex — the highest risk for sexual transmission — at least once during the previous year. In some urban areas of the U.S., as many as 1 in 10 gay men under the age of 25 is infected with HIV, researchers said.

While the epidemic continues to be the most significant social reality for gay



— On the set of "The Mourning After" public service announcement produced by The Midwest AIDS Prevention Project in Michigan.

men in this country, polls — from *ABC News* to *Playboy* magazine — show that the overwhelming majority of Americans aren't particularly afraid of contracting HIV. Despite slogans such as "AIDS is everybody's concern," Americans generally believe that most of them aren't high-risk candidates for infection.

And many AIDS organizations around the country have taken the continuing higher infection rates among

gay and bisexual men as an indicator that education and prevention programs must be targeted mainly at the higher risk populations.

Last year, for example, the Detroit-based Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) developed an eye-catching TV public service spot called "The Mourning After" that is aimed at younger, sexually-active gay men. The 30-second television spot uses upbeat music, quirky camera angles, and shows an attractive young man showering - while a voice-over tells us what he's thinking about: "Wow, what a great time ... met someone really hot ... maybe I should have used a condom ... what if I caught something ... I hope I don't have AIDS."

In San Francisco, city-run public health clinics, last year began offering men — as well as women — the "Reality" brand female condom in efforts to reduce HIV infections among gay men.

After the female condom, manufactured by Wisconsin Pharnical Co., first went on sale in England in 1992 it was immediately added to the guidelines on HIV prevention for gay men, and the *British National AIDS Manual*. The female condom proved popular in Britain with many gay men because of its extra-heavy domed cap that allows for more vigorous sex.

In Wisconsin, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) last year distributed condoms in city parks where men cruise to meet partners for sex. Described by organizers as an "aggressive" program to combat HIV infections in the city, the MAP condom distribution program hits the city's more popular cruising parks where some men go for quick, anonymous sexual encounters. The MAP program more or less avoids "preaching" to the men about having sex in public parks and focuses mainly on getting the men to use condoms, drug and alcohol treatment, and of course HIV testing. Douglas Nelson, the head of MAP, said the condom-giveaway program was intended to "defeat the AIDS epidemic" in the city's

gay community.

After years of devoting AIDS education funds mainly toward general, non-gay prevention efforts, the University of Kentucky and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in 1996 gave a grant to the school's campus gay organization, UK Lambda, for a "Youth Prevention Conference" aimed at letting gay students at the university discuss and propose effective strategies for preventing HIV infection among young gay men in the region.

And from New York to Los Angeles, print, billboard and other HIV prevention ads increasingly target gay men as their audience as budget-conscious AIDS organizations re-evaluate how to get the biggest bang for their limited bucks.

Of course, some gays are concerned about this trend and fear that re-gaying AIDS, no matter how well-intentioned, is an invitation to disaster, that it could reignite some of the hysteria that occurred in the early days of the epidemic, when some people were afraid to shake the hand of a gay man.

But proponents of shifting education campaigns back toward gay and bisexual men argue that the broad prevention efforts that emphasize that everyone is at risk have been ineffective, if not an outright waste of precious resources.

"This is not an argument for saying that we should ignore anyone," says Edward King, an AIDS activist from Britain who has written about the issue. "The point is to not lose sight of where the epidemic is. And the core is still where it always was - hitting gay and bisexual men hardest."

Log Cabin Republicans Reveal Objectives for 1997

Washington, DC — The nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization released its 1997 priorities, which focus the group's attention on

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Topping the list of legislative priorities in the 105th Congress for Log Cabin Republicans will be passage of long-awaited legislation to reform and streamline the Food and Drug Administration's methods of approving life-saving and life-extending treatments for terminally ill patients, such as people with HIV/AIDS.

"As we witness the continuing advancements in breakthrough therapies to treat HIV/AIDS, our top legislative priority will be reforming the FDA approval process so we can save more lives sooner," said Richard Tafel, LCR executive director. "We must put saving lives ahead of saving the bureaucracy."

LCR also announced that it will launch a national, grass-roots campaign to promote voluntary employment non-discrimination policies by Republican elected officials and candidates for office at the local, state and federal level. Through its 50+ chapters nationwide, the organization will continue building an effective foundation of support within the GOP for the principle that the sexual orientation of an individual should not be a consideration in employment.

"Building a foundation for these principles within the Republican Party must be accomplished before we have any hope of passing federal employment non-discrimination legislation," Tafel said. "Log Cabin is the only organization in the country working effectively within the Republican Party to promote these principles."

On the electoral front, the organization has targeted three key Republican supporters of gay and lesbian equality as top national priorities for re-election: Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, Mayor Richard Riordan of Los Angeles and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York. In addition, the organization committed to reaching out to the new Republican National Committee leadership, supporting openly gay and lesbian Republican candidates for office, and continuing to confront anti-gay intolerance from both the Democratic and Republican parties.

In addition to FDA reform, LCR will advocate the prioritization of patient access to life-saving and life-extending treatments in all federal and state health care policy. This includes increased federal and state funding to state-administered AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) nationwide, and the expansion of those programs to include the full range of FDA-approved HIV/AIDS treatments, and greater focus on research into HIV/AIDS among women and breast cancer among lesbians.

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization, with 50+ chapters nationwide and 11,000 members.

N.Y.C. AIDS Deaths Drop Dramatically

Washington, DC — Researchers reported that deaths resulting from AIDS-related causes in New York City have plummeted nearly 30 percent from 1995 to 1996 - the most significant drop since the epidemic began.

While more than 7,000 people died in New York City in 1995, that figure dropped to just slightly under 5,000 last year according to preliminary figures compiled by city health officials.

The announcement of the stunning information was made as the fourth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections came to a close in the nation's capital, where researchers said declines in AIDS-related deaths were also being reported in other cities, although none as dramatic as the New York figures.

AIDS experts at the conference said they couldn't explain the dropping death rates, but that the declining mortality figures weren't connected to the new protease inhibitors being used now since the death rates began falling before the new

Also on the Newswire...

Gay Hand-Holding Trip to Amsterdam Canceled

London — The Camden Council in north London has canceled an \$800 grant a Labor Party-led council committee had already approved that would have helped pay to send 10 young gay men on a weekend trip to Amsterdam to hold hands. The trip, which would have been for young gay men between 17-24, was designed to help them build their self-esteem by letting them "experience holding hands in the street without feeling fear."

B-12 Link in AIDS Progression

Chicago, IL — According to a study published in the *Journal of Nutrition*, men infected with HIV seem to develop full-blown AIDS much more quickly if they're already suffering from a vitamin B-12 deficiency. Researchers with Johns Hopkins University who conducted the study reported that among some 310 HIV-positive gay and bisexual men, those who showed adequate B-12 levels progressed to full-blown AIDS on average in about eight years. Those with B-12 deficiencies developed the illness in an average of just four years.

Migrant Workers Carrying HIV Back to Mexico

Mexico City — Juan Ramon de la Fuente, Mexico's health minister, warned that migrant workers who travel to the U.S. - especially to California and Texas - are contracting HIV and then exposing others to the virus when they return to Mexico. De la Fuente said that many of the migrant workers, who often work for months at a time in the U.S., frequently either don't know they've contracted HIV or conceal their HIV status out of shame.

medicines came into wider use last year.

Some health officials, like Dr. Mary Ann Chiasson of the New York City health department, have suggested the actual cause of the sudden drop in the city's AIDS deaths may simply be money.

In 1994, Congress allocated \$40 million of Ryan White CARE Act funds for the city, but that amount jumped to some \$100 million in 1995. Most of the federal funding underwrites the costs of drugs and clinical care of AIDS patients, and this enormous infusion of new money for treatment may have helped keep more people alive.

Wife's Lesbian Relationship Drove Ex-FBI Agent Insane, Lawyer Says

Manassas, VA — The trial of former FBI agent Eugene Bennett on charges of attempting to kill his ex-wife and of holding a minister hostage in efforts to lure her to meet with him has all the hallmarks of a detective mystery-thriller novel. Part of that may be because best-selling mystery writer Patricia Cornwell is at least indirectly involved in the complicated case.

Bennett, 41, has pleaded not guilty due to insanity to the charges against him, with his attorneys claiming that when

the one-time agent discovered his former wife and Cornwell had had a lesbian relationship it "drove him insane."

In 1991, while doing research at the FBI Academy, Cornwell met Bennett's ex-wife Marguerite, 42, and the two women apparently had a casual sexual relationship. After discovering their relationship, Bennett used his FBI talents to stalk the two women.

In 1992 Marguerite Bennett told the FBI that her husband had falsified a \$17,430 voucher for removal expenses by faking the sale of a property. He was jailed for a year.

Last year things came to a head when, officials charge, Eugene Bennett called his wife's minister, Pastor Edwin Clever. Hiding his identity, Bennett arranged for a meeting in a Methodist church, ostensibly to donate food.

Prosecutors say he donned a ski mask and seized the priest, forcing him, under threat of using explosives, to lure Marguerite Bennett to the church. Bennett denies charges of abduction, attempted murder and making a bomb. Attorneys representing him told the jury hearing the case that his fury over the lesbian relationship his wife had had with Cornwell helped drive him insane.

Hawaii Lawmakers Give Initial OK to Marriage/Partners Bills

Honolulu, HI — After a good deal of juggling in its judiciary committee, the Hawaii State Senate has approved two bills restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples and another extending limited "reciprocal" rights for certain unmarried individuals.

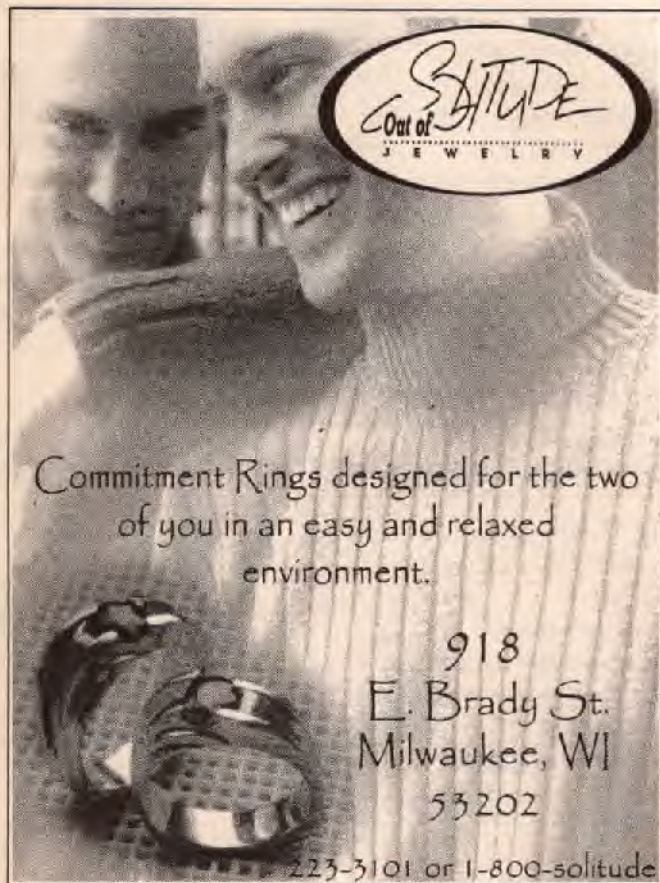
The principle measure, SB-1800, would amend the Hawaii constitution to authorize the state to regulate marriage - including restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples.

The second measure would recognize certain limited benefits in areas such as visitation, medical treatment, and property for unmarried individuals, including parents and children, siblings, and gay and lesbian couples. Both measures were approved by the state senate on a 15-10 vote. The measures now go back to the state House of Representatives where they originated in somewhat different forms.

South African Researcher Ordered to Halt Drug Tests

Johannesburg, South Africa — South African officials have banned further human tests of a drug that its developers said could potentially "cure" AIDS.

South Africa's Medicines Control Council, the government agency that regulates and approves medicines for the country, said the drug, known as Virodene P058, contains a highly toxic industrial solvent that could cause irreversible



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and potentially fatal liver damage and had been associated with cancer in experiments on animals and humans. The council said the drug contains dimethylformamide (DMF), which is used in laboratories to "denature" DNA, a process that releases it from its double helix strand shape and dissolves it into separate pieces.

L.A. Makes \$87,000 Settlement with Activist

Los Angeles, CA — The city of Los Angeles will have to pay a gay man an \$87,000 settlement stemming from an alleged 1991 beating at a protest, lawyers for the man said.

Peter Mackler sued the city in 1992, claiming he was struck in the face with a baton after he turned around and asked Los Angeles Police Officer David Peck for his badge number.

According to the plaintiff's lawsuit, the incident occurred at the end of a protest outside a fund-raiser on Nov. 15, 1991, after Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed a bill that would have prohibited employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Mackler's attorney, Jon Davidson, said the settlement requires the Los Angeles Police Department to issue a training bulletin instructing officers to provide their name and badge number upon request whenever they are physically able to do so. Wilson's veto of that bill sparked widespread protests and rioting in several cities in the state. Davidson said the LAPD admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement.

Catholic Church-San Francisco Near Compromise in Partners Issue

San Francisco, CA — The city and the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco are apparently heading toward an agreement on changes in a domestic partners benefits ordinance that would allow the church to comply with the law while at the same time adhering to its own opposition to equating traditional marriage with same-sex partnerships.

The agreement reportedly would involve rewording some of the language in the ordinance, which requires businesses and agencies that do business with the city to provide registered domestic partners of employees with the same benefits other workers' spouses are eligible for.

In addition, the deal would let employees of Catholic agencies, or any other organization doing business with the city, designate someone in their household as eligible to receive "spousal-equivalent benefits." That could include a spouse, sibling, another relative or an unmarried partner.

San Francisco Archbishop William Levada said that Catholic Charities, which has a \$5-million contract with the city to provide social services, would be violating its "moral code" if it complied with the new city ordinance.

But Levada added that he favors providing health care benefits to everyone and would be willing to explore ways to expand worker benefits within households.

In a related development, the city has also reached a compromise agreement with United Airlines, which had wanted a 25-year lease for added facilities at San Francisco International Airport but balked at adding partners benefits for its some 80,000 employees worldwide.

Under the compromise, the air carrier would get a 2-year lease without the domestic partners provision along with an option to renew the lease for 23 additional year — if United by then has complied with the new partner benefits requirement.

Man Sues Restaurant Over Reported Used Condom in Pie

Bartow, FL — Dalvin Stokes has filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$15,000 in damages from Morrison's Fresh Cooking restaurant chain, charging that he found a used condom in a piece of sweet potato pie he ordered at one of the company's local cafeterias. An attorney for Morrison's said a company investigation determined that nothing had been put in the pie "as a joke or otherwise." The company says Stokes may have found a piece of rubber glove in the locally-baked pie, but not a condom.

Illinois Town Rebuffs Rights Measure

Galesburg, IL — Despite a positive recommendation from the human relations commission, the Galesburg town council has rejected a proposal to add sexual orientation protections to its anti-bias ordinance by an unanimous vote. Local Catholic clergy had strongly opposed the proposal to add legal protections for gays and lesbians.

Etheridge a Mom

Los Angeles, CA — Julie Cypher, the partner of lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge, has given birth to an 8-pound, 10-ounce baby girl. The couple has named the baby Bailey Jean. A spokesperson for the Grammy Award winning Etheridge said both the infant and mother were doing fine.

Stoddard Dies of AIDS

New York, NY — Nationally noted gay rights attorney Thomas Stoddard, has died of an AIDS-related illness. He was 48 years of age. Mr. Stoddard served as executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, one of the country's leading gay rights organizations. Under his leadership, Lambda grew from a staff of six to a major national advocacy group with 22 employees.

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"Town Hall" Meeting Slated for 1997 Possum Queen Campaign

Milwaukee — A meeting has been scheduled to begin planning for the 1997 Possum Queen Campaign. This "town hall" meeting will be held on March 11, 1997 at 7 p.m. at the M&M Club Banquet Room and is open to everyone within the community. The purpose of the meeting is to both look at Possum Queen Campaigns of the past and make plans for the 1997 event.

Also that evening, a steering team will be formed to assure the success of this annual fundraising event for persons living with AIDS. The forum will allow individuals to express concerns, ideas, and opinions about past Possum Queen events, and to help shape the size and scope of the 1997 campaign.

In 1991, the Possum Queen Campaign generated \$800 in revenue for AIDS; in 1996, the Possum Queen candidates raised \$22,000. Additionally, in 1996 and 1995, thirteen and fifteen candidates, representing a variety of businesses and organizations in the community, participated. This overwhelming participation and community excitement naturally caused some "growing pains," and the March 11th meeting will work toward alleviating any such distress as well as insuring the continued supportive, community enthusiasm, which has always been the basis for the success of the Possum Queen extravaganza.

"Now is the time to sing your praises and vent your criticisms," states Max Barnett, coordinator of the Possum Queen Contest for the past several years.

"This will be an open forum for those members of the community who want to positively influence the future of the Possum Queen competition; therefore, I do hope that a lot of people will attend this meeting. The event has grown beyond anyone's expectations, and a Steering Team is needed to accommodate and adapt to that expansion. There are a lot of people who are counting on the success of this fundraising campaign; and we need the community's help in meeting the challenges that have come with this growth. It is only with genuine community cooperation and generosity that the Possum Queen campaigns succeed. And for those persons suffering from AIDS, who will benefit from our efforts, I want the 1997 Campaign to be the best ever!"

'Queery' Brings Gay/Lesbian Radio to Madison

by Christopher Krimmer
of the *In Step* Staff

Madison — Madison now has a radio show specifically targeted for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender com-

munity. *Queery* can be found on WORT 89.9 FM every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The half hour show addresses the issues and concerns affecting queer Madison.

The show was conceived by Margo Robb and Fred Muci last September, "The reason we wanted to do a Madison radio show was for access to those in the closet or who cannot get the locally based gay and lesbian publications," said Robb told *In Step*.

Topics that have been covered since its inception include Hotel Washington developments, health insurance for same-sex couples in Madison, coverage of gays and lesbians in the local media and being transgender in Madison. Occasionally, special guests will also be on the show. Will Fellows spoke about his book, *Farm Boys*. Helen Cohen, the producer of *Its Elementary*, has also been on the show.

The show has generally received positive feedback from the public. The only reoccurring criticism of the show is that it lacks the leadership of a producer. Currently, every week one of the five major players behind the show will act as its producer. *Queery*, like all of the programs on WORT, are vol-

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Following *Queery* at 7:30 is *This Way Out*, a nationally syndicated radio show. *This Way Out* takes on the international and national news affecting gays and lesbians. In addition to the news, *This Way Out* provides music and movie reviews and reports on the big parties and benefits going on across the country.

PrideFest Launches Annual "Proud Crowd" Fundraiser

Milwaukee — The PrideFest Proud Crowd Campaign is underway and looking for proud members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community to show their support. PrideFest Inc., the not-for-profit organization that put on the three-day festival at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park, has unveiled a new Proud Crowd campaign for 1997 with new contribution levels and great new benefits to Proud Crowd supporters.

New this year is a Pride Card. Proud Crowd donation supporters will

get the Pride Card. The Pride Card allows members of the Proud Crowd one free admission each of the three days of PrideFest in addition to discounts at retailers, restaurants and bars around the state. There are four levels of giving this year for Proud Crowd supporters and four levels of rewards.

Bronze: \$25 individual/\$40 couples - receive the Pride Card.

Silver: \$50 ind./\$70 couples - receive the Pride Card and a Proud Crowd T-shirt.

Gold: \$75 ind./\$100 couples - receive the Pride Card and a Proud Crowd sweat.

Platinum: \$125 ind. and couples - receive the Pride Card and a Rainbow Flag which may be flown along the Pride Parade route.

"With the Proud Crowd and the new Pride Card, everybody wins," says PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook. "Everybody who donates to help PrideFest and shows their pride gets something great in return."

Deadline to be included in the Proud Crowd ads is April 1st, 1997. Supporters can donate with personal check, money order or with their VISA or MasterCard. For more information, call David Todd at (414) 272-FEST.

"Women and Anger" Program Scheduled for March 2nd

Waukesha — The Waukesha Area Lesbian Network (WALN) is sponsoring a free program for the lesbian community on Sunday March 2nd at 4 p.m. Rhoda Miller, Ph.D. will present "Women and Anger" at the Maple Avenue church in Waukesha. The informal presentation will run from 4-5 p.m. The group socializes afterward. For more information or directions to the church, call WALN at (414) 297-9412.

Bi Definition Launches Memberships Drive

Milwaukee — Bi Definition, Milwaukee's bisexual community organization, is currently accepting new members for socials, support and activism.

Non-alcoholic, non-smoking socials/discussions are held the first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Brady East STD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, including our next event on Saturday, March 1, 1997 starting at 7 p.m.

A one-year membership and newsletter subscription is just \$10. Otherwise, a \$3 donation covers the cost of an individual social. Bi Definition strives to have as diverse a membership as possible.

For further information, contact either Steve Butler at (414) 483-5046 or Carol Ringo at (414) 562-4058 or write Bi Definition, P.O. Box 07541, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association Schedules Meeting

Milwaukee — The Sherman Park Rainbow Association will hold its monthly meeting on February 20, 1997 at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 N. 48th Street. A special recognition will be made to the BESTD Clinic for their continuing efforts in community health services. The meeting will also have as guest speaker the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association will also be sponsoring a Trivia Contest which will be held beginning at 3 p.m. on February 23, 1997 at the 10% Club 4322 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. Everyone is invited to come and show their trivial knowledge. For further

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MAP Thanks Donors

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has expressed its gratitude to donations which made the holidays much brighter for hundreds of individuals infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Through the Secret Santa Program, over 400 kids received gifts from many community members as well as Alexian Village, Ameritech Cellular, St. James Church in Mukwonago, the Oberons and Lakewood Care Center. The children's holiday party had over 85 kids in attendance with toys for the party donated by Ameritechs Phone Pioneers.

Corpus Christi Congregation-Milwaukee and Northwestern Mutual Life (NML) Insurance combined provided over 300 gifts to children and adults through various Giving Tree Programs.

Over 400 individuals and families received holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Food items were donated by community members and Ameritech Cellular, Elmbrook Church, Westbrook Church, Council for the Spanish Speaking, Boot Camp Saloon, Hunger Task Force and Potawatomi Bingo.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the holidays a happier time for MAP consumers and their families.

Madison Area Chefs Cook Up Fundraiser for AIDS Network

Madison — Nine restaurants will collaborate on Red Ribbon Affair, a fund raising dinner from AIDS Network (formerly Madison AIDS Support Network). The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, February 28, 1997, in the Grand Ballroom of the Madison Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, Wisconsin. AIDS Network provides AIDS care and prevention services in thirteen counties in south central Wisconsin with offices in Madison, Janesville and Beloit.

The entire dinner is donated by the participants and showcases the culinary talents of some of the area's finest chefs, restaurants and other purveyors including: Bluephies, Blue Plate Catering, Cafe Romeo, Deb & Lola's, Pasta Per Tutti, Savory Thymes, Sheraton Madison Hotel, The Opera House and Tanqueria Gila Monster. Bread will be provided by Madison Bread Company, chocolates by Candinas Chocolatier, wine by Left Bank Wines and coffee by Victor Allen's Coffee and Tea.

"Guests at Red Ribbon Affair will enjoy an incredible six-course gourmet dinner; and thanks to the generosity of participating restaurants and donors, will certainly also enjoy the fact that 100% of their ticket price goes to providing care to people with AIDS and preventing the spread of HIV," said

Connie McElrone, Director of Development and Communications for AIDS Network.

The event also features a silent auction with over thirty items to bid on including round-trip air transportation for two, quilts, original art, wine, home furnishings, antiques, jewelry, theater tickets, dinners and spa services.

Corporate sponsors of Red Ribbon Affair include: AT&T, American Family Insurance, Dean Medical Center and Firstar. 16. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$65 and may be reserved by calling AIDS Network, (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276. The reservation deadline is February 21, 1997.

Suburban Gay Youth Group Meeting Announced

Milwaukee — Pride Youth Group, a local youth group for suburban area teens, would like to announce its next meeting. The group, co-directed by Wendy Polichak and Bill Hanel, will meet next on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1997, from 1p.m. to 3 p.m.

The group will be hiking next week, weather permitting, or will have a movie "The Adventures of Two Girls In Love."

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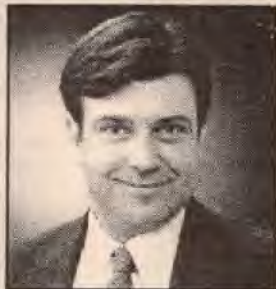
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Wisconsin's to Hold First Queer Youth Prom

Milwaukee — "The Prom That Never Was," Wisconsin's first queer prom for youth up to 25 years of age, will be held in Milwaukee, Saturday, April 19th, and will be sponsored by Gay Youth Milwaukee. The gala evening will include dinner, dancing, the 'best' contest and door prizes. Details are being finalized but prom tickets should cost about \$25 per person for this chaperoned non-alcoholic event. The Prom committee welcomes donations for door prizes, decorations and other expenses.

Further details will be forthcoming on location, cost and ticket information. Plan now to attend this fabulous event. For information call Gay Youth Milwaukee at (414) 265-8500 or write P.O. Box 09441, Milwaukee, WI 53209.

Community Center Hosts Potential Tenant Reception at Walker's Point Cafe

Milwaukee — On Tuesday, March 4 at 6 p.m., the L/G/B/T Community Center will co-host a potential renter and tenant reception with the Walker's Point Cafe at the Walker's Point Cafe, 1106 S. First. The interested renters were identified from the sixty business/organizational surveys returned in November and December.

All Milwaukee L/G/B/T- owned L/G/B/T- friendly businesses, organizations and individuals interested in renting

have addressed in the surveys. This is an opportunity for businesses and organizations to provide critical input in a volunteer capacity as the search for the building gets underway. This reception will also help move tentative interest by renters to a more serious level of rental commitment," said Jim Schleif, one of the Center's co-chairs with Karen Gotzler, R. Rogers and Leonel Marchan.

The returned surveys have identified 16 potential tenants with an additional 17 groups identified as occasional renters who would use the space on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.

Projections indicate the center initially will need between 2,500 and 5,000 square feet. The strategic planning committee is in the process of finalizing an integrated business plan that incorporates sources of funding such as rental income, grant, fund raising and membership revenue to keep the space viable.

Those interested in more information about space are encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, please call Karen Gotzler at (414) 264-4354 or Jim Schleif at (414) 272-5132 ext. 40.

Action Wisconsin Schedules Planning Meeting for Same-Sex Marriage Fight

Madison — State legislation prohibiting recognition of same-sex marriage has been introduced in the form of Assembly Bill 104. This bill appears to be on the "fast track."

Prior to this bill's introduction, a group of concerned citizens had met to work toward obtaining legal recognition of same-sex marriages. A general planning meeting for all people interested in securing equal marriage rights will be held on Sunday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street (check "Today in the Union" for room).

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in being involved, please call Action Wisconsin at (608) 242-9781.

This working group includes these committees with the following tasks:

Legislative Testifying: collect a diverse group of people willing to provide written or oral testimony for legislative hearings;

Media Watch: write letters to the editor and other press pieces in support of same-sex marriage; and monitor and respond to opinion pieces on this issue;

Communities of Faith: seek religious clergy and faith community leaders who will speak out and write public statements on theological perspectives in supporting same-sex marriage;

Communications: inform partici-

pants in a timely manner of upcoming legislative events via phone and e-mail;

Allies: identify and contact other community organizations and obtain their endorsement of a campaign for same-sex civil marriage.

Make A Promise Dinner and Auction

Milwaukee — The 11th annual Make a Promise Dinner & Auction will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. This powerful and moving event is a benefit for AIDS care, prevention and research produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW).

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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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Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. This powerful and moving event is a benefit for AIDS care, prevention and research produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW).

This year's event theme, "portraits of hope... a celebration of care" will uncover the significant research and care provided by some of Wisconsin's leading HIV doctors along with spot lighting the vibrant artistry and inspirational story behind a New York doctor and her portrait series of AIDS patients.

"This very special evening will recognize and honor Wisconsin physicians who have dedicated their careers to caring for individuals with HIV and AIDS," said Marge Beil, director of special events at ARCW. "A video to premiere the evening of the event will spotlight four Wisconsin physicians showing the diversity of people this disease affects, providing that AIDS has no prejudices."

Included in the 1997 auction are trips via United Airlines, autographed Bette Midler merchandise and a baby grand piano. All proceeds from Make a Promise will benefit the education, research and prevention programs of ARCW's service agencies: Milwaukee AIDS Project, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium.

Principal sponsors for this year's event are: Seagull Enterprises, Miller Brewing Company, United Airlines.

The Make a Promise Dinner & Auction sold out quickly in 1996, so be sure to reserve your tickets soon. Ticket prices are \$175, \$100 and \$75 per person. Tables of 10 may also be reserved. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (414) 225-1549.

Gay Universe Celebrates First Anniversary

Milwaukee — Gay Universe (<http://www.gayuniverse.com>), a

Milwaukee based, "adults only" web site has generated a lot of interest in the online LesBigayTrans community. Launched a little more than a year ago by a local gay-owned company, Faxus Communications, the goal of Gay Universe has been to provide the alternate lifestyles community with a free online forum similar to the popular computer bulletin board systems (BBS) but with greater ease of use.

Internet sites measure usage by counting the number of times users request files stored in the site. When Gay Universe went online in January 1996 it served 26,000 requests during their first month. Requests currently exceed 100,000 per day.

Gay Universe is one of the very few "adults only" sites where almost 100% of the content is furnished by the users, and Gay Universe's content is considerable, and includes a large collection of personal ads. The interface is simple and easy to use. Visitors can retain their confidentiality through a feature called "Shielded Email." Shielded Email allows the person viewing the ads to respond without divulging the recipients email address.

Users can post ads and include their email address but the email address is not revealed in the ad. Respondents can send email to the person who posted an ad but the actual email address is shielded and effectively anonymous until the recipient reveals it.

Twelve Chat rooms devoted to specific topics are available for group chatting and six Chat rooms are reserved for one on one private chatting. One Chat room links to a live b&w image of the Gay Universe office. Visitors can also post anonymous messages in the extensive "Boards" area or browse through literally thousands of other postings.

Gay Universe is primarily supported by members who pay a membership fee, which provides them access to a secure "members only area" where they can post ads, chat with other members and view images.

National Condom Week Winds Down

Madison — Safer sex education activities on the University of Wisconsin campus will highlight National Condom Week, February 14-21, 1997.

AIDS Network's University of Wisconsin Outreach Project will present a number of activities during the

week to promote condom and latex use and raise AIDS awareness. Activities include: AIDS/HIV information tables at the Wisconsin Union on February 14 and February 20, a "Hot Sex" write-in / e-mail safer sex contest, free "condom-grams", and Rubberwear parties.

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FILM REVIEW

by Jamakaya

"Hamlet" is Hammy and Tedious, But Also Spectacular

Kenneth Branagh's "Hamlet" is excruciatingly long, with the situations so melodramatic and the characters so overwrought that it sometimes becomes a campy parody of itself.

But the production design and scale of the film (it's in 70mm format) are so spectacular and most of the performances are so remarkable that I'd have to recommend this new version of the Shakespeare classic.

"Hamlet," of course, tells the tragic tale of the Danish prince of centuries past who, in his relentless search to avenge the murder of his father, the king, brings down the entire royal house. The brooding Hamlet is set on this tragic trajectory by a visit from his father's ghost who reveals that the king's own brother, Claudius, killed him and then, just weeks after his murder, married Hamlet's mother, Queen Gertrude.

Hamlet, seething with anger and frustration, vows to avenge this "most foul deed." For several hours of the movie, he alternately mopes or rages and endlessly talks to himself and his trusty friend, Horatio, about the injustice of it all, about the horror of his uncle sleeping with his mother, *ad infinitum*. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark, indeed. He feigns madness at the same time that his obsession with the unfairness of it all drives him gradually over the edge.

Along the way, "fair Ophelia," who is overtly depicted in this film as Hamlet's lover, is driven mad herself by the competing demands of her moody lover and her father, Polonius. In a dramatic showdown with his mother, Hamlet recklessly (albeit inadvertently) kills the eavesdropping Polonius, which contributes to Ophelia's eventual suicide. At the very end, which is a long time coming but worth the wait, Hamlet engages in mortal combat with Ophelia's anguished and

equally vengeful brother, Laertes, and Queen Gertrude and King Claudius come to their own appropriate ends. There are a lot of dead bodies at the end of this show!

As the opening of this review suggests, I am of two minds about this "Hamlet." The biggest problems for me were Kenneth Branagh in the lead role and, since he is also director and screen adaptor, Branagh's scrupulous, almost word-for-word, adherence to Shakespeare's lengthy original.



— Kenneth Branagh and Julie Christie / Photo Peter Mountain

PRO'S AND CON'S

Most versions of "Hamlet" for either stage or screen have been considerably pruned because of the original's 4-hour length. Branagh should be credited with the audacity of presenting us with a full version. But it becomes very clear during the second and third hour of Branagh's film that many of Hamlet's unending declamations are tendentious in the extreme. Branagh's intense, shrill style grated on my nerves after awhile. At one point toward the end, Hamlet is brought before King Claudius, screaming (as

usual) his contempt. Claudius slaps him very hard, inducing a few seconds of merciful quiet. Most of the audience gasped at the violence of Claudius' gesture; I thought it was about time someone disciplined the egocentric brat! People who like Branagh may have a very different opinion of his performance.

In addition, I found some of the situations and scenes so overdone and filled with their own self-importance, that they seemed like self-parodies. Just before intermission (warning: it doesn't come until 2 hours, 45 minutes into the movie), Hamlet is standing on a desolate snow-filled plain delivering his "What is a man?" soliloquy as the music swells and the camera gradually pulls backward. It's like a goofy homage to Scarlett O'Hara's "As God is my witness, I'll never be hungry again" speech as "Gone With the Wind" breaks for intermission. Some scenes like this were just hard to take seriously



— Derek Jacobi, Kenneth Branagh and Julie Christie / Photo Roll Korow

and caused some tittering in the audience.

However, there's no denying that Branagh and his cameraman and designers put enormous work into the production. The locations, set decorations and costuming are superb, and the framing of actors and action are generally outstanding. There's no denying it's a beautiful film to look at. Branagh's played some tricks with sound and swift editing too, making for some really scary scenes with the ghost of Hamlet's father. There are moments you will literally jump out of your seat in fright!

What really marks "Hamlet" as a winner though are the incredible performances. God bless Julie Christie, finally back on screen, playing Queen Gertrude with just the right touch of compassion and cluelessness. Derek Jacobi is great as Claudius. You can understand why his soft and suave manner attracts the Queen and blinds others to his scheming ways.

Kate Winslet as Ophelia takes one's breath away. It's been a delight to watch her growth from her film debut as the hysterical teen in "Heavenly Creatures" through "Sense and Sensibility" and "Jude." Winslet, still only about 21 years old, is growing into an extraordinarily beautiful woman with equally abundant acting talent. Also outstanding is Nicholas Farrell as Hamlet's devoted friend, Horatio, who delivers the emotion-filled "Good night, sweet Prince," eulogy at the end. Methinks Horatio's love for Hamlet goes beyond mere friendship.

Billy Crystal puts in an endearing cameo as a gravedigger in one of the few comic scenes in "Hamlet," while Jack Lemmon and Robin Williams fare less well in their small roles.

Despite its flaws, Kenneth Branagh's "Hamlet" — all four hours of it! — is unquestionably a feast for the senses and an "event" all film lovers will want to see.

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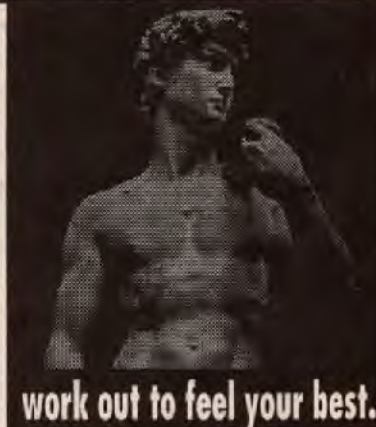
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— Theatre X Presentation of "Vieux Carre" / Photo by F. Fischer

Tennessee Williams's Masterpiece "Vieux Carre" Opens At Theatre X

Milwaukee — Tennessee Williams's magnum opus "Vieux Carre" opens at Theatre X on Thursday, February 20, 1997 and runs through March 23, 1997 in the Studio Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 North Broadway. Wednesday evenings are "pay what you can" (\$5.00 suggested donation/tickets available at the door only). Tickets can be reserved on Wednesday evenings, however only at \$16.00. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are available. For ticket information, contact the Broadway Theatre Center box office at (414) 291-7800.

Join Theatre X in the French Quarter of New Orleans for Tennessee Williams's candid, theatrical recollection of his own 1938 sojourn as a down-and-out young writer. The writer soon learns "writers are shameless spies" and they pay dearly for their knowledge and cannot forget. Williams's memories are rendered with all the pain, compassion, sensuality and wry humor vividly intact.

Theatre X is elated to be producing one of Tennessee Williams's stately and rarely seen tours de force, "Vieux Carre." Williams wrote this play after his great successes with "A Streetcar Named Desire," "A Glass Menagerie," and "Night Of The Iguana." "Vieux Carre," is the most directly

autobiographical play he wrote. *The New York Times* called "Vieux Carre," "The murmuring's of a genius...an authentic voice for the 20th Century Theatre."

Directing "Vieux Carre," is John Schneider. Company members include: John Kishline, Flora Coker, and Marcie Hoffman. Guest actors include: Suzette Nelson, Robert Bruce Janacek, Michael Neville, Adekola Adedapo, Jonathan Wainwright and Nic Onorato. Set design by Michael Frankel and costumes design by Carri Skoczek. Lighting is by Kevin Ramach; and the production is stage managed by David Oldberg.

Comedienne Judy Tenuta In Her 1st Feature Film "Butch Camp"

Chicago — Comedienne Judy Tenuta has just finished her first feature film, "Butch Camp," a comedy set in the Windy City! In the film, Judy Tenuta plays Samantha Rottweiler, a neo-facist-clad commandant of a boot camp-like training center where gays learn to stand up for themselves against a homophobic world.

Billed as a gay romantic comedy, "Butch Camp" was filmed in Chicago's "Boystown"; and has been invited to the Sydney, Australia Mardi Gras Gay & Lesbian Film Festival which runs February 12-23. It will be shown twice-once in the regular program and again in the "Best of Fest" program on closing night.

The romantic comedy also stars Paul Denniston in the title role of the lonely Matt Grabowski, who, unwary of what's in store for him, signs up for the EST-like course to get his life in order. The farcical film follows him as he goes about struggling with his life-and Judy's character's directives, to ultimately find true love.

"Butch Camp" had a sensational "sneak preview" to cheering audiences at the recent Chicago Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Doing turn-away business at the Music Box Theatre, it was the most successful showing in the festival's 16 year history. After its April Premier in Chicago, "Butch Camp" will play throughout the U.S.

Peter Conover Will Perform At Steep & Brew Coffeehouse

Madison — Singer/songwriter Peter Conover will perform at Steep & Brew at 544 State Street, Madison, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 21. Performance is free and open to all.

Billing himself as not just another "man with guitar," Conover plays a variety of material from progressive folk to hard rock, switching from acoustic to electric guitar as he moves from the conventional to the experimental. Instrumentals are often enhanced by expert whistling, which Conover uses where a folk singer might blow a harmonica. A unique feature of his show is an improvised instrumental exploration on a modified acoustic/electric "drone guitar," which he strums and drums on with unusual melodic and percussive effects.

Conover occasionally works with a guest drummer; a recent concert at The Source climaxed with two drummers joining his drone guitar improvisation in a percussive jam session which spread through the room. Rhythm instruments were passed around, and the whole crowd joined in.

Peter Conover has developed a following at several outdoor festivals in Wisconsin; and he has appeared at several venues in the Madison area. His influences range from Bob Dylan to Laurie Anderson, taking in Richard Thompson, Alanis Morissette, R.E.M., and Ravi Shankar.



— Singer Peter Conover/ Photo by Tina L'Orange



— The Cast of "Love! Valour! Compassion!" / Photo by Dan Rest

Organic Touchstone Theater Presents "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

Chicago — On July 1, 1996, Organic and Touchstone Companies became the first theaters in the country to successfully merge. The corollary was Organic Touchstone Company, Chicago's premiere mid-sized theater company producing full theatrical repertoire. The second production of the first season since the merger is "Love! Valour! Compassion!" The production is currently running until March 30, at the Organic Theater Building, 3319 N. Clark Street (entrance on Buckingham Pl.) in Chicago. For ticket prices, time, and other information call (773) 477-5779.

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" is both funny and poignant. It supervenes four gay male couples who talk about life, love and Broadway musicals while vacationing one summer in Upstate New York. Since its premiere at New York's Manhattan Theater Club in November of 1994, "Love! Valour! Compassion!" has received numerous awards including the 1995 Tony Award for Best Play, the Outer Critics Circle Award, and the Drama Desk Award among others.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers Stretch The Boundaries Of Music At Orchestra Hall

Chicago — The zany comedy/theater/juggling troupe, "The Flying Karamazov Brothers" will bring their special brand of musical mayhem to Chicago in their latest show "Sharps, Flats & Accidentals" on Sunday, February 23, at

3:00 p.m., as part of the CSO presents in association with the Ravinia Festival series. For additional information call CSO at (312) 294-3081.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers showcase a musical world where juggling can be heard and music be seen to be believed. "Sharps, Flats & Accidentals" is an irresistible mix of musical highlights assembled into a panoply of visual, auditory and

comedic delights. The brothers bear out intricate rhythms with balls and clubs on the heads of drums; play melodies on the keys of giant xylophones with juggled mallets; and pound out Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" on their own helmet-wearing, radio-triggered, electronically-sampled heads. They dance on agonizingly hilarious hip-hop ballet, play a Japanese-inspired Taiko percussion piece on carefully tuned cardboard boxes, and perform Mozart's *Bassoon Concerto* on the baritone horn.

In addition, a Karamazov performance would not be complete without "The Gamble" where the brothers prove anything can be juggled (as long as it weighs less than 10 pounds and is no longer than a breadbox; live animals excluded). The *New York Times* describes "Sharps, Flats & Accidentals" as "the performers's marriage of music and acrobatics...they are like your talented cousins-O.K., very talented-who, after a big dinner with the relatives, push the furniture back in the living room and start showing off."

Jeffrey Siegel Is Back With "The Quintessence Of Schubert"

Milwaukee — "Keyboard Conversations" with Jeffrey Siegel continues with "The Quintessence of Schubert" on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Milwaukee's historic Pabst Theater. For ticket information call (414) 286-3663. This witty and engaging Concert-with-Commentary Series will feature the sparkling *Impromptu in E flat*, the songful *Moment Musical in A flat*, and the majestic, melodious *A Major Sonata*, written a few weeks before the composer's death.

Jeffrey Siegel is an international concert artist who has been a guest pianist with many of the world's greatest orchestras. A multi-talented musi-



— Jeffrey Siegel / Photo by Steve J. Sherman

cian, Mr. Siegel is also a conductor who has appeared recently at the Kennedy Center's 25th Anniversary, Lincoln Center, Ravinia, and the Hollywood Bowl, among other musical festivals.

His "Keyboard Conversations" programs feature full, concert performances combined with a scintillating discussion of the composers and their music. Each concert concludes with a short question-and-answer session in which the audience is invited to participate. An evening with Jeffrey Siegel provides a rare opportunity for Milwaukee's audience to engage in the enjoyment of music with a world-class musician. In addition to Milwaukee, "Keyboard Conversations" is a regular feature in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. among other cities.

BESTD Clinic to Feature The Art of Wally Pate

Milwaukee — Brady East STD (BESTD) Gallery will open a new exhibit on March 7th featuring the work of Wally Pate of Milwaukee. Wally describes himself as singer, dancer, song writer, arranger and artist. Each of these talents have enabled Pate throughout his life to touch the lives of others and take the etched memories of them and transcribe them artistically on canvas and on paper.

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poverty, sleeping on newspaper while looking for work on the streets of New Orleans. He sang in the seediest of clubs, performing while strippers danced and drunks fought and died in the streets outside. Throughout the vast range of experiences he sketched and drew the faces of the eager, the hungry, the desperate and the rejected.

This self-taught artist has never displayed his works in galleries or shows, but has sold pieces privately. His partner and friend of 43 years has assisted Pate by effectively displaying his work, cutting the glass, framing, backing and repairing. They are truly a team!

"The Art of Wally Pate: And When I Dream" will run through the end of May at BESTD Gallery, 1240 East Brady Street in Milwaukee. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For further information please call BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144.

Joanna Trollope's "A Spanish Lover" Will Be Read At Schwartz Bookshop

Mequon — One of England's most popular contemporary writers, Joanne

Trollope, will introduce her new book at the Schwartz Bookshop in Mequon. Ms. Trollope's novel "A Spanish Lover" was a number one bestseller in England. Joanna Trollope will read from "A Spanish Lover" at Schwartz Bookshop in Mequon on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 241-6220.

Joanna Trollope was born and cur-

rently resides in Gloucestershire, England; and is a descendent of nineteenth-century English novelist Anthony Trollope. She is the author of a number of historical novels and "Britannia's Daughters," a study of women in the British Empire. She is best known for her eight contemporary novels, two of which—"The Rector's Wife" and "The Choir"—have been serialized for PBS's "Masterpiece Theatre."

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UWM Presents Mid-West Premiere of Off-Broadway Production

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Professional Theatre Training Program in the School of Fine Arts will feature two one act plays by Robert Kornfeld, "Queen of Carnival" and "Father New Orleans," March 4-9. The previously scheduled production by the Northern

Stage Company for Feb. 19 - March 2, "Murder of Crows" has been canceled in order to make way for the Mid-West premiere of this original off-Broadway production from New York's Theatre Series. Performances will take place in the UWM Fine Arts Theatre, 2400 East Kenwood Boulevard.

The two plays are directed by new PTPP Artistic Director, James DePaul, and feature solo turns by PTPP students Molly Hayner and Daniel Rappaport, who made their professional New York debuts with this production.

Tickets for the Northern Stage production may be evenly exchanged for this limited engagement at no additional cost. To order or exchange tickets, stop by the UWM Fine Arts Box Office at 2400 East Kenwood Blvd., or phone (414) 229-4308.

BESTD Clinic Given Uyvari Painting

Milwaukee — An early Uyvari self portrait in oil was given to Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) by the estates of Larry Colle and Glen Looker. Looker and Colle, formerly of Milwaukee, both died in Florida and the gift was arranged by Ed Shill and Floyd Woldt, both Florida friends.

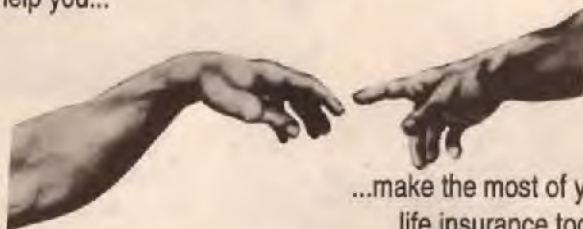
Although the Clinic was given the option of selling or auctioning the piece, it was decided to display it in the BESTD client reception area so that the community could enjoy it. Special thanks to Mike Wavra of Grava Gallery who cleaned and restored the painting and its original frame.

Robert Uyvari, a nationally known gay artist with roots in Milwaukee, died of complication of AIDS in 1986. His diverse works are still sought after by collectors. BESTD Clinic is grateful to be the recipient of this significant piece.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Ed Grover

Gay, Jewish, Disabled Author Gives Life Lesson

Body, Remember by Kenny Fries

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Kenny Fries is Jewish, gay and disabled. He laughs and loves and cries just like any of us in the gay community. But disabled as he is—and he has dealt with things in a most extraordinary way—he is a survivor—he has faced his demons and is winning his battle.

He discusses his brother Jeffery's torment of him and goes into the different kinds of abuse that he [Jeffrey] physically and verbally inflicted on him. There is a passage with a vibrator that is downright cruelty.

Kenny discusses his awakening homosexuality and says that at the beginning he just looked at it as having sex with the boys he grew up with. He didn't think he was gay. It was his friend, Helen, who first used the word in relationship to him when he told her of his feelings of love towards another young man. She said, "I knew it."

On his trip to Israel, where at 24 he goes to visit Micha, a gay Jewish man he met in San Francisco, he is very concerned about his appearance. He needn't have worried. Kenny Fries begins to connect to his Jewish roots and heritage. He sleeps with many men and the sexual passages are explicit. No one seems to question his disability as they do back in the States.

We are informed about the sexual goings-on of the gay Israeli men who live in Jerusalem and meet furtively in the parks; many of them are married and have wives and children. Kenny asks some powerful questions.

"How do social situations influence patterns of erotic and romantic attachment?" One acquaintance has familiarized him with bisexuality, "which I still do not understand ... Being gay and married is a step beyond ... A step that relegates the intimate relationship between two men to [just] having sex." Only when an American is involved do they seem to pair off."

After his return to New York, he goes on to San Francisco, where we are introduced to more men and finally a long-term lover, Jason, with whom he has a five-year relationship. Jason's is guilty of self-destructive behavior—he

cheats ... a lot—while Kenny remains faithful. Jason is eventually diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. There is the trauma of being tested—Kenny is negative—finally after much heart-break and soul-searching, Kenny moves back to the East Coast where he has already met his current lover—another artist, Keith.

Throughout the book he discusses his parents reticence to communicate, and although he suggests that they never really understood, I think that his father, especially, shows more understanding about being gay than Kenny admits to. Early on his father says, "I sometimes wonder ... I wonder if you'll have problems with women because of your legs and turn to men." Kenny tells his father, "One thing has nothing to do with the other."

After his father reads the book, one of his comments is: "You were really a wild guy." Then, at a Thanksgiving gathering he asks whether Kenny thinks his brother Jeffrey is gay. The answer is, "Yes, I do." That's accepted with his father telling his mother, "Did you know Jeffrey is gay?" As she sits down at the table she answers very nonchalantly: "I figured." Mothers always seem to know.

What's with daddy? We are told over and over how handsome he is/was. Was he closeted? Is that why he understood so readily? Was that the cause of the extreme violence he exhibited toward both his sons—his own feelings of guilt? A psychiatrist might be able to hazard a guess, but that question will remain unanswered, I think.

The smell of ether still plagues Kenny whenever he thinks about hospitals—and, he has been in many, including self-induced stays in mental hospitals. Kenny says, "I know my past by knowing my scars ... these scars have become the points of entry into my past, into those places where, as a child, I was unable to go safely." It's some journey!

The last line of the book reprises the beginning: "Like the boy who waited for me every day on my way home from school, some [children] still ask me the same question. How do I tell them that some questions have no answer?" We could all learn a lesson from Kenny Fries by reading his memoir.

**February 19th
Through March 5th**

The Calendar

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday, February 19

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): UWM Engelman Gym. 8 p.m. GAMMA membership not required. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 20-23

GAMMA: Skiing (Upper Peninsula): Weekend at Indianhead Resort in the U.P. Cost is about \$150 per person. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, February 22

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower, North Avenue at the lakefront. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

GAMMA: Cowles (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 3 p.m. Spectators welcome. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, February 23

Madison Wrestling Club: Practice/Instruction (Madison): 1 p.m. Beginners welcomed. For more information call (608) 244-8675.

Wednesday, February 26

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open Volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 8 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, March 1

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower, North Avenue at the lakefront. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

GAMMA: Cowles (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 3 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Wednesday, March 5

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open

Volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 8 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

ARTS:

Wednesday, February 19

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Reading Group (Mequon): 7 p.m. The Mystery Group will discuss "Voodoo River" by Robert Crais. For more information call (414) 241-6220.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Reading Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The general in-store reading group will discuss "Open Secrets" by Alice Munro. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Friday, February 21

Milwaukee Public Museum: "Black Heritage Month-Celebration of Culture" (Milwaukee): The Museum's planned activities on Black Heritage will spark the interest of all ages. For more information call (414) 278-2723.

Monday, February 24

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Reading Group (Mequon): 8 p.m. The general in-store reading group will discuss "A Spanish Lover" and "The Rector's Wife" with author Joanna Trollope following her reading. For information call (414) 241-6220.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Reading Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The Mystery Group will discuss "Death of a Glutton" by M.C. Beaton. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$2 Bloody Marys, \$2 Screwdrivers, \$2 Absolut Peppoz!

M&M (Milwaukee): Brunch: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Corona \$2, Shot of Jose Cuervo \$1.75.

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

Will Wedding Bells Be Ringing For Me And My Gal?

I am, frankly, split within myself over the whole same-sex marriage issue. Not on a national level—whatever marriage's good points and bad points, I believe that if heteros get all of the rights and privileges that go with that institution, so should those of us homos who choose to mate in that way. But on a personal level, in some ways I'm not sure I see the point. The whole sin issue—one of the reasons heteros have traditionally gotten married—is not a compelling one for me; I am so a-religious (not for but not especially against religion) that in my typically sensitive fashion I have been known to refer to the tenets and liturgies of the church as "mumbo jumbo."

But then fear of sin is not a big motivator for marriage even among heteros these days. Let's face it: sin ain't what it used to be. I think that's what really corks those conservatives: if everyone is having sex out of wedlock or with people of the

same sex *and talking about it*, what fun is it any more? But I have gone slightly off track. What I meant to be getting at is, if fear of sinning isn't why people get married anymore, what is? Tradition, of course, is a major part of it: marriage is what you do when you fall in love. If you're straight, that is. If you're lesbian, what you do is trade two addresses for one. The less cynical might concede that marriage is also a way for a couple to declare their love to the world and to ask friends and family to recognize that love.

It is on this last point I get stuck: I feel pretty confident that the essential caring and special bond that exists between Kathy and I already *is* recognized by family and friends (not to mention anyone who has ever read this column); marriage would, on this point, be redundant. To be sure, there are those among our collected family who we suspect only reluctantly recognize and only begrudgingly accept the relatively permanent nature of our pairing. But I don't see how having a legal document would change those sorts of emotional attitudes anyway. Just because my uncle, for instance, was legally married to his third wife didn't mean I put a more loving spin on the woman's rude comments about me. The fact of their marriage did not change the essential nature of our relationship, just as those with an ounce of homophobia in their bodies are not likely to feel more bubbling exuberant about my relationship with Kathy, should we ever secure a marriage license.

But there are others in the family who have made it clear that they cherish our relationship and accept it for what it is: our siblings, who have demonstrated their love and acceptance over and over again in many ways; my recently deceased grandmother, who for all her other faults never failed to recognize Kathy as my partner in life; Kathy's cousins, who in everything they say to us and by certain actions—giving us copies of photos of the two of us together at family parties, for example—make it clear they recognize our coupledness. Recently, at a baptismal party, one of Kathy's uncles (Uncle Charlie) even went so far as to pull me aside to tell me how happy he and his wife were to have me in the family, a gesture that touched me deeply. "I love you," he said, when we hugged good-bye at the end of the night. You can't ask for much more acceptance than that. So what do we need a marriage ceremony for? The gifts!

I am kidding and not kidding about that: kidding about

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the four cheese boards, three roasters, and gold-plated napkin rings we might get; not kidding about the gifts of the legal system and the government that come with marriage. One could argue, and reasonably so, I think, that people in couples should not be privileged over people who are single. But my feeling is that as long as that system of privilege exists, queers have just as much right to have access to it as heteros do. I don't even so much care about the financial issues—the tax breaks and whatever the hell else married people get simply by virtue of the fact that they are legally recognized as a twosome—as I do about health-related issues: if I ever wind up in an emergency room somewhere, it would be nice not to have to worry about whether Kathy would be admitted to see me, about whether Kathy would be allowed to make any medical decisions that I was incapable of making at that time, about whether Kathy would even be notified I was there.

Now, we have taken steps to ensure, as best we can without that one little document, that we are recognized as partners in the eyes of the medical/legal systems: giving each other power of attorney; listing each other, always, as the person to notify in case of an emergency; naming each other as beneficiaries on various documents. And so far, we have not had any problems in those areas; when I was in the hospital several years ago, no one ever questioned Kathy's right to be there. Still, when you read about all of the horror sto-

ries—the one homophobic doctor or administrator or family member who calls the legality of such documents into question or simply refuses to recognize these documents at a critical juncture—that worry is always at the back of your mind. I am not fool enough to think that a marriage license is a panacea for all the homophobic resistance one faces as a gay or lesbian couple. But at least with that little scrap of paper, you've

got a damn solid legal leg to stand on.

So when they overthrow all the roadblocks being put up by Clinton and by state governments against same-sex marriage—and they will because, although I'm not a legal scholar, I'm pretty sure they're unconstitutional—Kathy and I just might actually get married. And if we do, I'm thinking about asking Uncle Charlie to be my best man.

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— She grew up watching "Dewitched!" / Photo Jamie



— Cass Marie (Winner) Miss Gay Madison America at Manoeuvres / Photo Jamie



— A girl's second best friend, a push-up bra! / Photo Jamie



— The Madison's cast of "Friends!" / Photo Jamie



Jamie, age 3

KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Don't ask me how all of what you are about to read happened just within the past couple of weeks. My job is just to report it...

Socks, the **Clinton's** family cat was put to sleep last week by the **White House** veterinarian. Sources say the cat's demise was due to an earlier, embarrassing incident where **Socks** was discovered by the **White House** staff, "batting" **President Clinton's** dildo around as if it were a mouse. **The Clintons'** will replace the family pet with a goldfish and keep **Bill's** dildo in a safer place.

George Prentice of **La Cage** was rushed to **St. Mary's Hospital** three days ago after **Cory** discovered **George** eating lead laden paint chips from the side of the building. Paramedic, **Biff Henderson**, told me **George** didn't understand what all the fuss was about, he had been eating paint chips for years. He is expected to be released from the hospital later this week.

In a related story **Rob Bruckner** of the **Triangle** was also rushed to **St. Mary's**. Paramedics were called after **Bill Wardlow** discovered **Bruckner** passed out in the basement of **Triangle** naked, with one rubber glove on his right hand, an open gallon of polyurethane and a copy of *Euro Boy*. When questioned about the incident, **Bruckner** had no comment.

Expert psychologist, **Sydney Freeman** was flown in from Korea by the staff of **Club 219** and **Club 94**. When questioned, the staff told me they got very worried when club owner, **Bobby Lyons**, complimented one of the bartenders for doing a good job. At this point, it is unknown how long **Freeman** will have to be here to find out where this unusual behavior came from.

C'est La Vie bartenders' won't be seeing a raise in their wages anytime soon. It was learned that **C'est La Vie** owner, **John Clayton**, paid **Lens Crafters** over \$18,000.00 for a pair of glasses that automatically lower themselves down the bridge of **Clayton's** nose so he doesn't have to bend his neck to look over the top of his glasses. (Can you say "run-on" sentence?)

Police were called to **Wal Mart** when a fight between **Fannie's** owner, **Sharon Dixon** and **Kathy's Nut Hut** owner, **Kathy**, got out of hand. **Wal Mart** Manager, **Antonio**, (he requested us to not use his last name) told me the fight was in isle 7 where the batteries are. Apparently the fight started over the last 4 pack of D-cell batteries. Police

News Clips?

resolved the situation by giving **Dixon** the batteries out of their **Mag Light**. Neither parties were issued citations.

Finally, rumor has it that **Jorge Cabal** and **Manuel Kortright** of **Q•Voice** and **In Step** magazine called every **Pizza Hut** within a 20 mile radius and told them not to deliver to their office until further notice. When questioned why, an insider of the magazines told me "pizza makes **Bill** a little gassy."

Now on to some more believable news...

The Miss Gay Madison America Pageant was held at **Manoeuvres** in **Madison** Sunday, February 2nd. **The Pageant**, put on by **Z&L Productions**, brought in the talents of **Suzie S**, **Miss Gay Cosmopolitan**; **Vicki C**, **Miss Gay Wisconsin America 1997**; **Duwanna Moore**, **Miss Gay Great Lakes USA 1996**; **Dedra Lee** and a live vocal performance by **Sara**.

The Oberons held a leather swap meet and spaghetti dinner at **1100 Club** February 1st. I didn't catch the dinner

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but I made it in time to get a couple of photos.

The Oberons also held a fund raiser for Kids with AIDS at Mama Roux, February 8th. Lots of Levi Leather types came in that night to support a great fund raiser and for a chance to win a mountain bike. Hey I could use a bike!

Fat Tuesday? Yup there were a couple of parties to report. Mama Roux had a Mardi Gras celebration with a craw fish boil??? Ickkkky. I talked to a couple of people that really dig that



—Oberon's fundraiser at Mama Roux/Photo Jamie

kind of thing, it just aint my kinda thang.

Manoeuvres also celebrated, New Orleans style. Nope, I wasn't able to get out there for that one but sources tell me they had a great turn out. That's about all the news I have for this issue. Next issue I will tackle Valentines Day, (it's the 15th as I write this) yikes! I can tell you from experience how to get yourself into the dog house.

As for last issues captions? Don't ask me, I didn't write them, I think Jorge had a brain fart when he was writing them. We can all forgive him though, he's been working hard.

Finally I would like to wish Brian from Triangle the best as he moves to California. We're gonna miss you. I'd be willing to bet he would have shown up in Q-Voice's as the best bartender in their annual Best of Contest.

Until next issue, remember; only a few months left until the weather is nice enough for cute tight-skinned boys to be takin' off their shirts. And as always slower traffic keep right.

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Just Us (Milwaukee): \$1.50 all rails drinks, \$0.75 Miller tappers, \$1.00 Miller tappers. All day!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 'til 6 p.m., \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound. \$1.50 rail (9 p.m. until close).

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys/\$2 Coffee Drinks!

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 p.m. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, \$0.75 tappers, 7- closing \$5.50 beer bust!

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-7 p.m., \$0.75 taps, \$2 Margaritas, \$2 Bloody Marys!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Bloody Marys!

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2, Beer Bust \$1, Tap Beer \$0.50.

Mondays:

Triangle (Milw.): \$1.50 Doctors!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

B's Bar (Milw.): Giant Pitchers! \$4.

LaCage (Milw.): "Shake A Drink."

Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.75 Miller Brands: 8 p.m. to close.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.50 rail.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Martini Specials. \$1.50 all Miller Products.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close

\$0.75 Tappers!

Tuesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Pitchers!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Beer Bust with Joan, Shot of Doctors/Cuervo for rail price.

Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. Pull Tabs 8 p.m. to close.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, \$2.50 Tap Shelf, \$1.50 rail.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks, \$5.50 beer bust!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers \$4, Pizzas \$4.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 all Budweiser Products.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m.; \$0.50 off Everything until midnight.

SWS Docks (Milw.): \$5 Beer Bust from 9 til close.

Wednesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust!"

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$3.50 or \$0.80 glasses of beer.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Free Darts or Pool (As Long as You drink).

Club 94 (Kenosha): 7-11 p.m. 2 for 1, \$0.50 tap, \$2.50 pitchers.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar

rail for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$0.50 from 3-7 p.m., Beer Bust from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m. for \$6.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$0.50 Drafts. Dj - Blair'N!

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.50 The Doctor!

Saturdays:

Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 6-8 p.m. After midnight specials!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 'til 6 p.m., \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rolling Rock \$1.50, Schopp's \$1.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer bust from 3 p.m. til 8 p.m. for \$6.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Cold Schnapps Shots!

BAR EVENTS:

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Ball Game (Milwaukee): Dart Night: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Triangle (Milwaukee): At 9 p.m., Jimmy's Birthday Party!

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, Feb. 21

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

B's Bar (Milwaukee): 6:30 p.m., Teen Show \$5 cover. 10 p.m. \$3 Cover Benefits, Brady East STD

(BESTD) Clinic.

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"- showtime at 11:30 p.m.

Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. -Jeff-Jim.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Long John's and undies full moon party!

Monday, Feb. 24

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Party! Every Monday at 7 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milw.): Jazz Festival!

Thursday, Feb. 27

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment: Lu Shanti!

Saturday, March 1

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"- showtime at 11:30 p.m.

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. -Jeff-Jim.

COMMUNITY:

Thursday, Feb. 20

Medical College of WI (CAIR): Kathleen J. Goggin, Ph.D. (Milwaukee): 3 to 4:30 p.m. "Neuropsychological Correlates of HIV-Positive Associated Depression." CAIR Research Conferences are held in the Conference Room, Franklin Building, 1249 N. Franklin. For more information call (414) 287-4680.

Friday, Feb. 21

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Interfest Gala Night '97 (Milwaukee): 7-11 p.m. At the U.W.M. Union Wisconsin Room. For advance ticket information call (414) 229-5628 or (414) 229-6997. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

OUTreach: AfterWords Book Store (Milwaukee): HIV testing at AfterWords Book Store from 7:30

p.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Pride Youth Group: Meeting (Milwaukee): 1-3 p.m. Pride Youth Group. The group co-directors Wendy Polichak and Bill Hanel, would like to extend an invitation to the any person interested.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Came to Believe AA Group: Open Meeting (Green Bay): Every-Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. For information call (414) 432-0830.

Monday, Feb. 24

Live & Let Live AA Group: Open Meeting (Green Bay): Every-Monday evening at 8 p.m., Recovery Works, 906 E. Walnut Street. For information call (414) 432-6400.

Sunday, March 2

(WALN): "Women and Anger" (Waukesha): 4 p.m. Rhoda Miller, Ph.D. will present "Women and Anger" at the Maple Avenue church in Waukesha. For more information or directions to the church, call WALN at (414) 297-9412.

OUTreach: C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): HIV testing at C'est La Vie from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Wed., March 5

OUTreach: LaCage (Milwaukee): HIV testing at LaCage from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

FILM/TV:

Wed., Feb. 19

Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater: The Living Sea (Milwaukee): The film is narrated by Meryl Streep and features music by

Sting. For more information call (414) 319-IMAX.

Thursday, Feb. 20

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: World Cinema (Milwaukee): January 23- April 20. The Community Media Project (CMP): African and the African Diasporic culture to the Milwaukee public. For more information call (414) 229-2931.

Great Lakes Film & Video (GLF&V) a non-profit organization dedicated to the production and exhibition of independent film/video arts produced by artists committed to personal expression through the media arts. For information call (414) 229-6971.

The 19th Annual Latin American Film Series, presented by the Center of Latin America, UWM Union Programming and Great Lakes Film & Video. All films begin at 7 p.m. and are free. For more information call (414) 229-5986.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Madison Gay Video Club: Movies (Madison): 8 p.m. "Wild Reeds" (French, with subtitles, 1995) "The Road Home" (dir. Steve Scarborough, 1996). For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Frontiers: Film Circle (Madison): 7:30 p.m. The film: "The Lost Language of Cranes." Location: Larry, 208 N. Breese Terrace. For more information call (608) 233-9008.

GALLERY:

Wed., Feb. 19

The University of Chicago: "Scenes of Jewish Life from the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica" (Chicago): Through June 1997. For more information call (773) 702-8705.

Thursday, Feb. 21

BradyEast STD(BESTD) Clinic

Gallery: Marlon Banks (Milwaukee): Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, Feb. 28

The University of Chicago: "From Dreamland to Showcase: Jazz in Chicago, 1912 to 1996" (Chicago): Through Friday, February 28, 1997. For information call (773) 702-8705.

LIVE MUSIC:

Wednesday, February 19

The Pabst Theater: Jeffrey Siegel (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. "Schubert" - Jeffrey Siegel is a pianist with a mission: to make music understandable, exciting and yes fun. With consummate skill as a concert pianist (he has appeared with virtually every major orchestra in the world). For more information call (414) 286-3663.

Saturday, February 22

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Colin O'Brien (Shorewood): Music in the Cafe presents guitar music with Colin O'Brien. For information call (414) 963-3111. Sun., February 23.

Woodland Pattern Book Center: Tom Hamilton (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Milwaukee-born composer Tom Hamilton has been composing and performing electronic music for over 25 years, and he most often features older analog synthesizers in his performances and recordings. For information call (414) 263-5001.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: The Flying Karamazov Brothers (Chicago): The Chicago Symphony Orchestra presents as a part of their

pop concert series the Flying Karamazov Brothers. Sharps, Flats, & Accidentals. For more information call (312) 294-3000.

Wed., March 5

Amazing Grace Bakery & Cafe: Bill Staines (Duluth): Bill Staines: singer, songwriter and recording artist. Tickets on sale now. \$10.

THEATRE/DANCE:

Wednesday, February 19

University of WI-Milwaukee: "All My Sons" and "In the Heart of America" (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. February 6 - March 1. The Professional Theatre Training Program presents "All My Sons" and "In the Heart of America" in revolving repertory in the UWM Studio Theatre (located in the UWM Fine Arts Center, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd). For more information call (414) 229-4308.

Thursday, February 20

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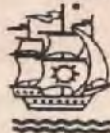
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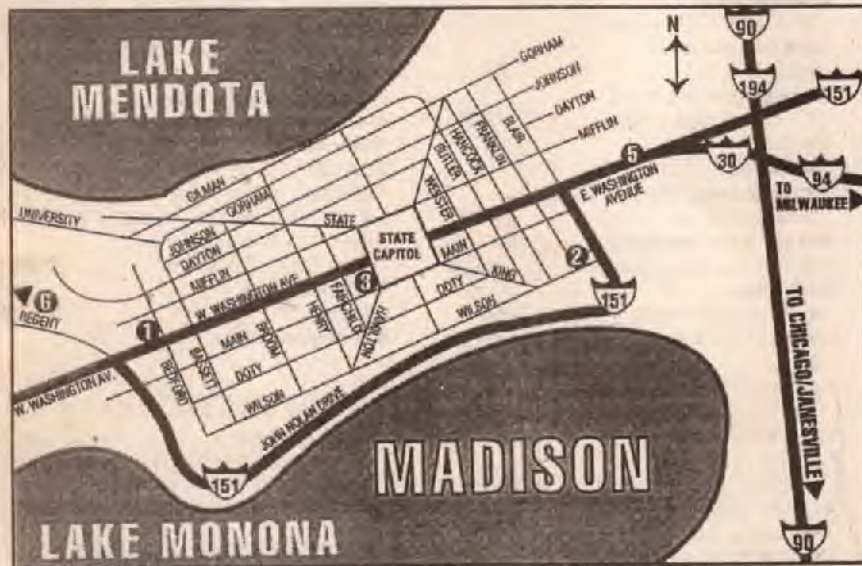
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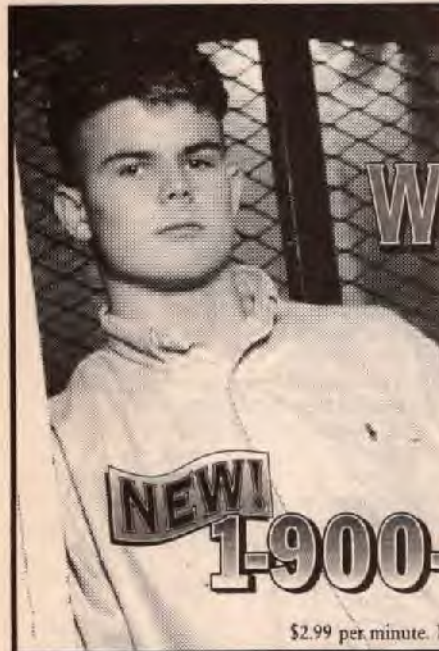
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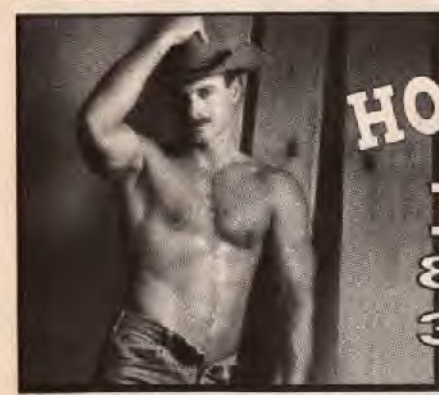
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Wisconsin

DISCREET FUN IN APPLETON

This 25 year old Appletonian, is on the lookout for Gay, White, or Hispanic, males, for discreet fun. Let's get to the core of the matter. (Appleton) #23551

BASKING IN MOONLIGHT

I like movies, and moonlit walks, and want a masculine mate. I'm 5'9, 180, with curly, Blond hair, and Blue Green eyes. I'm a submissive bottom, looking for that special top. (Boyceville) #44165

ROCK MY WORLD

I'm a very, very submissive bottom. 27, 5'10, 190lbs, with Auburn hair, and Blue Green eyes. I need a hot, aggressive top man to handle me. I was going to install handlebars but like the contact. Manipulate me. (Boyceville) #3939

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

KNOCK ON MY BACK

DOOR I'm a 46 year old Bisexual married White male looking for a discreet man for fun and games. I am new to the scene and I'm eager to learn. If you want to have fun with a hot virgin call me. (Green Bay) #18380

TOUCHING AND HUGGING

I'm 5'11, 180lbs, single Gay White male. I like quiet times and going out. I'm looking for friendship first. (Keshona) #13604

COUNTRY CROONER

If you're sincere about a lifetime commitment, and don't mind love handles and children, call me right away. I'm a 33 year old, Gay, White male. I'm romantic, passionate, and have long term goals. I want to meet a friend, who can become my lover. You must be interested in relocating to Lacrosse for a country life. (LaCrosse) #23466

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS!

That first hill is a doozy! I'm a 28 years old, Gay, White male, 6ft, 215lbs, interested in meeting a masculine guy to have fun with in public and in private. I like working out, music, movies, thunderstorms, and roller coasters. (Madison) #26597

CHEESY RIDER

I just moved to Madison, from Indiana, and am interested in making some new friends. I'm a White male, 29, 5'11, 165lbs, with Brown hair, and Green eyes. I'm very versatile between

bottom and top. I like

movies, cuddling on the couch, and

hanging out. I'm

counting on a tour

guide to show me the

ways of Wisconsin.

Let's go for a ride.

(Madison) #22930

THIS TOY COMES

WITH GUARANTEE

I aim to please. I am a

30 year old, Gay,

White male, very clean

cut, who is looking for

a Gay, White male,

top man. I'm 6'1,

175lbs, with Brown

hair, and Green eyes. I'm

fit and hope you are too. Tell me

what makes you feel good. That's

what I'm here for. (Madison)

#23019

STROKIN'

I'm new in Madison

and would like to meet a sexy

bottom, between 18 and 30, who

wants to service me and show me

a good time. I'm 29, 6'1", 190lbs,

with light Brown hair, and Brown

eyes. I'm straight appearing and

am attracted to similar guys.

Hurry, I could explode at any time.

(Madison) #22820

COFFEE TALK

Social butterfly in

Madison wants to meet other guys

for morning coffee or evening fun.

Care to join me? Pass the sugar,

please. (Madison) #1779

DISCRETE PLEASURES

I'm a 26

year old, Bi curious male, desiring

new experiences. I'm fun,

outgoing, and discreet. Let's start

with friendship and see what

happens from there. (Madison)

#3161

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

MUSCLE MADNESS

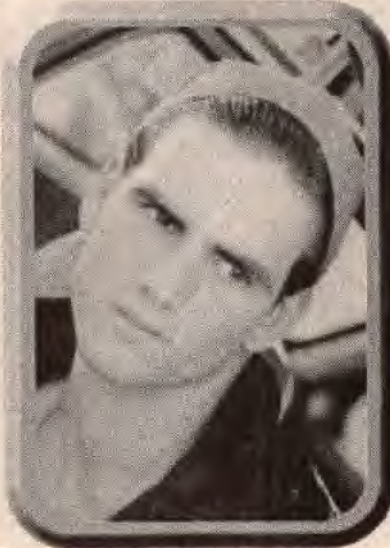
I'm 5'8,

155lbs, Blond hair, Blue eyes. I'm

looking for muscular and hairy

men who like to have fun. Call me.

(Madison) #8511



FIT THE BILL?

I'm a 35

year old, Bi, White

male, looking for other

Bi guys who meet the

following criteria:

height over 6ft, weight

over 200lbs, sexual

tops. Simple as that.

Let's play. (Milwaukee)

#27218

THE WRITTEN

WORD In town I'm

rather new, but I've

come to look for you.

This attractive, Gay,

White male, 18, 5'5,

130lbs, with Brown hair,

and Blue eyes, seeks

other Gay, White males,

between 18 and 28, for

friendship. I enjoy

books, music, theater,

poetry, and snuggling

with a specially chosen

someone. My arms

await. Maybe that

someone is you.

(Milwaukee) #27257

HOW ABOUT A TEST

DRIVE? I'm in the market for a

young, boyish, guy who'd like an

older man to take care of him. You

should be a submissive bottom,

and willing to accept all the love I

have to offer. The compensations

are tremendous, and, if we're both

happy, this could turn into a full

time gig. (Milwaukee) #27155

LIFT AND LICK

I'm looking for

the right man to pull me the rest of

the way out of the closet. I'm a

bottom, and I'm totally turned on

by guys in drag. For the right guy,

I can be persuaded to dress in

drag myself. I want to lift your skirt

up and lick your privates.

(Milwaukee) #10475

MILWAUKEE MYSTERY

This 29 year old, Gay male, 5'9,

170lbs, is looking for fun. Find out

more about what amuses me by

calling my box. (Milwaukee)

#8333

WAIT ON THE STOOL

This tall,

masculine, hot, 40 year old man,

is experienced in Brown hanky

action. I want to meet other White

males, who can dump their

problems, and get into some

sexual movement. I'm looking for

buddies, or a lover. (Milwaukee)

#6476

SADDLE UP AND RIDE

I'm a

Gay bottom boy looking for hot

top men to have fun with. If you

like topping hot bottoms then I'm

the one for you. (Milwaukee)

#20351

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH

OTHER I'm in my early 30's,

well built, tall, clean 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

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. (Madison)

#6750

HOW ARE YOU AT

PLOWING? I need an

experienced hand, who knows

how to blaze a trail. I'm a very

submissive. Blond guy, 21, with

Blue eyes. I need hot, and hard,

tops, to have their way with me.

(Menomonie) #17473

NIPPLEMANIA

I'm looking for

a gentleman who enjoys good

nipple work. I loved to have mine

worked on for hours and I'd like

to return the favor for you. Mine

are at attention just at the

thought. (Milwaukee) #27442

SUBMISSIVE APPLICANT

Are

you an S&M slave-master? I'm

your boy. I'm a Gay, White male,

41, 5'11, 185lbs, clean shaven,

with Brown hair, and Green eyes.

I'm in very good shape from years

of tennis, cycling, and hiking. I

want to talk to you if you are

interviewing applicants for slave

boy. (Milwaukee) #8615

CUDDLY OLDER MEN, READ

THIS AD This 25 years old, east

side guy, is looking for a cuddly

older man for a relationship. I'm

5'9, 140lbs, with a trim, swimmer's

build. I'm very active, and want to

meet a man who is active, as well.

You don't have to have a gym bag,

just be fit. I like dark hair and Blue

eyes. You should be sensitive, yet

firm, and enjoy going out to movies,

dinner, and the bar. (Milwaukee)

#26624

BROWN HANKY CODE

I'm

looking for hot, Gay, White males,

who know what a Brown hanky

means, and follow where it goes.

I'm a very tall, 40 years old,

masculine, White male, in extremely

good shape. I'd like to meet a

buddy for regular, code conscious,

encounters. (Milwaukee) #26683

HARD AND HARDY

I want to

meet a straight acting, horny guy,

who is honest and discreet. I want

us to be able to get off together, but

I also hope you're the type I can

take home to meet mom. Race is not

an issue. Call now. (Milwaukee)

#26333

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Being

HIV positive does not mean the end!

I'm a handsome, Gay, Black man, 6

ft, 160lbs, 46 years old. I'm looking

to meet with other Gay men, 35 to

45 years of age, who are also HIV

positive, for friendship and possibly

more. Everyone needs a friend. My

friendship is extended to you. I'm in

the Milwaukee area. (Milwaukee)

#26201

I LOVE MEN

I like 'em Black,

White, Hispanic, however they

come. I'm an 18 years old, Black

male, 5'10, 190lbs, with a football

player's build. People say I'm

attractive. I'm versatile, and am

attracted to muscular guys, between

18 and 29. We can take turns

calling the plays. (Milwaukee)

#25611

ROVING EYE

I wanna catch you

in the act. I like to meet

exhibitionists, between 35 and 50.

If you like to be watched, and

sometimes need a helping hand,

give me a call. I check messages

between 8:30 and 9:30pm, and

like late night sessions. Show me

your stuff. (Milwaukee) #25553

I'LL SCRUB THE CORNERS

Do

your dishes need washing? This

submissive slave is willing to do

your dirty work. I'm 6'1, 200lbs

and very eager to please. Maybe

you'll reward me now and then.

(Milwaukee) #25384

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VIOLIN & PIANO SONATA

I'm a caring, classical music enthusiast. This Gay, White male, is looking for a new friend to share good times with. I'm 47, 5'11", 150lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. (Milwaukee) #25435

SERIOUS TRAINING Muscular topman seeks boy into serious training. I'm a White male, 33, with a great body. You should be between 5'7 and 5'10, and clean shaven. We begin now (Milwaukee) #25342

I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HAPPY I'm orally active and extremely enthusiastic. This Gay, White, professional male, in my 40's, is very oral and submissive. I am looking for Gay, and Straight, males, under 40, who want to receive oral pleasure on a regular basis. Saread 'em. (Milwaukee) #24703

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL I'm an educated, professional male, looking for companionship. I am 49, 5'8, 168lbs. My interests include travel, theater, the arts, antiques, humor, and conversation. I'm very relationship oriented and hope to meet a similar person. (Milwaukee) #24719

THIS WAS MEANT TO BE I'm looking for a trim, financially secure, Transsexual, for a relationship. I am a 34 year old, White male, into physical fitness, and weight lifting. Baby, come to me. (Milwaukee) #24383

ACTION, NOT WORDS Hot, Kenosha man seeks built, friendly, fun-loving guys. Enough said. (Milwaukee) #23891

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

SILK STALKINGS I'm on the prowl for older men, and other crossdressers. I'm a very attractive crossdresser. I'm 5'11, and a submissive Brunette. I have an affinity for silk stockings, corsets, and high heels. I hope you appreciate my pumps. (Milwaukee) #23614

AU NATURAL I wanna get naked with a man, hug, engage in some mutual hand work, and have some oral fun. Anyone out there have the same hankering? (Milwaukee) #23128

SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO I travel a lot and would like to meet guys all over the place! I'm 6ft, 200lbs, with short Brown hair, and Blue-Green eyes. I like taller guys, especially over 6'4. My interests are varied and I hope yours are too. Give me a call. Maybe this ad is what we've both been waiting for. (Milwaukee) #23468

PANTING IN PANTIES I'm a passionate Transvestite looking for take-charge, top men, of all races, for kinky times. I make love in high heels and makeup. I'm also into stockings, and panties. I'm panting for you. (Milwaukee) #19832

BAY CITY ROLLER I'm a 20 year old Gay White male in Green Bay looking to meet guys 21 to 35 for friendship and possible relationship. I like movies, music, and going to the clubs on occasion. I'm a light drinker and a non-smoker. If you're interested in getting together, give me a call. (Milwaukee) #22569

SUBMISSION IMPOSSIBLE I'm your French Connection in Green Bay. I'm a Gay White male, 5'9, 155lbs. Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm a well educated professional. I like biking, long walks, foreign movies, fine restaurants, coffee houses, and dancing. I'm a non-materialistic, non-smoker, and non-drinker. I'm looking for in-shape guys, 22 to 26, of any race, for massage, both giving and receiving, and other good times. The code word is fun. (Milwaukee) #5390

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

WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO I'm 27 years old, 5'10, 180lbs. I'm looking for a Transvestite or Transsexual for fun and fellowship. A feminine fellow might be nice too. Please be nice and smooth and call me as soon as possible. (Milwaukee) #22617

DEEP VOICE, SIMPLE NEEDS If you're a Gay, Asian male who is looking for more than a one night stand, this husky-voiced man may be the one for you. I'm a Gay, White male, 5'11 and 165lbs. I have Black hair and Brown eyes. I am very warm, caring and romantic. I love movies and being outdoors. Please be serious and have a sense of humor. We'll get along great. (Milwaukee) #18863

A BLACK MANS TOY I'm a 39 year old, White male, looking for Black guys in the Milwaukee area. You can use this White boy whenever you see fit. Pleasure Guaranteed! (Milwaukee) #6157

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL I'm a Gay male, 180lbs. I'm looking for other guys in my area for good times and friendship. If you would like to know more about me please leave a message in my mailbox. (Milwaukee) #20332

ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? I'm a 31 year old Gay White male, 5'8, 190lbs. I'm into science fiction. I'm inexperienced and I'm looking for other White males 18 to 35 to experiment with. Discretion is a must. (Milwaukee) #18726

DIAL-A-MAID I'm a 44 year old, Gay, White Transvestite. I'm looking for a position as a maid, or servant. I like to cook and clean, and be domesticated and feminized. I have a car and can travel. (Milwaukee) #20281

SLICK RICK Hello. I'm 36 years old, 5'8, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Brown eyes. I'm looking to get into the leather scene. I am a total submissive, obedient, and eager to please bottom. I seek a master 40 to 50 years of age to train and utilize me. (Milwaukee) #20929

DO AS YOUR TOLD! I'm a 50 year old Gay White male. I'm 5'11 with Gray and Black hair, Green eyes. I'm pretty and dominant. I seek a very submissive bottom who is capable of total service and worship. (Milwaukee) #20856

STABLE PARTNER I want to have a long term relationship with a mature, honest, caring, masculine Gay, White male, between 25 and 45. I'm a 38 years old, Gay, White male, 5'10", 160lbs, with thinning Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I enjoy gardening, dancing, antique, travel, and quiet evenings. Please call if you're looking for a stable partner, and don't smoke or drink. (Oshkosh) #26630

MY HEART IS RACINE I want to meet nice guys for dining, movies, and fun get togethers. I'm 5'9, 185lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I'm attracted to clean shaven guys between 25 and 35. (Racine) #4961

WILD BEAR Cuddly, Blond teddy bear, 39, is combing the woods for other wild bears. I'm interested in other hairy guys, under 40, for sexual pleasure. No strings attached. I'm primarily a top but can be flipped over by a crafty predator. (Racine) #26852

RACINE RACER I'm a sharp 39 year old, Racine resident, who loves to cuddle. I'm 5'8, 177lbs and have Brown hair and eyes. People tell me that I'm attractive and good-looking. I like movies, the theater, and dining out. I also love staying in, for those special evenings, with just the right person. Let's spend some cold winter nights in each other's arms. (Racine) #18827

BORED IN ROBERTS I can't find much adventure in Roberts. Can you help me? I'm a Gay male, 6'2, dark Blue eyes, long Blond hair. I work out at least two times per day and have a full-body tan. I hope to meet an adventurous guy who likes to try new and different things. Help me make something new happen. (Roberts) #19159

SEXY REXY This handsome, muscular, professional Gay, White male, is looking for other muscular, masculine guys, for erotic fun. I'm a college instructor, and a businessman. Leave me a sexy message for a quicker callback. (Shawano) #25387

LET OUT A BI CRY If you're on the prowl for discreet get togethers, give me a call. I'm a good looking, Married, Bi, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, in central Wisconsin. I want to arrange some exciting encounters with other hot Bi or Gay men. #25097

DISCUSS AMONGST YOURSELVES I'm a deeply spiritual, Gay, White male, who is very "out", and into gay issues. I'm interested in going to bars, dancing, seeing dramatic movies, playing computer games, and reading gay literature. I enjoy spiritual conversations very much. I'd like to make some new friends, with an eye toward a long term relationship. (Superior) #21797

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

YOU HOLD THE FLASHLIGHT I'm looking for friends, with whom to share the joys of life, in central Wisconsin. I'm 36, 5'8, 165lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. If we explore together, maybe we'll find we don't want to be alone any more. #26952

QUALITIES ALIKE I'm a Gay White male, 49 years old, giving, open, honest, and possesses a great sense of humor, with a positive personality. I'm in search of another Gay White male, 30 to 45, with like qualities, for a long-term relationship. #26167

ANY OLD MUSIC WILL DO I'm your private dancer. I'm 6'3, 210lbs, very hot and very well hung. I'm an exotic dancer and one on one male performer. I'd like to do some gymnastics for you. #24917

BLEEP MY BLEEP BLEEP I'm interested in doing several things which may not be printable in this publication. To give you a general impression, they include licking, sucking, thrusting and stroking. Call me for details. #24774

I'LL SEND UP A SATELLITE I decided to try an ad since you didn't respond to my smoke signals. I'm a Gay, Black male, 21 years old, 5'8 and 135lbs. I have Black hair and Brown eyes. I'm an attractive non-smoker and non-drinker. I would like to meet a tall, slim, attractive Black or Hispanic male between 20 to 32 for a romantic relationship. I'm into movies, tv, shopping and quiet evenings at home. Please be honest, caring and monogamous. #13034

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QUEER SCIENCE

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. LeVay:

I'm a 19-year-old guy who hangs out with a gay crowd, but I'm straight. Can you help me make the switch?

Gay Wannabe in West Hollywood

Dear Wannabe: You're not alone. Today's fashion-conscious and media-savvy gay community is attracting many young people who have all the qualifications for a gay lifestyle - except for their stubborn heterosexual tendencies. Converting to homosexuality is not easy, but you have already taken that crucial first step: you have acknowledged that you have a problem and you have formed a sincere desire to change.

There hasn't been much research on how to become gay, but the scientific literature is full of techniques for becoming straight. It seems likely that these techniques would work just as well in one direction as the other, so here are a few you might consider. I have adapted them to the direction of change your desire.

Edward Callahan and Harold Leitenberg of the University of Vermont developed the "covert sensitization" procedure. This is particularly suited to a do-it-yourself approach because it requires no drugs, electrodes, or other potentially dangerous equipment. After an initial relaxation session, you have to imagine engaging in an episode of heterosexual sex that goes badly wrong. "A man might be asked to imagine going to a woman's apartment," the authors write, "approaching her bedroom, initiating sexual activity, feeling increasingly nauseous, and finally vomiting on her, on the sheets, and all over himself. A variation on this scene might involve finding that the woman is rotting with syphilitic sores, or that she has diarrhea during the encounter." After a mere ten sessions of this, according to the authors, heterosexual feelings are a thing of the past.

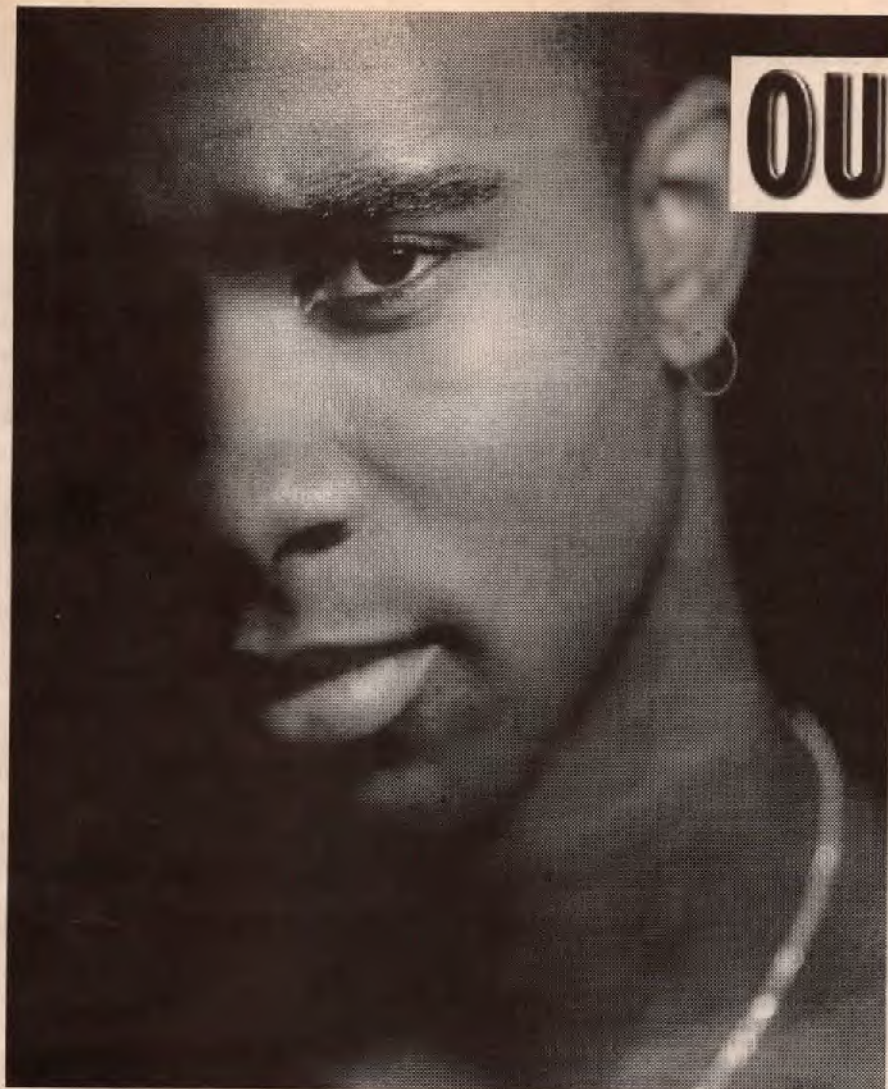
If you want to positively encourage homosexuality, rather than merely discourage heterosexuality, here is another method, also suitable for at-home use. It was developed by Scottish psychiatrists R.J. McGuire, J.M. Carlisle, and B.G. Young. You are instructed to masturbate, using fantasies of

sex with a woman as you usually do. But as soon as orgasm is inevitable (a few seconds prior to ejaculation) you must switch your imagined partner to the male sex. The beauty of this technique is that, while the heterosexual fantasies do the work of getting you excited, it is the homosexual fantasies that become associated with the reward of orgasm. This is called operant conditioning. With enough repetitions, the procedure should induce homosexual urges even in a person who has never previously experienced them.

If neither of these methods work, you may need to try full-scale aversion therapy. The safest aversion technique for home use is the chemical method, as pioneered by University of New South Wales psychiatrist Nathaniel McConaghy. Set yourself up with your favorite pin-ups or a juicy porno tape (preferably one of those "lesbian" tapes so there's no man in the picture). Just when you're getting excited, take a nausea-inducing drug. McConaghy used apomorphine, which requires a prescription and could be toxic. I suggest you substitute a food that you know will disagree with you. Failing that, a sharp slap in the face or a cold shower will probably work just as well, though it might take a few extra sessions.

For an even speedier entree to homosexuality, there's electroshock aversion therapy, as pioneered by psychologists at Brigham Young University for their gay-impaired students. Fill a carousel with slides of naked women (pick ones who really turn you on), alternating with slides of naked guys (pick ones you'd like to be turned on by). You'll be watching the slides while holding the clicker that advances the carousel from one slide to the next. Get a qualified electrician to set up a circuit to deliver a painful but not life-threatening shock to your arms every time a female appears on the screen. Even better, rig it so that you can escape the shock by hitting the clicker within two seconds of the female slide coming up. That way, you get either negative reinforcement (pain) associated with the females or positive reinforcement (relief at escaping pain) associated with the male slides. Do this for thirty minutes daily. If you're not queer within a month, there's something wrong with you.





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