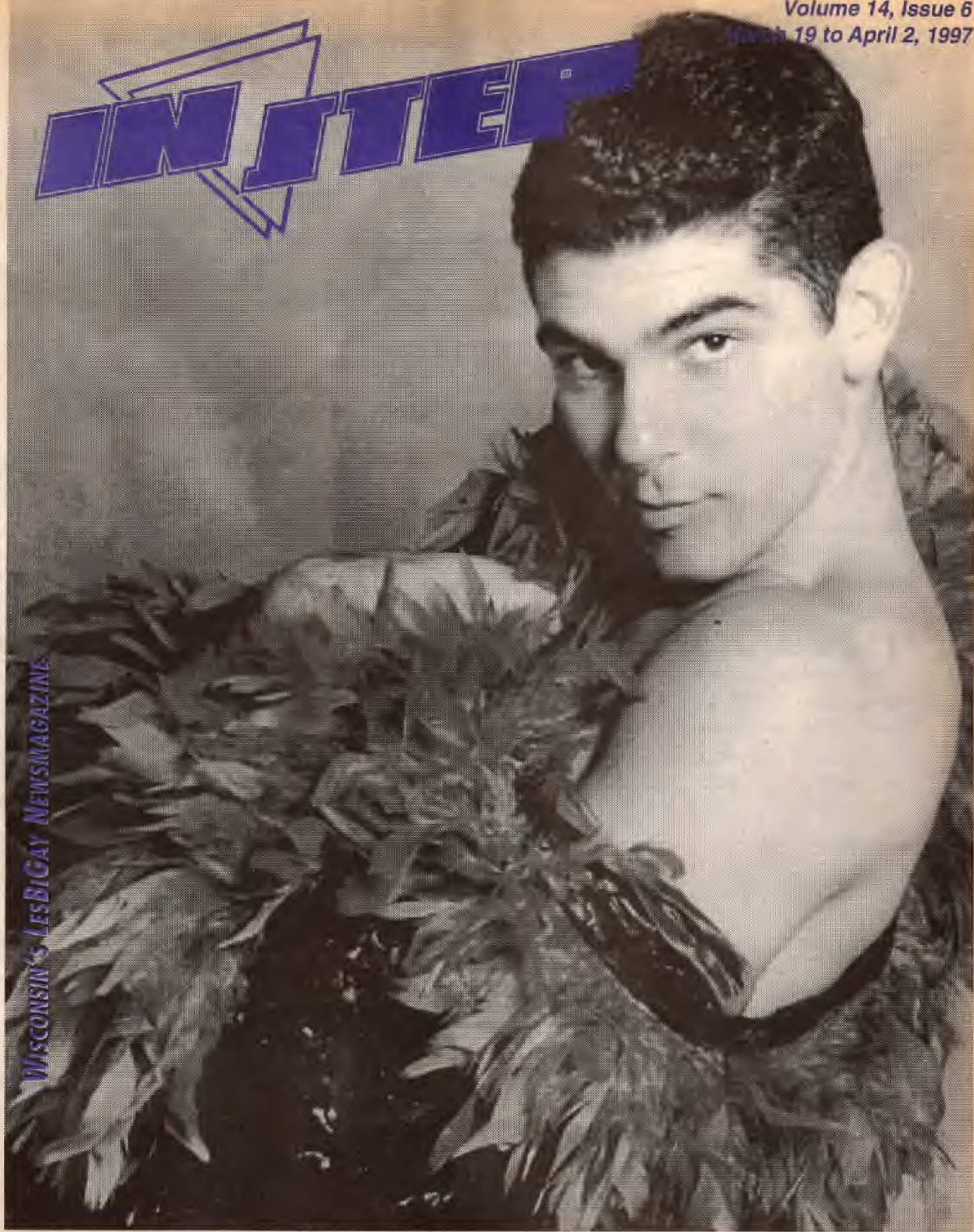


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We believe this honor is a testament to the exceptional reporting and writing found in pages of *In Step*. We have worked hard to bring our readers unbiased and professional reporting of news and events affecting our community. We have assembled a large and respected team of writers stretching from Eau Claire to Green Bay to Kenosha, and are working hard to improve our coverage through-out the state.

Our membership to the AP will only supplement the coverage we currently provide. *In Step* is blessed with the talents of nationally-recognized journalist Keith Clark. Keith will remain our primary source for national news and analysis. We believe it is vital for *In Step* to support writers from within our community. We pledge not to simply pull all our national and world news from the AP like some publications.

A fine example of our reporting can be found in this issue. Frequent *In Step* contributor, John Quinlan was on the scene in Wausau and Madison to bring *In Step* readers in-depth coverage, and a behind-the-scenes perspective on the Anti-Gay Marriage Bill currently winding its way through Wisconsin's Legislature. This is coverage you will find no where else, beginning on page 4 of this issue.

Also in this issue, you will find our new travel column, *Outings: Travels in the Midwest* by Donald M. Aucutt. Look for Donald to profile some of Wisconsin's finest bed and breakfasts and other little-known gay and lesbian get-away locations through-out the state and midwest.

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Legislating Exclusion

To the Editor—

A display at the State Historical Society Museum in Madison documents the Bennett Law, an attempt to legislate the use of English in Wisconsin in the 1890's. (German was the biggest "culprit.") Such a movement has reared its ugly head once again in 1997, in the form of Assembly bill 16. This bill would make English the official language for all written expression by state and local government "except where appropriate to the individual case..." This bill, therefore, serves simply as an excuse to make a statement of exclusion.

Of the thirty-three cosponsors of AB 16, twenty-five are also cosponsors of Assembly Bill 104, which would prohibit the recognition of marriages performed in other states for same-sex couples, a similarly superfluous and exclusionary piece of legislation.

Why does over one-quarter of the Wisconsin State Assembly feel the need to spend time and tax dollars on legislation that improves nothing and that informs productive segments of the population "you don't belong here"? And why has the media paid so little attention to these exclusionary bills?

Dan Ross,
Madison

Name the Center

To the Editor—

Bi Definition has announced their endorsement of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center name in the

Letters

upcoming Name the Center contest.

At their March 2, 1997 business meeting, careful consideration was given to all ten names, and consensus was reached by attending members to support the one most accurately described whom it would serve, what it is and its out-reaching ability.

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Bi Definition,
Milwaukee

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Delay Won On Vote of Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

Assembly Vote on Serati Bill Postponed Until May 13

News and Analysis by John Quinlan
In Step Contributing Writer

Madison — A stinging defeat was turned into a resounding victory in early March, as hundreds of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their supporters made history — showing the power inherent in coming out and coming together. As of press time on Monday, March 17, a compromise had just been reached which means that a measure prohibiting same sex marriages in Wisconsin has left the fast track.

The introduction of the bill on the floor of the Assembly will occur on Tuesday, May 13, instead of March 18 as originally scheduled. Organizing efforts will now center on public education and lobbying in the days preceding that vote, and providing a very visible presence in the Capitol on the day of debate itself.

Prospects for the bill if it reaches the state Senate, where Democrats hold a one vote majority, are uncertain. However, things seem much shakier for proponents of the anti-gay measure than they might have once been.

Supporters of gay rights express their pleasant surprise at their own ability to make a difference. Gay leaders seem more and more optimistic that the first state to approve laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in 1982 will buck the tide that has swept through 17 state legis-

latures, and refuse to enact legislation that singles out gay and lesbian people as not deserving equal protections under the law.

After a week when Far Right legislative leaders had tried to silence us, and shut us out of the process, thousands of

"I have never been as proud of the gay and lesbian community in Wisconsin as I was in Wausau as 300 plus activists gathered to speak out about the assault on their rights that AB 104 represents."

—State Rep. Tammy Baldwin

hours of solid organizing paid off. As Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) told *In Step Newsmagazine*, the delay in floor action signifies a resounding victory for gay rights in Wisconsin.

"I have never been as proud of the gay and lesbian community in Wisconsin as I was in Wausau as 300 plus activists gathered to speak out about the assault on their rights that AB 104 represents," she said. "And I will never be as sad as when I witness colleagues who I respect vote to codify my second class citizenship."

"But our organizing creates immense pressure in the Legislature, which will help us slow or stop this bill at later stages," Baldwin added.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Lynn Adelman observed in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* that the bill may be going nowhere fast when it reaches the Senate. Since it's already illegal for gays and lesbians to marry, he said, "...it's hard for me to understand what (sponsors) are trying to get at here."

Baldwin noted the irony inherent in the bill's proponents declaring that the national gay rights leadership was involved in some sort of a conspiracy to prevent the anti-gay bill's passage. Quite the contrary, she noted, it is the leadership of Washington-based groups on the Far Right who have chosen to make lesbian and gay families the scapegoats in attempting to advance their own narrowly focused agenda.



—The Assembly's Committee on Children and Families hears testimony in Wausau on March 10 on Lorraine Serati's Anti-Gay Marriage Bill. Photo: Dan Rass

"I don't think it's a coincidence," she said, "that identical or nearly identical legislation pops up in all the states in the Union simultaneously by coincidence."

Baldwin's optimism, coupled with the notion that a lot of hard work still lies ahead, is being echoed by LGBT leaders and supporters from throughout the state, who breathed a collective sigh of relief when the temporary truce was called on March 17.



—Rep. Lorraine Serrati

Just two weeks before, however, it had appeared that any effort to fight the bill would come to naught. The LGBT community seemed to surprise itself, as people who ordinarily don't see themselves as political at all rose to demand their rights from a government that was about to arrogantly disregard those rights. As well, hundreds of non-

LGBT clergy, health workers, educators, family and friends came out in record numbers to state that non-recognition of lesbian and gay families under the law is simply wrong.

If the current momentum can be maintained, a strongly regressive anti-gay bill that stood a good chance of becoming law may in fact leave the fast track and eventually be derailed. While it's still likely that the bill will pass the Assembly (when and if it comes to a vote) by a fairly overwhelming majority, the LGBT community's organizing efforts make it seem more and more likely that the bill can be killed in the Senate. The next two months will make the difference.

Opponents of the bill had complained vigorously that AB 104's chief proponent, Rep. Lorraine Serrati (R-Spread Eagle) was trying to thwart democracy by convincing the Committee on Children and Families to schedule a hearing in Wausau, far from the population centers in the southern part of the state where most "out" lesbian and gay couples live.

It was a tactic that backfired in a big way — in fact, many said they might not have attended had hearings been held close to home. But they were so outraged at the audacity of the committee members, that they felt they had no choice but to attend. It was a textbook case of strength built in the face of blatant adversity.

Then to add insult to the injury of the distant location — despite the fact that hundreds of LGBT-supportive people had taken off work, and made the long trek north, there wasn't enough time for all to be heard. More than 100 LGBT-supportive people left at the end of the day without being

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allowed to testify — effectively having their voices silenced.

While they had the opportunity to submit written testimony, the committee had only a few hours to consider the more than 200 pieces that came in on our side. Virtually all people who wished to speak in support of the bill had been heard, and their side had submitted less than a half dozen pieces of written testimony, most of it in the form of anti-gay religious tracts.

Despite this, Rep. Michael Huebsch (R-Onalaska) refused to schedule additional hearings in Madison and Milwaukee. In fact, he scheduled a committee vote just three days later, with the bill scheduled to be debated on the floor of the Assembly five days after that, on March 18. Legislative colleagues on both sides of the aisle cried foul.

Regardless of where they stood on the issue of same sex marriage, they argued, no one should be allowed to circumvent the process by which citizens have a voice in the passage of legislation which affects their daily lives.

Over the weekend of March 15, editorial boards of major media outlets and a chorus of other voices joined in protest of the bill itself and the process. By this time, it was clear that the bill had become a political hot potato that no one wanted to touch. However, the horse was out of the gate.

Rep. Baldwin stood her ground. If the debate was to

begin on March 18, then it would consume the business of the Assembly on both March 18 and March 20 (the last two days of this current phase of the legislative session), which had the effect of extending the debate until the Assembly reconvened on May 13. That would offer the opportunity for Baldwin and supportive colleagues to correct the short-circuiting of the process that Huebsch's committee had engineered.

There were major consequences of that delay, for, in the meantime, no other legislative business could occur. And that wasn't something that GOP leaders wanted to have happen.

The strategy transcended obstructionism, however. The bill's opponents weren't the ones being unreasonable, after all. And they hoped to serve a greater purpose — completing the process that had begun in Wausau, the powerful transforming effect when people long silenced are finally given a voice.

Baldwin and her supportive colleagues were prepared to use parliamentary procedures to insure that arguments against the bill got a proper hearing. They would also take the time to read into the record the written testimony of many who had been prevented from speaking in Wausau.

Baldwin was willing to compromise, however, if GOP leaders would take the bill off the fast track and schedule it



for one, well-organized day of debate on May 13. Virtually everyone agreed with this strategy — except for Lorraine Serrati. Based on the statements of her colleagues, it was apparent that she feared that delay might constitute defeat. Holding her ground until the last possible moment, the GOP leadership felt they had no choice but to back her up.

For five long days, intense negotiations proceeded. Why did this one representative have so much power? She certainly wasn't making friends, given her intransigence.

Many speculated that her power derived from a fear of the Religious Right forces behind the bill. However, veteran observers of Capitol politics attributed the delays to a much more basic phenomenon — Rep. Serrati had been promised that her bill would be put on the fast track by the GOP leadership, and it's a cardinal rule that you never go back on a promise made to a fellow legislator of the same party.

Essentially, she proceeded to metaphorically stomp up and down and pound her fists until she got her way, while the Assembly Democratic leadership looked on in amusement.

A hearing of the Assembly Rules Committee (which sets the agenda for what goes to the floor for debate) on the afternoon of Thursday, March 13 was perhaps the most interesting example of the three ring circus atmosphere that prevailed during the week following the Wausau hearings, as the pendulum swung back and forth during closed door meetings that alternated with public meetings of the committee as a whole.

Between the two GOP and the Dems, legislators divided themselves into at least a half dozen schools of thought when it came to the advancement of the bill.

Extreme GOP social conservatives refused to back down. However, the GOP leadership just wanted the whole problem to go away.

Moderates on both sides didn't want to touch this issue with a ten foot pole. Government had no business in this realm. Everybody knew that there were gay and lesbian people serving in both houses of the legislature, the governor's office, and the state's Congressional delegation. This was a slap to those colleagues, if nothing else.

A handful of Democrats were unequivocal in their support of the rights of lesbian and gay families. These included Rep. Becky Young of Madison, Barb Notestein of Milwaukee, and Shirley Krug, also of Milwaukee. In the Rules Committee, both Rosemary Potter of Milwaukee and Dave Travis of Milwaukee were also outspoken in their support of our community.

Far more Democrats, however, tried to have it both ways. They indicated private support for Rep. Baldwin, but were thinking "pragmatically" — they argued that forcing a themselves or a colleague to do the right thing and go on record in opposition to the bill meant giving ammunition to potential challengers in close races. (Given the fact that the GOP majority in the Assembly is narrow and might be easily turned back if the Democrats remain cautious, these pragmatists seem to be having their way these days on a lot of issues.)

And that seemed to be the explanation for the most puzzling question on everybody's minds. Given how badly the proponents of the bill had screwed up, how clearly unnecessary the legislation was, and how angry everyone was becoming at Serrati, why did the conventional wisdom predict that a bill prohibiting same sex marriages in Wisconsin would pass by overwhelming margins with as many as 75 out of 99 votes?

The answer was simple: fear. As Rep. Baldwin told *In Step*, "What my colleagues fear is the 30 second radio or TV ad in their next election campaign, which proclaims that they support 'ho-mo-sex-u-al' marriage."



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Was that being hypocritical? You bet it was. However, as it turns out, that wasn't the half of it. Addressing that point was a most interesting representative who defies categorization — Rep. Wayne Wood, a conservative, pro-labor, anti-choice Democrat from Janesville.

Speaking in the context of the Rules Committee hearing, Wood was incredibly blunt. He was undeniably as anti-gay rights as they come, he said. But he

thought this whole process was a sham. And he had a caution for his colleagues — “when it comes to legislating morality, you'd better be pure as the driven snow yourself.” Later he alluded to the fact that an extremely divisive debate would result if the process continued to be pushed forward, and that no one could be responsible if developments “went into the streets.”

Many of us thought originally that he was talking about the potential that Religious Right forces and pro-gay rights forces would clash in the streets as the debate occurred in the Legislature. However, Capitol insiders say he was alluding to something much more interesting, and central to a Religious Right movement that often shoots itself in the foot with its own hypocrisy. To use a slightly different metaphor, the scuttlebutt around the Capitol was that “people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.”

The notion was that several of the bill's proponents, while preaching about family values and the sanctity of marriage, weren't adhering to the Biblical notion of fidelity themselves. In retrospect, that may have explained some of the tension inherent in the discussions that day — and some of the red faces exhibited by a few of the bill's proponents.

In Step will continue to provide comprehensive coverage of AB 104 in future issues.

Hundreds Appear at Wausau Hearing

Wausau — (AP) Greg Wertsch pleaded with state lawmakers to reject a bill banning same-sex marriages in Wisconsin. “Please do the conservative thing ... encourage marriage,” the 19-year-old from Madison said, “Do not send a message of bigotry and prejudice across the nation. “I will disavow my citizenship in Wisconsin if this passes.”

He spoke at the end of a 6 1/2-hour hearing Monday, March 11 by the

Assembly Committee on Children and Families, which heard from witnesses on both sides of the emotion-charged issue. The hearing drew more than 500 people at North Central Technical College. Rep. Lorraine Seratti, R-Spread Eagle, wrote the measure banning same-sex marriages after recent court decisions in Hawaii that critics said would pave the way for such marriages in that state.

It is unclear under the current law in Wisconsin whether courts would recognize such unions from other states, Seratti said. Marriage defined only as a union of one man and one woman is “critical to a healthy, moral society,” Seratti told the committee. Seventeen states have passed laws banning same-sex marriages.

“Homosexuals seeking marital rights can obtain them like any other citizen, by marrying a person of the opposite sex,” she said, provoking laughter from the many gays and lesbians in the crowd.

Supporters of the ban argued that children have become unintended victims in gay and lesbian relationships, and sanctioning same-sex marriages would lead to society's decay.

But 10-year-old Sol Kelley-Jones of Madison told the lawmakers she is a “really lucky kid” to have lesbian parents who love her. Her friends often ask who her real mother is, the girl said. “I say they are both my real mom,” Sol said, her feet dangling from a chair, flanked by the two women. “I have a great family that is full of love. I don't know why some people are afraid of us.”

The mothers said they had been in a “marriage relationship” for 18 years. “We are a family in every way,” said Sunshine Jones, 45, Sol's biological mother who conceived the child through alternative fertilization.

“What we don't have under the law is equal protection as other families do.” Joann Kelley, 41, putting her arm around Sol's shoulder, explained how not being legally married affects the benefits she gets at her job with a utility

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company. Her partner and daughter could "die tomorrow and I could be deprived bereavement leave to attend their funeral," Kelley said, her voice breaking. "Passing this bill will be a giant step backward. It hurts my family and my child."

The battle lines were clearly drawn at the hearing. Many supporters of the ban wore lapel pins issued by Wisconsin Christians United that said "Vote Yes. Marriage God's Way." Some passed out a tiny booklet titled "The story of Sodom; Doom Town," which tells the story of God's wrath against homosexuals in comic-book style. "God doesn't make homosexuals. If He did, He wouldn't condemn them," the booklet says.

Oponents of Seratti's bill wore a button that read, "Hate Is Not A Family Value."

Testifying by telephone from New York City, Anthony Falzarano, executive director of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays, warned that redefining the traditional Judeo-Christian marriage was part of the gay activists' agenda. He said he led a gay lifestyle for nine years and now counsels others who struggle with the issue. If successful on the marriage issue, gays will

"demand their rights in many, many avenues," he said.

Q-Life Forum to Identify HIV/AIDS Service Needs

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — An independent grass roots evaluation of HIV care and AIDS services in Milwaukee and Wisconsin will be the subject of The Q-Life Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 27 at the Italian Community Center. The forum has intentionally invited only persons living with HIV to participate and convey their experiences as it pertains to care and treatment they have received from AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) and other community-based AIDS service providers.

To ensure a safe environment for participants, consumers of HIV services can participate in the forum without identifying themselves. The press (in any form) will not be permitted

Exerpts from Hearing Testimony on AB 104

"My husband and I have two sons. Our second son, a healthy, moral, upright and productive citizen also cannot, by law be joined in legal union because he is gay A common criticism of people who are gay or lesbian is that they are anti-family, that they cannot sustain a long term relationship. I know many gay and lesbian couples whose family values match your values and mine. They buy homes, pay taxes, are fully employed; they rear healthy children, go with them to church weekly; they care for aging family members, bringing them into their own homes when they become ill or infirm. Yet AB 104 should continue to deny these families legal union, the means by which we measure the solidness of families. AB 104 reinforces injustice to the segment of our population who are our gay sons and lesbian daughters."

—Harriet Bruyn, Appleton

"My name is Brian Soper. As you can tell, I have cerebral palsy. You might not be able to tell by looking at me that I have a college education, that I work building a computer implementation at a rural hospital in Fort Atkinson, or that I am gay. I have loved, and lived with a guy with

whom I have shared my life for sixteen years. I do not receive any welfare, or disability benefits. I work, pay taxes, and vote. It is mostly because of the commitment I and my life partner share with each other. It's not possible in Wisconsin. Even if it becomes possible in other states, Wisconsin evasion laws prevent us from returning to Wisconsin as a married couple. Why then are you wasting my tax dollars to develop legislation that is unnecessary, unneeded, and unfairly discriminatory?"

—Brian Soper, Cambridge

"Please don't put yourselves in the position of being studied in civics class as one of the Legislators that voted for the anti-gay bill. Please do not repeat already apparent discriminations against gays and lesbians. You are now in the position to write something about yourselves in history and policy books—as a Representative who recognized justice; or a Representative who legislated hate."

—Tanya Atkinson, Madison

"While I understand that many good-hearted people remain uncomfortable with the idea of same-gendered relationships and marriages, I also believe that your vote against this bill will demonstrate that you view this as an issue of fairness versus bigotry and discrimination.

Issues as important as those that surround the equal rights of gay men and lesbians deserve both fair and informed public discussion and debate. With its "fast track" approach, Assembly Bill 104 seeks to end the opportunity for reasoned discussion among Wisconsin residents."

—Timothy Baack, Milwaukee

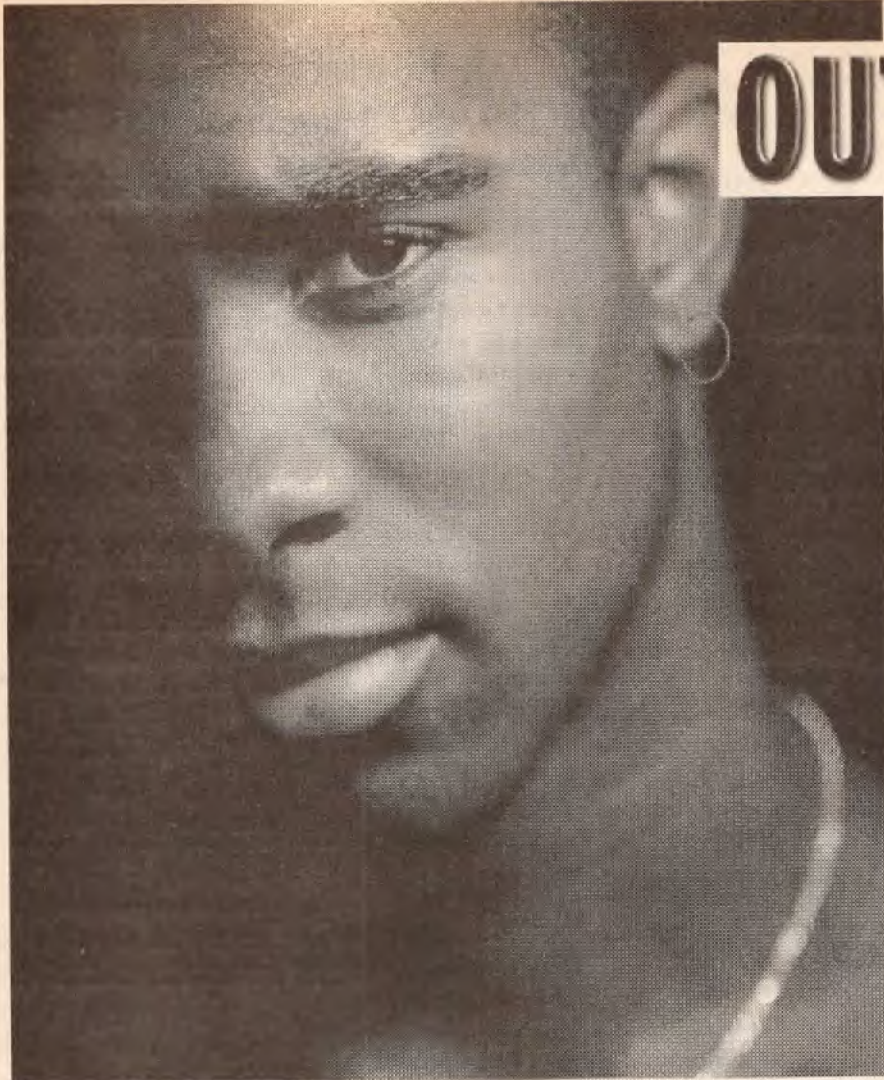
"The same sex partners that I know are in committed and loving relationships; it makes no sense to me to outlaw these unions. To give you a sense of my demographic profile: I am a straight, Catholic graduate student."

—Anna Bardone, Madison

"It (AB 104) is divisive, and it accomplishes nothing in terms of public policy in this state. They say that black crows attack white crows because they're different. We are, I hope, not operating at that level. We should at least strive to act as rational human beings, and treat each other as having equal civil rights in our society."

—Julia Belt, Madison

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to attend. Additionally, ASOs and other services providers have not participated in the planning of the forum and have also been asked not to attend. Forum organizers hope this will provide an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts more freely.

A transcript of the forum will be forwarded to a volunteer review committee, and later presented at a meeting with AIDS service providers. The State of Wisconsin Department of Health and the Milwaukee County Health Department will also receive information about conclusions drawn from the forum.

The Q-Life Forum was the brain child of David Huibregste, a Milwaukee area pharmacy manager who is living with HIV. According to Huibregste, the forum came about because he believed there was still a long way to go in Milwaukee and Wisconsin toward providing quality HIV care. Huibregste indicated he had already received a number of calls inquiring about the forum.

"Hopefully, there will be people there who can talk about good service that have received from an ASO. But, it is also an opportunity for people to speak up and identify what their needs actually are, and whether they are being well-served by their ASO," Huibregste told *In Step Newsmagazine*.

"As a person living with HIV, and working in health care for the last 15 years ... it is clear to me, from both friends and clients that I serve, that needs are not being met," he continued.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) stated that he supports the goals of the forum, and hopes the discussion is broad based, adding, "I think it is always important for consumers to be involved in the planning and implementation of services. We believe in that. The forum is a good way for consumers to get together and talk about the quality of health care. We are very interested to hear the outcome of the meeting."

"I think it is a good idea for there to be a consumer forum ... I think it has the potential to be the voice they [persons with HIV] have really not had," stated Brother Stephen Braddock of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

Huibregste stated he hopes to form a group of people to volunteer to become a "watchdog group" that would serve people living with HIV and AIDS and would draft responses when AIDS

care providers and not providing adequate care.

According to Huibregste, the cost of the Q-Life Forum has been underwritten by himself with additional support by Good Value Pharmacy, Affiliated Nursing Services, Bristol-Beyers Squibb and Roxanne Laboratories, Inc. For more information call 414/224-7974.

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Survey Indicates Anti-Gay Attacks Continue to Rise

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — At a time when a number of urban police departments in the U.S. have been reporting declines in violent crimes in several cities, an annual survey of anti-violence organizations around the country indicates attacks against gays and lesbians continues to increase overall by 6 percent in 1996 over the previous year. The number of reported incidents was 2,529 last year up from 2,395 in 1995.

In some cities the changes in recorded attacks was more of a statistical quirk, especially in cities that had only recently begun collecting data. Cleveland, for example, recorded an increase in attacks of 64 percent, but anti-violence activists in that city only started collecting reports in 1995, so the increase from 11 that year to 18 reports in 1996 may not be very meaningful.

In several cities, however, significant increases were logged and indicate a continuing trend of escalating anti-gay

attacks around the country. Reported attacks in Los Angeles rose from 256 in 1995 to 396 in 1996, an increase of 55 percent. El Paso, Texas, showed the next-highest increase, shooting from 131 incidents in 1995 to 176 last year for an increase of 34 percent. Detroit had a 29 percent increase, rising from 90 reported incidents in 1995 to 116 in 1996. And Chicago reported a 16 percent increase, rising from 83 in 1995 to 96 in 1996.

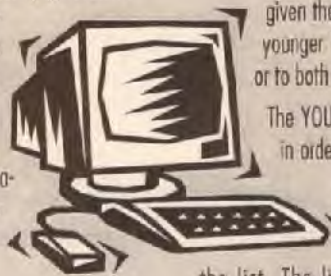
The two cities with the largest actual numbers of attacks — New York and San Francisco — recorded small decreases in anti-gay incidents in 1996 over the previous year.

Another disturbing trend noted in the report is that assaults against gays and lesbians by complete strangers — as opposed to domestic violence or attacks by acquaintances — jumped from 5 percent to 19 percent of the total incidents reported.

The survey is compiled by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs and is based on reports from local anti-violence groups around the country. Groups that track anti-gay attacks say that for every crime reported to police, as many as a hundred go unreported.

Youth E-Mail List Launched

San Francisco, CA — An e-mail only chat list exclusively for gay and lesbian youth has been launched in California. The premise for the YOUTH lists is to establish an outlet for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, and supportive youth ages 21 and under to talk with each other concerning such issues as coming out, schools, parents, friends, relationships, and other gay-related and non-gay-related youth issues.



list. Subscribers who are older than 17 are not allowed on this list; however, if they are between the ages of 17 and 21 they may subscribe to the YOUTH17-21 list. Seventeen-year-olds are given the choice of subscribing to either the younger 13-17 list, or the older 17-21 list, or to both lists.

The YOUTH lists have a strict age guideline in order to hopefully solve the problem of older people hanging around in supposed youth forums. The age policy will be strictly enforced on the list. The list will try its best to remain youth ONLY.

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YOUTH17-21 — Send mail to: listproc@critpath.org In the body of your message type: subscribe youth17-21 [YourName] Without the brackets, YourName can be your real name, an alias name, or your email address.

For more information, visit the YOUTH Web Site at <http://www.critpath.org/youth>

These two new e-mail lists (YOUTH13-17 & YOUTH17-21) are the first of their kind to offer a conversational/chat/support youth group in an email form. The email lists solve some problems that newsgroups, IRC, and chat rooms have. E-mail is quick, easy, convenient, and the most accessible. Not everyone knows how to subscribe to newsgroups, or to enter chat rooms, or even have the access capability to do so. But anyone with an email address can have access to this new list, and since it is through email, subscribers won't have to wait for several days for a moderator to post a message.

The YOUTH13-17 list is for youth 17 and under ONLY. Subscribers under 13 are permitted on the

Conflicting Reports on Progress in Atlanta Bomb Investigation

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Atlanta, GA — Federal agents investigating the Feb. 21 bombing of the Otherside Lounge, a popular lesbian club, may or may not have made

significant progress in their investigation - depending on who you ask.

Time magazine's Internet site broke an exclusive story on Feb. 7, reporting that the FBI had determined that the recent bombing was linked to a January bomb explosion at an area abortion clinic, and the bombing that went off at the Olympic Centennial Park last summer. The magazine's WorldWide Web news site reported, citing unnamed FBI sources, that the agency's crime lab had found that "an unusual metal may have been used in components in all three sets of devices," although the report also indicated that the similarities were "not conclusive."

The *Time* on-line report also said that the FBI labs had also found a "fuzzy" image of an individual at the Centennial Park at the time of the July bombing who may be a suspect in that case.

Two people were killed and more than 100 other injured during that explosion. Seven people were injured in the January bombing of an abortion clinic in Atlanta's suburbs, and five women were injured in the Feb. 21 bombing of the Otherside Lounge. The CBS Evening News also reported that night that the FBI was planning to hold a press conference shortly to release photographs of five individuals who were at Centennial Park at the time of the explosion that they wanted to talk to.

FBI officials in Atlanta and Washington, where the agency's central crime lab is located, immediately denied both news reports.

A spokesperson for the federal law enforcement agency said there was "just not enough evidence at this point to conclude that the bombings were committed by the same person or people." The agency acknowledged, however that there were "strong similarities ... and differences as well" between the various explosive devices used in all three bombings.

The FBI spokesperson said the agency is arranging for a press conference sometime this coming week (mid-

March), but denied the agency had any "fuzzy photographs" of possible suspects in any of the bombings.

Both *Time* and CBS News, however, say they have no reason to question the accuracy of their original reports.

Gay Club Gets in Hot Water for Barring Straight Kissing

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Human Rights Commission, the agency responsible for enforcing the city's anti-bias laws, has reprimanded a popular gay bar in the city's Castro district for kicking out a heterosexual couple because they were passionately kissing.

Cynthia Goldstein of the commission says that The Cafe violated the city's non-discrimination laws by booting out the straight couple last August and invoking what the bar called a "no straight make-out" policy.

After failing to persuade The Cafe to formally retract its policy, Goldstein asked the full commission to issue a "director's finding" against the bar.

The Cafe faces no penalty or fine, but would be officially on record in San Francisco as having committed an act of discrimination in violation of anti-bias laws - measures that were enacted mainly to prohibit anti-gay discrimination, of course, but that in fact outlaw bias based any sexual orientation.

Morgan Gorrone, manager of The Cafe, has said since that he has dropped the ban on straights kissing, and simply has made it a policy to bar any kind of passionate kissing.

But Goldstein had wanted Gorrone to retract a letter to the editor he had written to a local gay paper defending the bar's policy against letting straights kiss at all.

Goldstein says Gorrone failed to do so and as a result asked for the formal commission reprimand.

Also on the Newswire...

San Diego AIDS Foundation Folds

San Diego, CA — Following a reported \$1 million in debts and staff layoffs, the AIDS Foundation San Diego has shut down its entire operations after county officials had insisted on being given records to prove that the organization did in fact provide the services it was contracted for with the county's Office of AIDS Coordination. Poor management, and the 1994 purchase of a \$1.2 million headquarters building for the agency are believed to have been major factors in the abrupt folding of the foundation which had been serving some 2,600 clients.

Florida Quilt Exhibitors Have Money Woes

Tampa, FL — Efforts to display part of the huge AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Tampa Convention Center April 11-13 have run into financial problems that organizers say would ruin a year of work by hundreds of volunteers. Organizers say they've only been able to raise about \$15,000 of the total \$30,000 need to host the display, and have asked the city council to waive fees for the use of the convention center to display some 1,400 panels of the quilt that an estimated 25,000 people would be expected to visit without charge.

Australia Pride Celebration Continues to Break Records

Sydney, Australia — Police estimated that more than 600,000 people turned out to see this year's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras parade, which was composed of a record 200-plus floats. For the first time this year, the massive parade, and celebration is also being broadcast on commercial television in a 1-hour special. Parade

St. Louis Partnership Order Bruised in Mayoral Election

by Keith Clark

St. Louis, MO — In early March, Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. signed an executive order that would give same-sex couples the ability to register their

domestic partnerships with the city. Bosley's order, however, only gives registered gay and lesbian couples hospital and jail visitation rights.

But that bit of limited good news may have been undercut just days later when Bosley, the city's first black mayor, was defeated in the Democratic primary by ex-Police Chief Clarence Harmon, who has yet to state his position on the new executive order that

takes effect March 10.

Harmon's Republican opponent in the April 1 general election, Jay Dearing, however, wasted no time in announcing that if elected he would immediately cancel the domestic partnership order which he said was "wasn't right and wasn't fair."

In the staunchly Democratic St. Louis, where a Republican hasn't been elected mayor in nearly half a century, the partnership order may still be safe even though Harmon hasn't publicly supported or opposed it.

Gay March in Support of Cloning

New York, NY — Singing snippets of "Hello Dolly" with reference to a cloned sheep in Scotland, The Clone Rights United Front (CRUF) marched, about 15 strong, with picket signs, issuing its call to protect same-sex reproduction (Clone Rights), and to protest a Republican state senator's recent demand that human cloning be made punishable by up to seven years in prison. In spite of earlier harassment, the controversial demonstration, thanks to New York's Anti-Violence Project and to favorable police cooperation, was carried off non-violently.

As the demonstrators paraded, Randolfe Wicker, a veteran gay activist/journalist and CRUF's founder,

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spoke with WABC radio, answering audience questions during a 45-minute prime-time New York talk show. Following the show, Wicker also gave lengthy interviews to major magazines.

With him on the picket line stood Sylvia Rivera, celebrated in historian Martin Duberman's book, *Stonewall*, as a veteran of the 1969 gay bar uprising against police shake-downs. Among enthusiastic and supportive bystanders was Bob Kohler, also a well-known Stonewall-era veteran. "Thus," explained CRUF's director to *Gay Today*, "three historic figures in Stonewall-era politics were, in fact, present."

According to Wicker, Ms. Rivera, leafleting the area prior to the demonstration, was asked by a 6th precinct policeman not to litter. The lawman's request was made politely, however, and was a far cry, said Wicker, from gay-unfriendly 6th precinct behavior in 1969. Ms. Rivera did, however, encounter hostility, even from gay people on the street, being spat upon and having a beer thrown on her. Other pre-picket leafleters encountered comparable hostility from angry persons — brick throwers — who believe cloning portends ungodly assaults on the "divine" plan.

"Initially," said Wicker, "there were only two things out there, opposition and bewilderment, because no one seemed to understand why cloning is a gay issue. And I'm talking about the liberal West Village."

The WABC-am talk show, according to Wicker, "was a very interesting and involving show and I think it went very well. One of the nicest things is we began having new faces knocking on CRUF's door and saying, 'I got the flyer, I'm here, I want to work with you, I want to join the new organization' "The Anti-Violence Project, said Wicker "did a truly great job" helping to keep the peace, because, he said, "with all the earlier hostility I really was afraid we'd end up with a huge mob of jeering people threatening us. Someone said, 'Oh, don't picket at the gay monument, there are a lot of loose stones and bricks around there for hecklers to throw.'"

A row of picket signs were visible. The slogans included "Keep Your Hands Off My DNA," and "Anti-Cloning Zealotry = Homophobia," which Wicker himself carried.

There were also a few humorous signs, especially one picturing a sheep standing on a cloud, identified as "Dolly Lama: Our Spiritual Leader."

Actress Linda Hamilton Goes Public to Deny Lesbian Rumors

Hollywood, CA — In spite of one past marriage, and another one coming up — not to mention two children along the way — actress Linda Hamilton of "Terminator," "Dante's Peak" and TV's "Beauty and the Beast" fame says she's fed up with continuing rumors that she is a lesbian.

Hamilton has a 6-year-old son from her marriage to actor Bruce Abbott, and is planning to enter her second marriage soon with director James Cameron, who is the father of her 3-year-old daughter. Even so, Hamilton has been complaining to show-biz media for weeks about gossip columns and tabloid papers that continue to pump out stories about what they call her "torrid lesbian lifestyle."

"People will say the wedding [to Cameron] is just a cover," Hamilton recently told *Variety* magazine, acknowledging that marriages and children don't necessarily prove much in the entertainment industry.

The 40-year-old Hamilton says rumors about her being a lesbian go back to her school days in Maryland because she "didn't put out, so they said I was a lesbian."

organizers say the month-long Mardi Gras festival generates more than \$40 million for the Sydney-area economy - including \$5 million that's collected from spectators.

Compromise Offer for School Gay Club

Anchorage, AK — Anchorage's school board has unanimously adopted a compromise policy that would let the Dimond High School Gay/Straight Alliance continue to meet at the school. The board rejected conservative calls to bar the gay/straight club as probably a violation of federal law, and rebuffed a move to outlaw all non-academic clubs at schools, and instead adopted a compromise solution that would require students joining any school clubs to show proof of parental permission.

Marriage Ban Moving in Colorado Legislature

Denver, CO — Inching its way through the state legislature, Colorado's state Senate judiciary committee voted 5-3 in favor of a proposed bill that would prohibit same-sex marriages in the state, even if legally performed elsewhere. The bill has already been approved by the legislature's lower house. Gov. Roy Romer vetoed an almost identical measure approved by the legislators last year as "divisive." Romer has not commented directly on the measure in the legislature this year, but a spokesperson with his office said the governor "still has the concerns he had last year."

'Out' Magazine Shuts Down Web Site

New York, NY — Despite a reported on-line readership of more than 150,000 people monthly, *Out* magazine has shut down its WorldWide Web site on the Internet. The publication said it had been unable to find enough advertisers to make the Web site for its publication profitable.

Cream City Foundation Takes Lead In PrideFest Sponsorship

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation is the first sponsor to pledge support for this year's PrideFest celebration. Their donation of \$5,000 guarantees the return of Milwaukee's own History Exhibit to the festival. This year's donation brings CCF's total contributions to PrideFest to just under \$37,000.

"The Cream City Foundation has been one of our most loyal sponsors," said PrideFest Co-Director, Susan Cook. "CCF made it possible for this festival to get off the ground in the beginning. This year, CCF is making it possible for the Milwaukee History Exhibit to be seen by thousands of visitors. Without that sponsorship, PrideFest would not have been able to bring the exhibit back."

The History Exhibit is a compilation of hundreds of articles, flyers, posters, announcements and memorabilia pertaining to Milwaukee's Les-Gay-Bi-Trans community. As history is always in the making, new panels are being researched and produced for this year's exhibition. In addition, revisions are being made on some of the old panels where new information has been supplied by community members. A portion of CCF's donation is being used to cover these expenses.

"There is great importance in making sure our story is told as experienced through our lives," said CCF Grant

Committee Chair Scott Gunkel. "For too long our history has been rewritten or eliminated by those who would rather see us back in the closet. By making sure our story is told and seen by as many people, society cannot deny the valuable contributions and significant gains made by members of our community. The History Exhibit will reinvigorate old activists, as well as inspire people who have never been involved in the past to give of their time and energy."

"Perhaps no other exhibit will touch as many people as the History Exhibit," added Cook. "There are hundreds, if not thousands, of people who will go through there saying, 'I remember when that happened. I was there.' Little did they know then the significance of their participation. The remembering of those events will guarantee that our story will not be lost."

Comic Lea DeLaria at PrideFest '97

Meanwhile, PrideFest has signed popular lesbian comic Lea DeLaria for a center stage performance on Saturday night. DeLaria is a stand-up comic, musician, actor and civil rights activist whose brash comedic styles has landed her in the national spotlight that included the first appearance of an openly-gay comic on national television via "The Arsenio Hall Show," and as host of Comedy Central's first all-gay special, "Out There." Lea now can be seen as the recurring character Detective Pat Poletti on ABC's "Matlock" and on NBC's "The John Laroquette Show" as Loreli the bartender. And, sharp eyes will pick her out in the popular movie, "First Wives Club," with Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, and Diane Keaton.

Popular Milwaukee singing duo Mrs. Fun will be joining Lea on stage. Playing regularly at Cafe Melange, Mrs. Fun's music is a blend of jazz, post-be-bop, funk, progressive pop and their own nuclear-age brand of cabaret. Connie Grauer's funky bass-driven piano, coupled with Kim Zick's aggressive in the pocket drumming clearly shows that each is truly a musician's musician who brings both impressive chops and improvisational risk-taking.

School Board Candidates to Appear on the Queer Program

Milwaukee — Three Milwaukee Public School Board of Director candidates will be guests on the Queer Program on March 25, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jared Johnson, facing an opponent in his re-election bid for a third 4-term in the 4th



—Popular lesbian comic Lea DeLaria to appear at PrideFest

district, will be a guest on the program. His opponent Charlene Hardin out polled him 2-1 in the primary election, and they both edged out a 3rd candidate in the primary. Charlene Hardin declined to appear on the program.

This will be an opportunity to listen to and discuss the important issues facing Milwaukee public schools, especially issues that concern Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered youth. Viewers will be encouraged to call in live during the show by dialing (414) 272-MATA (6282).

The Queer Program, now well into its fifth year on Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority public access channel 47, is broadcast live every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and replayed every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Madison Academy Awards Party Set for March 24

Madison — The "Fabulous" Second Annual Oscar Madison Academy Awards Party is scheduled for March 24 in Madison. The event is a fund-raiser for The United and the Rodney Scheel House for People With AIDS.

The event is bigger and better than ever, according to event organizer Scott Thornton. "This year's party will be fabulous. We have a terrific VIP reception planned, a live performance with drag and other performers before the Oscars, and of course, the Academy Awards themselves on the big screen."

The Schedule is: 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. VIP Reception; 6:30 general doors open; 7 P.M. live performance; 8 P.M. Academy Awards. The cost is \$25 for VIP tickets and \$10 for general admission. The party is being held at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., Madison.

The VIP reception features food and wine selections from nine area restaurants including: Atlas Pasta and Delicatessen, Botticelli's, The Opera House, Out to Lunch, Bluephies, Monty's Blue Plate, Madison Sourdough, Pasta Per Tutti and Cafe Montmartre. VIP ticket holders are invited to the special reception as well as having special seating for the event.

General admission is \$10, which includes the live entertainment and Academy Awards program.

"This is the next best thing to actually being there," said Thornton. "We are fortunate to have a great live program featuring acts like Simply Divine and emcee Paul Wesselman and Diana Summer," he added.

Proceeds benefit The United, Dane County's social service organization for the gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered community, and the Rodney Scheel House for People With AIDS.

Other sponsors this year include the Isthmus newspaper, Z104 Radio, Atlas Pasta and Delicatessen, Jan Silvers/M&I Madison Bank, Half Price Books, Happy Medium and Four Star Video Heaven.

Tickets are available by mail at the United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701 or through any of the Barrymore's ticket outlets: The Exclusive Company, Star Liquors, Magic Mills and Green Earth.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association Monthly Meeting

Milwaukee — The next meeting of the Sherman Park Rainbow Association will be held on Thursday, March 20, 1997 at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 North 48th Street. There will be a potluck during the meeting, so bring a dish to pass. All members and guests are invited to attend.

The First Annual Trivial Pursuit Contest was a huge success. Jeff Snyder was the big winner and he donated his winnings to the Sherman Park Community Association. Thanks to the 10% Club for hosting this event and to all the players that attended.

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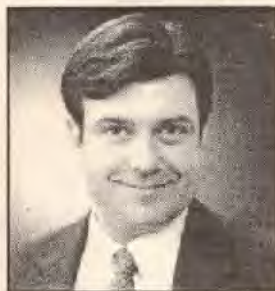
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St. Camillus Accepting CPE Applications

Milwaukee — St. Camillus Ministries has openings for the 1997 summer Clinical Pastoral Education program. CPE is theological and professional training for ministry. In CPE, theological, students, ordained clergy, members of religious orders, and qualified lay people minister to people in crises while being supervised.

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Areas for specialization include: geriatrics, sub-acute, dementia care, and HIV/AIDS.

The program will run full-time from June 2nd to August 15, 1997. A brochure and application form are available by calling (414) 259-4664.

MAP Gains State License for AODA Treatment

Milwaukee — Embracing a cutting-edge alcohol and drug treatment philosophy known as Harm Reduction, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has been granted a state license for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) treatment. MAP becomes the first in Wisconsin and one of less than a dozen AODA providers in the country to utilize the Harm Reduction model which targets injection drug users (IDUs) and other substance users that have not succeeded in the traditional abstinence-based programs.

MAP's AODA treatment programs is an extension of its large, clean needle exchange program, Lifepoint, that reaches

thousands of injection drug users in the streets and drug houses of Milwaukee. Lifepoint also provides HIV testing, HIV risk-reduction counseling, condom distribution and now with its new license, treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

"We are experiencing in Milwaukee what every needle exchange study contends; that a successful needle exchange program gets more users into drug treatment," said Doug Nelson, executive director of MAP. "At a time when Milwaukee County has scaled back funds, limiting and making AODA providers less accessible, we had no choice but to pursue a drug treatment program with a harm reduction approach that is a natural extension of Lifepoint."

MAP received its AODA outpatient and day treatment certification from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services on February 11 and will operate the unique drug treatment program out of its Dennis Hill Harm Reduction Center at 4311 Vliet Street, which is the operating headquarters for MAP's street outreach and needle exchange programs.

The Harm Reduction model MAP will employ focuses on small, incremental positive changes in a person's behavior, setting individualized goals that may or may not mean total abstinence from alcohol or drugs. It does not require complete abstinence from drug use. This less rigid approach, which is comparable to many HIV prevention strategies, teaches the dangers of drug and alcohol use and helps an individual identify and reduce these and other harmful behaviors in their life such as having unprotected sex, family conflict and/or criminal behavior.

"Harm Reduction works by helping individuals make safer choices," said Jacque Stock, AODA coordinator at MAP's Hill Center. "We meet people where they're at with their alcohol or drug use and assist them in achieving small steps that will result in positive lifestyle changes."

For example, "A typical IDU's first step when entering the Hill Center's program might be to stop sharing needles with other drug users. Second, to teach the individual how to clean their own needles... to stop injecting... to switch to a less harmful and addictive drug... to smoke instead of inject... snort... reduce levels... all leading to positive changes for the individual. By taking one-step-at-a-time and giving

positive feedback for short-term goals reached, the client continues making progress, further reducing his or her involvement in other harmful activities."

For MAP, those safer choices mean lowering people's risk for contracting HIV and reducing the spread of AIDS in Milwaukee. "Yes, our mission is to stop AIDS but we also want to help people get off drugs and make healthy choices for their lives and their fami-

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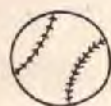


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Wisconsin Daddy/Boy Contest Scheduled

Milwaukee — The Argonauts of Wisconsin and Castaways MC of Milwaukee will be sponsoring the 1997/98 Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Boy contest will be held on Friday, April 25 and the Daddy contest on Saturday April 26, 1997.

Both contests will be held at the 1100 S. 1st Street in Milwaukee. Friday evening there will be a kick off cocktail party at the South Water Street Docks from 6:30 to 8:30. At 10 p.m. the Boy contest will be held. Anyone wishing to enter the contest may do so up to 9 p.m. of the day of the contest. On Saturday afternoon, April 26, an auction will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. at the 1100 Club. Proceeds from the auction will be donated by each club's favorite charity.

A dinner will be held at the M&M Club starting at 7 p.m. The dinner is open to all. A cash bar cocktail party will precede the dinner starting at 6 p.m. At 10 p.m. the Daddy contest will be held at the 1100 Club. On both nights and after bar party will be held. Admission is by invitation only. Admission to the contests is <Invalid Token> per contest. The dinner is <Invalid Token> 0. Week end passes that admit the holder to all the activities, except the dinner are available. Tickets to the dinner are sold separately. Tickets are available from Argonaut and Castaway members. South Water Street Docks and the 1100 Club. For more information, or applications for the contest, write to: Northwoods Productions, Inc., PO Box 1104, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Nabozny to Speak at Youth Conference on April 17

Milwaukee — Jamie Nabozny, winner of the 1996 "Pathfinder" Award from the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teacher's Network, will address participants of the second Diverse & Resilient conference on April 17, 1997. Nabozny, a gay youth, suffered multiple physical assaults from seventh through eleventh grade in a Wisconsin school district. He will share his experiences and the results of his ground breaking lawsuit.

Nabozny's experience illustrates the need for further awareness of gay youth in Wisconsin. The 1997 Diverse & Resilient conference and mini-grant program will address the social and the HIV prevention needs of gay youth in Wisconsin.

To be held in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, the second conference is open to all youth-serving professionals. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions will provide information, program examples and skills building activities needed to create or enhance HIV prevention programs for gay youth in Wisconsin.

The Diverse & Resilient Conference is also intended to foster the development or enhancement of local HIV prevention initiatives. Participants are urged to attend the conference in community or organizational teams. Conference attendees will be encouraged to collaborate with youth support systems in their communities to apply for one of five \$5,000 mini-grants.

Last year's conference, held in downtown Milwaukee, was attended by over 120 youth-serving professionals from around Wisconsin. This year, over 200 professionals will attend. A contingency of gay youth will take part in the conference as well, and share their ideas and points of view with other conference participants.

The 1996 conference and mini-grant cycle funded five groups to develop or enhance local HIV prevention services. With Diverse & Resilient funding, Gay Youth Milwaukee successfully operated a statewide toll free hotline for gay youth. Staffed by gay youth, the hotline continues to serve Wisconsin's youth by providing support and referral services on weekend evenings.

In LaCrosse, a collaboration of the Coulee Region YWCA, the Rainbow Revolution Book Store, and the LaCrosse County Health Department forged the LaCrosse Alliance for HIV/AIDS Prevention for Youth Dealing with issues of Sexual Orientation. The alliance worked with a new youth group called GALAXY to help develop their own empowerment, essential for HIV prevention efforts. Weekly meetings were held at the bookstore, and the alliance sponsored a pride dance.

In Racine, Diverse & Resilient funded Youth 4 Youth, the first ever gay youth organization in the Racine County area. A

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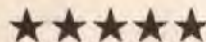


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In northwestern Wisconsin, the area AIDS Service Organization collaborated with the area chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays to assist area school districts to develop in-service training for teachers and to implement policies regarding bias motivated acts. NOWAP also used Diverse and Resilient Funding to begin the Rainbow Club, a support program for area gay, lesbian and bisexual youth.

Finally, the Children's Outing Association (COA) of Milwaukee won a grant to create a more gay friendly organization. Their efforts included making it known that COA was a safe space for gay youth, starting a library of gay themed books and magazines, and staff training regarding gay youth and their HIV prevention needs.

Expert to Address Link Between Stress, Emotions and The Immune System

Madison — Dr. Ann Webster, Program Director of the Mind/Body Medical Institute at New England Deaconess Hospital and Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, will present an interactive presentation on stress, emotions and the affect on the immune system to people with HIV, care givers and service providers on Friday, March 14, 1997.

Dr. Webster's visit is part of AIDS Network's program emphasis on living well with AIDS/HIV. This program focus addresses new realities of HIV infection including individuals living longer and healthier lives with the help of drug therapies, alternative therapies, risk reduction and early intervention.

Respecting the confidentiality of individuals with HIV who will be in attendance, Dr. Webster's talk will be closed to the media and general public. Dr. Webster will hold a press conference immediately after the session on Friday, March 14, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. in Room G5/113, UW Hospital and Clinics, 600 Highland Avenue.

Dr. Webster's visit is co-sponsored by the UW Hospital and Clinics Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease and AIDS Network.

Youth Group To Hold Kick-Off Night

Milwaukee — The Diversity Youth Committee of the LGBT Community Center Project Announces it's Kickoff Youth Night at "B's" 1579 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, on Thursday April 3rd from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.

There will be dancing and spotlight entertainment starring: Joey Black, Tammy Fay, and Lana St. James. A portion of the \$6 cover charge (which includes two free sodas) will benefit Milwaukee's first Gay Prom on April 19th, 1997 at Park East Hotel. (For Prom information call Gay Youth Milwaukee at (414) 265-8500).

Nominations Sought for UW Alumni Award

Madison — The University of Wisconsin Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alumni Council is seeking nominations for its 1997 Distinguished Alumni Awards, which recognize a woman and a man who have excelled and distinguished themselves professionally, through social or community activism, or in other ways. The awards will be presented at the annual reunion brunch, which will be held on Sunday, July 20, 1997 at the UW-Madison Memorial Union's Great Hall. Deadline for nominations is April 30, 1997.

Please make your nomination by completing the enclosed form and returning it to: GLB Alumni Council, Wisconsin Alumni Association, 650 N. Lake St., Madison,

WI 53706. For further information, contact Russell Betts at (888) WIS-ALUM or by e-mail: rbetts@facstaff.wisc.edu

Chicago's HIV Treatment and Resources Fair Set For March 21-22

Chicago — With encouraging successes reported every day and ever-newer drugs on the horizon, HIV/AIDS treatment has never seemed more promising. To those living with HIV, the feeling is indeed hopeful, but it's easy to feel overwhelmed. While there's a lot of talk about new drug combinations and treatment options, there's also a lot of confusion. In fact, it may be more frustrating to know there's something out there and not know what it is. Or how to get to it. Or how to pay for it.

Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN), a peer-led AIDS service organization, saw this every day and is sponsoring a two-day HIV treatment and issues forum to be held at The Fairmont Hotel on March 21 and 22: EXPO(S) '97.

In what may be the ultimate "drug cocktail party," The Forum Advisory Council (FAC) is made up of pharmaceutical representatives from some of the most important companies manufacturing HIV/AIDS medications and treatments (both primary and supplemental) and members of the community living with HIV. Members include Abbott Laboratories, Agouron, Bristol-Myers Squibb, BTG Pharmaceuticals, GILEAD Sciences, Glaxo Wellcome, Health Management (HMI), Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC), Merck & Company, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Roxane, Roche Laboratories, and StatScript Pharmacy.

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SSBL Launches 20th Anniversary Season

Milwaukee — A "Catch It" slogan has been chosen for the Saturday Softball 20th year recruiting campaign this Spring. With sub-titles: Catch the fun, Catch the Travel, Catch the Friends, SSBL wants to remind all prospective players that Softball is a lot

more than only playing a few games on Saturday afternoon.

"Several players have found lifelong partners, others social friends in cities all across the country, while everyone meets whole teams or individuals, as teams travel to tournaments," said Commissioner, Dan Nelson. "We mingle a lot more and can spend more time getting to know other players, making for a very close league as the year goes on," he continued.

Last year, SSBL adopted a "relaxed" schedule setting up an "off" weekend at least once a month. This allows players to schedule personal weekends without affecting the team or the team stand-



ings. The relaxed schedule won so much applause, it was adopted for the coming season.

Any player interested can check with a supporting sponsor bar or organization, or they can call the SSBL Hotline at (414) 454-9204 to be directed to teams looking for players. "Even those who don't want to play, but are interested in being part of the League can call the number and help out by joining the new Boosters Club forming this year" said Marshall Eheler member of the recruitment committee.

Persons interested in playing or joining the Booster Club may call the SSBL 24 hour hotline (414) 454-9204 for more information.

Volunteers Receive AIDS Network Leadership Awards

Madison — AIDS Network presented its annual Community Leadership Awards to four individuals at the agency's annual dinner, Red Ribbon Affair, on February 28, 1997. The annual awards are given by AIDS Network to the individuals, businesses

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"The Community Leadership



—Alderman Mike Vervear and Dick Wagner attend the AIDS Network Awards Dinner. Photo: Christopher Krimmer

Awards celebrate AIDS Network's rich tradition of volunteer involvement in our mission," said Mary Turnquist, Executive Director of AIDS Network. "Voluntary contributions of time, skill, energy and funds add immeasurable value to our efforts. The Awards are an occasion for us to highlight the significance of specific individual efforts."

Eric Boberg received the President's Award, given to the individual who has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the agency. Boberg has served on the agency's Board of Directors since 1991, including two terms as President.

Madison Mayor Paul Soglin received the Director's Award, presented to the person who has made an outstanding contribution of time and effort toward improving the agency. The Mayor's commitment to AIDS care has been critical in securing funds for case management services for people with AIDS. Mayor Soglin's efforts and advocacy on behalf of AIDS Network has been vital to the growth and credibility of a fledgling organization during its formative years and has been a sustaining resource to the agency's programs and services.

Lori O' Konek of Lori O' Projects, a Madison communications firm, received the Rodney Scheel Award, given to the person or business offering significant financial and practical support to the agency. O'Konek has donat-

ed hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars worth of creative and technical expertise to AIDS Network.

The Pope Handy Award recognizes the volunteer who, in the tradition of the agency's founders, has contributed exceptional volunteer talent, service and time to the agency.


This year's award was presented to Paul Harrison. Paul has generously given his time and talents to AIDS

Network over the past three years in a number of capacities. He has been an active member of the agency's fund raising and development program and has provided outstanding leadership and organizational ability while chairing major fund raising events. As a Client Services volunteer Paul has provided direct care services to people with AIDS and is a regular child care provider for support groups and client events.

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Gaze Toward Hollywood Lesbians & Gays

by Andrea L.T. Peterson

The gay and lesbian community will likely never tire of more and more celebrity closet doors swinging open—even posthumously. While many lesbians and gays are feeling a bit more comfortable coming out in Hollywood now—as we approach the 21st century—that comfort is new-found, and hard won.

Coming out, being outed, even being rumored to be gay or lesbian was professional suicide for many Hollywood would-be greats just 50 years ago. In his most recent book, *Hollywood Gays* [Barricade Books, 1996], and in his earlier *Hollywood Lesbians* [Barricade Books, 1995] interviewer Boze Hadleigh confirms rumors, addresses speculation, and shatters a hope or two that certain screen stars of the first half of this century are homosexual.

Through interviews with the celebrities themselves, their romantic partners or lifetime companions, their Hollywood chums, directors, producers, and competitors, Hadleigh sheds as much light as ever might shine on the private lives of Cary Grant, Clark Gable, Anthony Perkins, Paul Lynde, Brad Davis, James Coco, Cesar Romero, and a handful of others.

Readers familiar enough with some of these celebrities will actually hear their voices in the words Hadleigh has transcribed from hours and hours of interviews. And, as the off-stage personalities begin to show through, there will probably be a mix of pleasure and disappointment. Though many of these men are just as they seemed to be—not just sexual orientation, but demeanor—others will seem very unlike what might have been imagined. A few cannot seem to disguise the bitterness toward Hollywood, especially during the McCarthy Era, and others seem, at times downright paranoid.

Discussion surrounding the lives of Hadleigh's subjects leads naturally to a wider circle of l.b.g. (gay producer David Lewis's useful acronym for lesbian, bisexual, and/or gay men and women) celebrities. And, while this book focuses primarily on Hollywood's leading men, male character actors, and matinee idols it is inevitable that such a book would offer a bit of insight into the lives of a number of Hollywood's lavender ladies (though *Hollywood Lesbians* is a more thorough source).

While accusations have been made over the years about many of these celebrities, in most instances, no proof has been offered and no confessions made. Consequently, much of the material in *Hollywood Gays*—provided by the subjects



— Screen legend, actress Barbara Stanwyck

themselves—has never been in print before. Hadleigh, who has written almost a dozen books, five of which explore the presence, and contributions of gays in show business, very skillfully captures his subjects making *Hollywood Gays* thoroughly enjoyable reading even if much contained within its pages isn't new to readers.

Hollywood Gays is a wealth of data about Hollywood's erroneously-confirmed "bachelors." Many of these men had stable, loving, long-term relationships with other men—rarely other actors, but often other Hollywood personalities. They speak about their own arranged or lavender marriages more frankly discussed than ever before.

That doesn't mean that all of Hadleigh's probing, personal questions are met with frank responses. He received more than a few clipped "that topic's not up for discussion", "can we talk about something else," or "no comments." Even in those comments, more is revealed about these previously protected, very private lives. After all, a "I won't confirm that about them until they both confirm it," seems to say a bit



— Actor Cory Grant

more than a simple “yes, it’s true” might. This really is a good read. For all the answers to your own questions, pick up a copy.

While the question of who in Hollywood today is gay or lesbian is likely foremost in the minds of followers of such things, speculation over who was and who wasn’t can’t lurk too far behind. Hollywood Lesbians—the companion to his Hollywood Gays—is Boze Hadleigh’s contribution to the discussion.

Judith Anderson, Dorothy Arzner, Capucine, Sandy Dennis, Edith Head, Patsy Kelly, Nancy Kulp, Marjorie Main, Agnes Moorehead, and Barbara Stanwyck—each tells almost all to Hadleigh, under the condition that he not reveal any of it until after their deaths. At best Hollywood Lesbians (HL) reveals the long sought after truth about dozens of screen stars, as well as behind the scenes female forces. It confirms more than a few rumors, occasionally restates the obvious, dashes a few hopes, and supplants old gossip with new.

Hadleigh has been criticized for being not a little obsessed with Hollywood, its closets, and its sexuality. Evidence to support the claim: a handful of books on the subject from *The Lavender Screen* to *Conversations with My Elders* to *The Vinyl Closet* (and, of course *Hollywood Gays* and *Hollywood Lesbians*).

But more than revealing Hadleigh’s obsessions or his own

interest in sexuality—his own or that of others—Hollywood Lesbians is a well organized, well rounded, collection of interviews that offer long awaited answers to frequently asked questions: Was she or wasn’t she? Were they or weren’t they? Mae West, evidently wasn’t. Patsy Kelly and Tallulah Bankhead, it seems, were—together.

HL is also an interesting look at the off-screen personalities of a handful of larger-than-life screen stars. Not even Hadleigh could presume that these women are entirely “off screen” during these interviews, but each is at a stage in her life/in her career where what is said about her personal, private life has little or no power over her career, and only a bit more effect on her life in general. Still, for the most part, all of these women want the truth withheld—until they and the women they “out” are no longer alive.

Perhaps more than the lesbian lives they have lived—or been unable to live—theirs is the legacy of Hollywood’s bulletproof, sound proof, nearly foolproof, and unquestionably airtight closet. Hadleigh, a well-connected and experienced interviewer is situated, without a doubt, in a unique position which has afforded him credibility, and access to many often unreachable celebrities. The result: the opportunity to pursue his interest (or his obsession, depending on your point of view), and to apply a dab of lavender to one of this nation’s most colorful “towns.”

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Chicago — Bernadette Peters along with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will illuminate Orchestra Hall with two special evenings of popular songs, famous show tunes, and selections from her recently released new compact disc, "I'll Be Your Baby Tonight," when she appears on Friday, March 21 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information call (312) 294-3000 or (312) 294-3040.

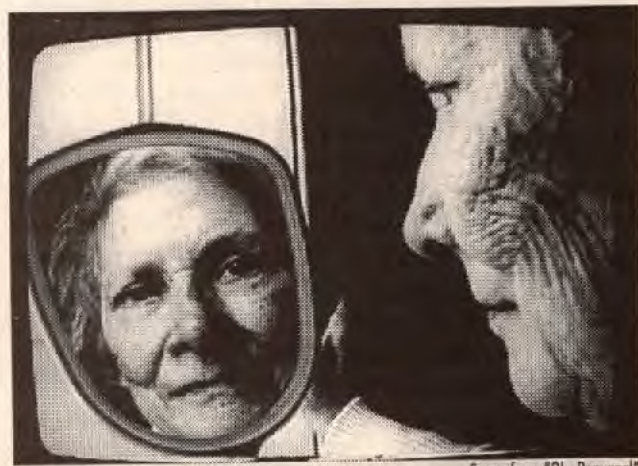
Bernadette Peters made her mark in 1968 with her show-stopping performance in the smash hit off-Broadway musical "Dames at Sea." Ms. Peters expeditiously became one of the most sought after stars in musical theater, earning critical accolades and a host of devoted fans for her performances.

Bernadette Peters has received both the Tony Award and Drama Desk Award for her par excellence performance in Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical "Song and Dance." She garnered Tony Award nominations for her rubric perfor-

mances in 1992 musical "The Goodbye Girl;" Stephen Sondheim's Pulitzer Prize winning musical "Sunday in the Park with George;" the Jerry Herman/Gower Champion ode to the movies, "Mack and Mabel;" and the Leonard Bernstein/Comden and Green musical "On the Town." Her enthusing portrayal of the Witch in Sondheim's "Into the Woods" earned her a Drama Desk nomination. This past December, Ms. Peters made her highly anticipated solo debut at Carnegie Hall in an exclusive, one-night only concert benefiting Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Ms. Peters's big-screen appearances in such popular films as "The Jerk" and "Pennies from Heaven" with Steve Martin; "Silent Movie" with Mel Brooks; "Annie" with Carol Burnett; and "Slaves of New York" with Mercedes Ruehl have secured her a place on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her versatile talent also extends to television, where she boasts an impressive list of credits ranging from performing arts specials to appearances in variety shows to acting in made-for-television movies.

Her latest recording, "I'll Be Your Baby Tonight," features an eclectic array of tunes, including the pop/rock songs of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Lyle Lovett, and Billy Joel in addition to musical theater favorites by Broadway legends such as Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein, Comden and Green, and Rogers and Hammerstein. Her latest musical endeavor, "Sondheim Etc: Bernadette Peters Live at Carnegie Hall" will soon be released throughout the country.



— Scene from "Oh, Rappunzel"

"Oh Rapunzel" by UWM Film Department's Cecelia Condit and Dick Blau to be Featured at Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Art Museum will present the Milwaukee premiere of "Oh Rapunzel," a video by Cecelia Condit and Dick Blau from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Film Department in the School of Fine Arts, on Friday, March 21 at 6:15 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The video was first presented in "Video Premieres" at New York's Museum of Modern Art and received the Barbara Latham Award at the recent Dallas Video Festival.

"Oh, Rapunzel" is a fairy tale wrapped around a documentary. Set on the grounds of a decaying estate in Philadelphia, the video documents the life of 80 year old Annie Lloyd Condit, a descendant of what was once one of the great families of Pennsylvania, and mother of video artist Cecelia Condit. Annie Lloyd Condit was for some years a virtual prisoner in her own home, where she lived with a daughter, son-in-law and their children. Her story is told through both documentary footage and scenes from the fairy tale Rapunzel. Revising the classic tale and dumping the prince, Cecelia Condit and her collaborator, Dick Blau, restage Annie Lloyd Condit's life, giving it a happy ending...which comes true. "Oh, Rapunzel" addresses many provocative issues: from questions of love to problems of money, from the effects of childhood trauma to the reasons why children abuse their elders.

Admission to "Oh Rapunzel" is free with Art Museum admission of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students with children under 12, free. For more information, call the Milwaukee Art Museum at (414) 224-3200.



— Allegra Bennett author of "Renovating Woman" / Photo by Lita Browne

Author/Comedienne and "Renovating Woman" to Appear in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — Award-winning journalist, stand-up comedienne, home repair expert-by necessity, and a "Fabulously 50 Plus" African-American woman-by her own definition, Allegra Bennett will introduce her new book in Milwaukee at two appearances.

As author of "Renovating Woman: A Guide to Home Repair," "Maintenance and Real Men," Allegra Bennett offers a "root to basement" home repair guide for millions of women who are home alone. In her sassy but serious style she shares what she learned when she took over the sole care of her three-story Victorian home in Baltimore. In addition to her cure for PNS, or Popped Nail Syndrome, she also provides insights on the world of real men with muscles who can fix stuff.

Allegra Bennett will visit a Habitat for Humanity project house at 2001 N 33rd Street on Tuesday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. She will also demonstrate home repair tips, answer questions and sign copies of her new book "Renovating Woman: A Guide to Home Repair," and "Maintenance and Real Men" at Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

David Carroll to Perform Fauré's "Requiem" with the Cream City Chorus

Milwaukee — Milwaukee is bound to come alive with the euphonious sound of pianist David Carroll. Recognized for performances at Cafe Melange and for occasional musical rendezvous in the Grand Avenue Mall, Carroll is also the featured accompanist to the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus. The performance of Fauré's "Requiem," a Spring challenge for the musical organization, "would not be possible without the talents of David Carroll" said chorus president, Matthew Pamperin. "After everything he's done with us, it's great to have a piece which will really showcase his work."

The concert, "To every season..." will be held at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at Cross Lutheran, an affirming church which welcomes gays and lesbians into their community. Cross Lutheran is located at 1821 N. 16th Street. Tickets for the April 5th concert, "To every season..." are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and are available at BESTD Clinic, Afterwords Bookstore, Mama Roux, and through the chorus office: write to P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or call (414) 344-9222.

Art Exhibition Compares and Contrasts Two Worlds of Blackmon and Kinney

Milwaukee — "City/Country: The Artworlds of 'Prophet' William J. Blackmon and Charles Kinney," cur-

rently on display through April 18th in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Art Museum-Mitchell Hall Art History Gallery, Room 154. Curated by Jeffrey Hayes, professor of art history, the exhibition includes 20 paintings by each of these two leading contemporary American self-taught artists. The works reflect their improvisational styles, expressionistic form and color, narrative/didactic strategies, and bold integration of world and image.

"Prophet" William J. Blackmon was born near Battle Creek, Michigan and resides in Milwaukee, where, as "God's modern-day Apostle," he founded the Revival Center and Shoe Repair Shop in 1974. Signs promoting the latter evolved into paintings on wood panels which impart a dense, cagey urban feeling and exhort viewers to resist modern vice by obeying God's law. His principle themes include the family, abortion, sex, drugs, hunger and salvation.

Charles Kinney spent his entire life on a remote family farm in Toller Hollow, Kentucky. He never married and a birth defect restricted most work, but in the mid-1970s, he began to use commercial tempera paints to compose pictures of animals, farm scenes, childhood memories, Appalachian legends, and religious stories including his signature "haint" tales.

Kinships and contrasts animate the simultaneous display of Blackmon's and Kinney's paintings. Separated by race and region, but linked by material deprivation and spirituality, their unexpected artistry comes together to form a temporary but uplifting dialogue on human creativity.

Still Wild After All These Years

Milwaukee — Wild Space is eulogizing its Tenth Anniversary with one wild night at the Pabst Theater, April 5, 1997. This evening, entitled "Still Wild After All These Years," will feature a virtuoso performance of the popular



— Ed Burgess & Tom Thoreson in "Field Work."

dance work, "Field Work," and phenomenal guest performances by friends of Wild Space from the past ten years. Following the performance at the Pabst, the celebration continues with a reception at Wells Street Station co-hosted by Gary Grunau, of the Grunau Company, and Dean Katherine Davy of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Fine Arts. Reservations for the reception are twenty dollars and must be made in advance by calling the Wild Space Studio at (414) 271-0307.

"Field Work" was created by Wild Space Dance Company in 1992 and explores life in rural Wisconsin. Wild Space Company members visited working sheep, potato and dairy farms to observe farmers movements and to hear their stories. "Field Work," the product of that research, captures the interdependence, loyalties and conflicts of a farm community. "The dance exults and transcends the physical aspects of farming as it waves stories collected from interviews with farmers, texts and dance into a powerful tapestry of rural life" acquaints Elfrieda Abbe, *Milwaukee Sentinel*. Wild Space is proud to present this beautiful work in the setting of the historic Pabst Theater.

"Still Wild After All These Years" will also feature guest performances from Wild Space friends including performance artist Mark Anderson, live music from Mrs. Fun, a dance work by Ed Burgess of the UWM dance depart-

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Wisconsin Virtuosi Series Continues at Pabst Theater

Milwaukee — The inaugural season of the Wisconsin Virtuosi Artist Series continues on Saturday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Pabst Theater with a concert featuring Fan Lei on clarinet, and Catherine Kautsky on piano in a program of music by Poulenc, Debussy, Wu, and Brahms. Tickets may be obtained at the Pabst Theater Box Office, 144 E. Wells Street, or by phone at (414) 286-3663.

Fan Lei, who is a professor of clarinet at Wisconsin's prestigious Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, is a graduate of the Beijing Conservatory, Yale University and the Oberlin Conservatory. A pupil of David Shifrin, Mr. Fan won grand prizes in competitions in China, France, and Seattle, Washington. Praised for his seamless legato playing and his warm, liquid tone, Mr. Fan has often been compared to Reginald Kell and Gervase de Peyer, two legendary clarinetists.

The Wisconsin Virtuosi Artist Series features many of the very talented artists in residence at Lawrence University and their special guests, including, among others, Anne Shih on

violin; Michael Kim on piano; Steve Jordheim on saxophone; Robert Dodson on cello; Patrice Michaels-Bedi soprano; Matt Michelic on viola; and Janet Anthony on cello, among others.

Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown

New York — Spend an evening with six gay Latino immigrants as brought to life by one amazing Cuban-American actor, Felix Pire. Pire will perform the funny, incredibly-moving one-man play by award-winning Chilean playwright Guillermo Reyes. Felix Pire is a young, wildly talented, adorable discovery who is on the verge of stardom. Try to imagine Pire as the son John Leguizamo and David Drake never knew they had.

"Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown" debuts on March 19 at the 47th Street Theatre (304 West 47th Street). The show played a successful limited engagement last fall at Playwright Preview Productions and is returning to New York by popular demand. For tickets/time information, contact 47th Street Theatre at (212) 265-0794.

Guillermo Reyes has won two Ovation Awards and an L.A. Critics Choice for "Men on the Verge;" he has also written a series of fast paced, explosively comic and unexpectedly

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— Cuban-American Actor Felix Pire in scene from "Men on the Verge..." /Photo Nigel Teare

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while struggling to find their place in a new country.

You may recognize Felix Pire from some of his many film roles. He has appeared in "12 Monkeys," "It's My Party," "Dear God," "Matt Waters" and will be seen in "Gattaca," a new release from Grammercy Pictures, in which he stars opposite Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman and Jude Law. Pire originated his roles in "Men on the Verge" to critical acclaim in Los Angeles in 1994.

Author Michael Stone will Read from His Novel "A Long Reach"



— Michael Stone/Photo Susan English.

Shorewood —
When a bona fide private eye writes a mystery you know you're in for an intriguing night of

detection. Author Michael Stone is a private investigator in Denver and creator of the tough, gritty "Streeter" mystery series. Michael Stone will read from "A Long Reach," his latest thriller featuring his ex-linebacker, ex-bouncer and four-time ex-husband detective. Stone will read at Schwartz Bookshop at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28 in Shorewood. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

When Michael Stone's first "Streeter" mystery, "The Low End of Nowhere," hit the bookshelves *The New York Times Book Review* said "Stone works the hard boiled genre conventions with the insouciance of an old pro." Now Michael Stone and "Streeter" hit the gumshoe trail again with "A Long Reach." One of Streeter's ex-fiancee's is the target of a hit man. In the company of a police department shrink, Streeter tangles with no gooders, low lifes, and ex-cons. In the best noir style, "A Long Reach" is full of wit, grit, action, clever plot twists and a bit of the bizarre.

Michael Stone was a former newspaper reporter for Florida, Colorado and Wisconsin newspapers. He has worked as a private investigator in Denver for the past eleven years.



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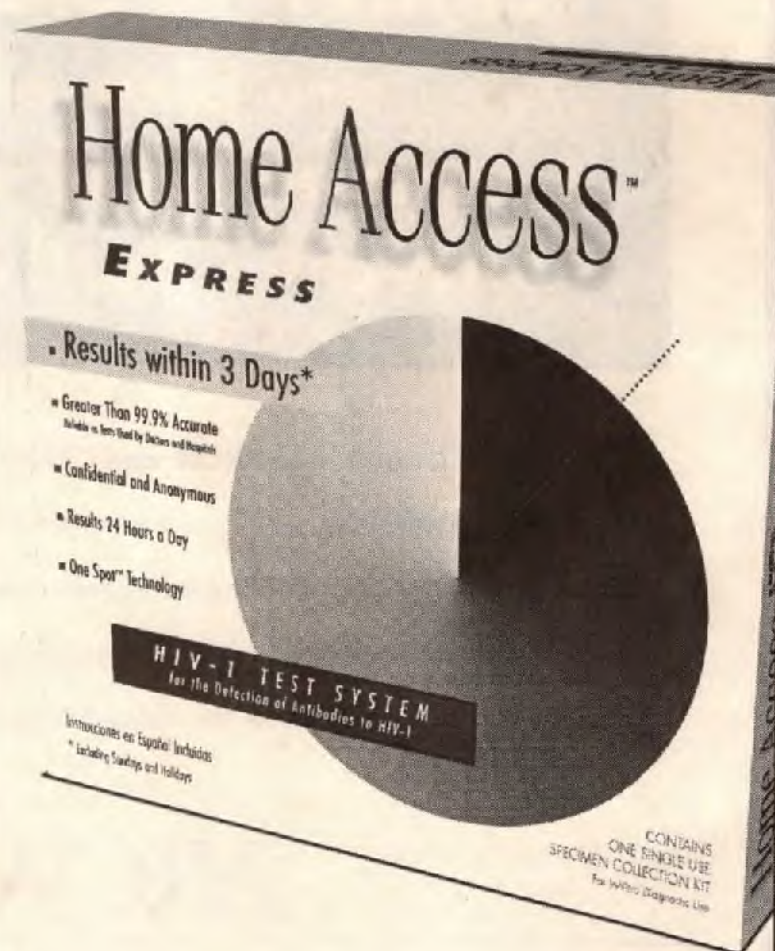
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OUTINGS: Travels in the Midwest

by Donald M. Aucutt

Prairie Garden Bed & Breakfast

Easing into the Prairie Garden Bed and Breakfast jacuzzi, which owner Todd Olson had told me about the night before, was all I was thinking about. All, because the Wisconsin winter had been predictably long, if not particularly difficult, and the last time I'd been in a jacuzzi and/or hot tub was in October at a resort next to the Raccoon River in Iowa. I wanted warmth engulfing me.

But first, I needed to meet Todd, who owns the B&B with partner Dennis Stocks. Which we, my partner John being along, too did after passing near the welcoming rainbow flag at the front entrance. I'd been told he was very friendly and handsome. True, I found. Todd began telling us about the B&B and what to do, what to see. A quick look out sliding glass doors showed Devil's Head ski area on the Baraboo Range across the Wisconsin River; Prairie Garden is a half hour north of Madison. Glancing out also revealed the covered jacuzzi. Dennis was away, at work.

We toured inside. Prairie Garden is housed in a 19th century carpenter Gothic-style farmhouse with a recent addition. Downstairs are the Prairie Suite, a bedroom with sitting area, TV, private bath and whirlpool; two more bathrooms, a refrigerator for guests, a front room with lots of guides about the area, a large living room with fireplace, and the kitchen where "big country farm breakfasts" are served. Sausage, gravy and biscuits, eggs, home-fried potatoes and fresh fruit always. Upstairs are the Country Suite and the English and Swiss garden rooms. "Each room has a garden theme to it," Todd reminded. Farm relics are displayed. The

place is wonderfully neat and clean. I'd enjoy a night here, I thought.

Outside, which looks like a working farm because of the remnant group of old red buildings, more introductions were required. He took us to see Bob, the black-faced sheep, a big —stood up to about my armpits— and bulky ram, actually a wither, Todd said. "Look, Bob's ear is pierced. He's gay," he added. Well, yah, gay in intent, I thought. Bob was once destined for the slaughterhouse, and then befriended by a touchy-feely, wool-loving family; he now cavorts with three other sheep and a little goat named Lena. I petted Bob for a while; I liked him (thought about sheep stories). Then we walked about the barn



next door, "a cathedral in the country," said Todd and met Leon Messier, a woodwright who lives in his workshop in the barn. There were several pieces of his handmade furniture. Farther down the hill toward the river is a small house; it was

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a hotel across the Wisconsin in tiny Merrimac in the mid 19th century and is now home for Todd's grandmother.

Back in the house in the kitchen, I recalled that the key to B&B is hospitality. We recollected that as Todd poured glasses of wine. He served in plastic because we would soon go out to the spa. A phone call interrupted, a call from Chicago for a reservation, the caller being "a tall, dark and handsome stud," Todd let us know. We heard data being entered. Back with us, Todd said, "Basically we just really enjoy having a safe haven for the community out in the country." Almost all guests are gay or lesbian. Many are urban. Prairie Garden will have an ad in Damron, and Todd, a former international flight attendant, expects guests from all over the world. "I used to go to Europe for weekends; now the world comes to us," he said.

What's to do, we asked Todd? Some guests simply enjoy relaxing; these people might nap in the hammock. Many visit the nearby nude beach on the Wisconsin River. Others visit Devil's Lake, or hike, watch eagles fishing the Wisconsin, or in the winter ski. Others go to bars in Madison. A frequent dining place is the Firehouse on the River in Prairie du Sac. Used to helping, Todd said, "I feel like a cruise director."

At long last, it was time to get into the jacuzzi. We followed B&B rules and showered, stepped outside and into 104-degree water. The air above was 27 degrees. Great! We agreed with Todd's description of Prairie Garden as a "cozy oasis." The sky darkened. "Clothing optional at night," said Todd. I thought about sticking around.

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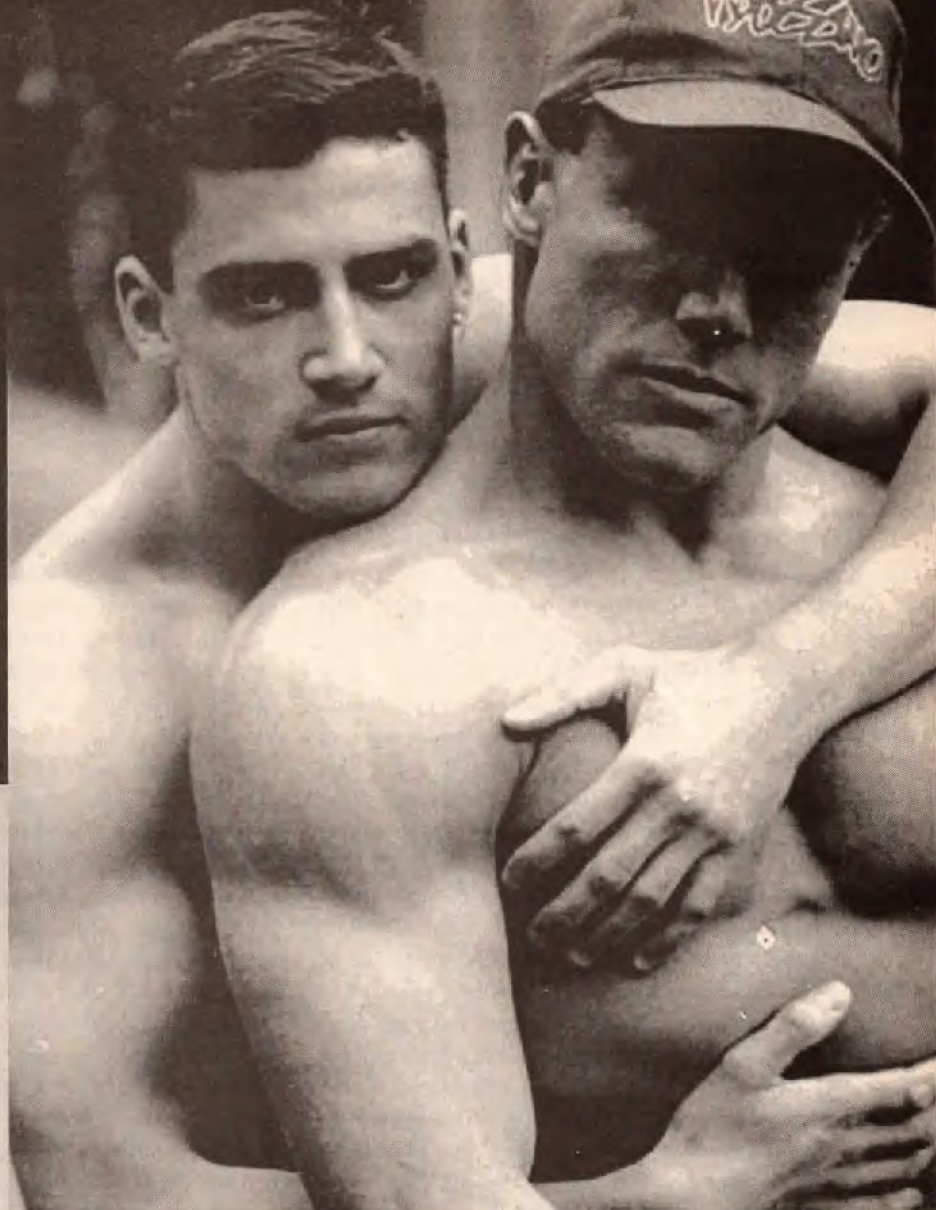
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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

She Works Hard for the Money

It was a moment fixed in time. The waiters had already cleared the chicken, cups of assorted brown caffeine had been aspartamed. No one needed to bang a knife on a water glass. The senator was at the podium. He was not OUR senator.

It was the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Governors for HRC, Human Rights Campaign, you know, it used to be Human Rights Campaign FUND. It had remonikered as a matter of policy and new management, making it the only national group to lengthen its name by subtracting a letter. (Because when you mention it to blank stares, you have to say, "HRC. You know, it used to be HRCE.")

A few hundred cell-phone lesbians and gay men, who could afford to put travel expenses on their own plastic had gathered in DC, (or as I call it, Lesbian Central - oh, all those poor, poor single women with not enough men to go around. Awww.) in one of those anonymous, could-be-in-any-city hotels. Thirty floors of room service. A billion frequent flyer miles clocked hourly. These are the places where all those teeny bottles of no-name shampoos, conditioners, shoeshine cloths and moisturizers in your medicine cabinet are birthed. This was a group that could find the fitness club floor pretty much on instinct, and mirrored the affluent new stereotype our few remaining enemies have re-strategized, now that us and "child-molester" are no longer so singularly synonymous.

HRC (You know, it used to be HRCE) is not your average group of everyday under-achievers, and it was clear from the expensive haircuts, and Paul Stewart and Donna Karan corporate casual, that nobody arrived at this festival in a Volkswagen van or slept in sleeping bags in the park. This was the yearly budget discourse, pep talk, get-one-more-check-for-the-Gipper rally that has effectively forced the balance sheet of this national, political, lobbying league into the multiple millions.

For years, HRC (You know, it used to be HRCE) has taken a bad rap in hometowns everywhere, as carpet baggers who come into your community, raise money, and take it mysteriously away in the name of national need, and don't spend a whole lot on sending letters of gratitude to the worker bees. I'm sorry to say, it's an accurate rap. It regularly gets expense account activists to put on an pricey soiree for the checkbook community. The black-tie tickets costs a month of lunches for the proletariat. And HRC (You know, it used to

be HRCE) doesn't quite have its appreciation application loaded into the new computers. So if you hear any gripes about it at all, that'll be the one. "They take our money and don't even bother to say 'Thank you.'" I've heard too many times. So let me tell you about the senator. Alfonse D'Amato. (R-NY). Vigilant(e) White Water/House watcher. Not on our list of ever available allies. And a diminished surprise to the assembled who, last year at lunch got a genuine Kennedy for dessert.

Affable Al uncomfortably explained his appearance. (No, he looked just fine. It was being in our midst at all that he felt the need to justify. Although he might better have saved his defense for the New York Times. (It was Saturday. Maybe no one would notice.) He was, he told us, changing his image. Mr. Sensitive Guy. He made fun of himself for making fun of Judge Ito on The Don Imus Show and getting caught at it. It was a good strategy in an election year coming.

For half an hour he never said our proper names. Not once. He talked in generalities about group oppression and oppressed groups. Told us about his own discrimination as an Italo-American. And how he understood our feelings. Talked of practical realities. Of recruiting reluctant allies if we were to win the political popularity game. Then he daddy-lectured us (Don't ask. Don't expect.) about not demanding marriage rites. And shifted to the art of the possible, ENDA. Employment Non-Discrimination Act which nearly passed last year, and will be our ONLY job discrimination protection. He pontificated. And hedged. And advised. And didn't commit.

And then he made every single dollar HRC (You know, it used to be HRCE) squeezed from festive dinners in elegant, anonymous hotels worth the price of admission. He paused, staring at the ceiling, seeming, spur of the moment, to decide, "And..." the senator said, feeling the pressure, and making the decision right before our very eyes ... "I'll be ... one ... of-the-co-sponsors." It came out of the blue. Sunned silence for seconds. Then dawning applause.

It took hundreds and hundreds of hours of expensive lobbying to get to this moment. Telephone bills to the sky. Pricy push and pressure. Educate. Before our very eyes. The pay-off. In one fixed moment, the spotlight illuminated exactly what our memberships and dinner dates buy us from HRC. (You know, the F is silent.)

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Sunday, March 23

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Arts:

Wednesday, March 19

Milwaukee Art Museum: Free Senior Day (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Vogel/Helffer Galleries. Free admission for people 50 or older, the day includes guided tours of the Plains Indian Drawings exhibition, entertainment, plus discounts in the Museum Shop and Art's Deli. The exhibition includes more than 150 outstanding drawings on paper made by members of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Lakota tribes. Ask about our free bus program for groups of 15 or more. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Thursday, March 20

A Room Of One's Own: Jan Zita Grover (Madison): 6:30 p.m. The author of "North Enough: AIDS and Other Clear-Cuts" will be doing a reading. Jan Zita Grover will read from her collection of essays which explores the connections between her work as an AIDS worker in San Francisco to her time treating the devastated north woods of Minnesota. The reading is free and open to the public. Location: 317 W. Johnson St. For more information call (608) 257-7888.

AfterWord: Book Reading (Milwaukee) 7 p.m. The AfterWord's Lesbian Book Club will discuss "Virtual Equality" by Urvashi Vaid.

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Friday, March 21

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster (Milwaukee): Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster, March 7 - May 4, The first North American exhibition by this artist features installations based on her critiques and reactions to her surroundings. Gonzalez-Foerster will create an installation in Milwaukee as a reaction to the city and her meeting with female students on campus. UWM Art Museum, 3253 N. Dawner Avenue. Hours of the museum are 12 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. For more information call (414) 229-5070.

Thursday, March 27

A Room Of One's Own: Gerda Lerner (Madison): 6:30 p.m. A book release party for Gerda Lerner's new book, "Why History Matters: Life & Thought". In honor of Women's History Month, Gerda will be on hand to read and sign from her new release. Be the first to get a signed copy from one of the founders of Women's History. The reading is free and open to the public. Location: 317 W. Johnson St. For more information call (608) 257-7888.

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Life's a Drag

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"I found out it'd cost \$400 to get my house painted... so I just had it photographed."



INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

April is National Poetry Month, something which I suspect most of you will be celebrating just as heartily as you did National Peanut Month, which was in March, or so a waiter told us recently, so it must be true. And, to be honest, I'm not sure I'll be celebrating National Poetry Month either, in spite of my undying devotion to that art: I had a kind of bad poetry trip in February that I'm still coming down off of. Let's just blame it on the weather, and not my poor judgment.

It was night of near-blizzard conditions, which had been preceded by a day of flood-producing rains: most sensible people stayed in that night. Which probably explains a lot about the evening. To say the audience was sparse would be an overstatement. At the advertised starting time, there were literally seven people in an auditorium that posted a 211-seating capacity, one of whom was my girl friend and

four of whom were related to the other reader/performer/poet/storyteller (a man of many hats). Sensible people might cancel the "show." But I found myself among professionals: the show must go on.

Originally, the reading was to have been filmed by a cable program for later rebroadcast, but the cable crew was unable to make it, the roads in their suburb having been flooded out. At the time, I was somewhat happy about that, not wanting on tape evidence that would make me look like about the most unpopular writer in the world or a fool, reading my poetry out into a near-empty auditorium. But now I am starting to wish that they had made it, so I might share the bizarreness of the night with others. Instead, I will try to paint a picture with words.

I had planned, that evening, to do a varied program. I would begin with just under a dozen poems, read a short short story, and then read several essays. But as I looked into the very elderly faces of the other guy's parents, I knew that changes would need to be made. Actually, the poems, while not exactly igniting visible passion in their faces, seemed to go just fine. But I felt absurd standing up there, towering over those ten faces—for by now, the audience had swelled to that huge number—and I started jettisoning whole portions of my reading like a captain struggling to keep afloat her sinking ship. So the short short story was tossed aside, lightening my burden.

And then even more urgent priorities began to assert themselves: there was no way in hell I felt I could read, as I had planned, a chunk of the sex chapter from my collection of essays with the eyes of this man's parents burrowing into me. I could have lost them, in an audience of a hundred or even 50 or 60, but with them front and center and with few other places for me to look, I knew I could never make it through lots of frank and funny sex talk with someone's grandparents listening in.

So I scrambled quickly to select some other passage from my book. Motherhood, I thought. I'll read about motherhood: who can be against motherhood? But what had seemed like a safe choice gradually began to unnerve me, as I started noticing with what regularity the word "dyke" came up in my work. Dyke this, and dyke that, and I'm a dyke, and she's a dyke, and we live in a very dykey world. That ounce of internalized homophobia I keep tucked away began to roll

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through me, gathering steam. I started to practice Evelyn Woods's speed reading out loud, while sweat collected at various places on my body, and it was all I could do to curb my impulse to turn and run from the stage, mid-sentence. I *had* identified, in the audience, two or three gay folk besides my gal, and I tried to focus on them, to tell myself I was reading for them. But that family was right there, directly in front of me. And if they were not literally hissing and booing at me, neither did they crack a smile. I could tell they thought I was the unfunniest person they'd ever heard.

The vantage point from the audience, once I got there, was no less surreal. While the second person on the bill was finishing up, the third person finally arrived, so we took a break to let her get settled. At which point, half of the audience left—i.e., the elderly parents and kin. This meant, though, that when the drawing for door prizes came at the end of the evening, one's odds of winning were surprisingly good. The emcee/organizer of the evening's event pulled slip after slip of paper before he came up with a name that did not belong to the departed family members. My friend Greg won the copy of my book on softball that I donated, and his partner Eric won a gift certificate to a hair salon chain and a Luther Vandross Christmas CD. Eric, certain his hair guy would never forgive him for going to someone else, let alone a chain, gave the certificate to me, so the evening was not a total loss. Maybe I'll use it to spiff up my 'do before my next auspicious and wildly successful reading.

One thing I know for sure is that if I celebrate poetry this month, it will be in a quiet way, a private way, a way that doesn't involve me pouring out my soul to 200 empty seats and some guy's parents. I will spend a reverent moment alone with Paul Monette or Audre Lorde and raise a juice-spritzer toast to the beauty they put on the page and out into the world. Of course, there's also that reading I have scheduled on the tenth. But maybe I'll be fully recovered by then, armed with a freshened 'do and the knowledge that even Noah only suffered the effects of bad weather once, ready to climb back on stage and celebrate the splendor and the power of the written word, including the word "dyke."

And you—what are you doing just sitting there? Get out and support your local poet, even if you want to render that support quietly, privately, by simply buying a book. Couldn't your life use a little more beauty?



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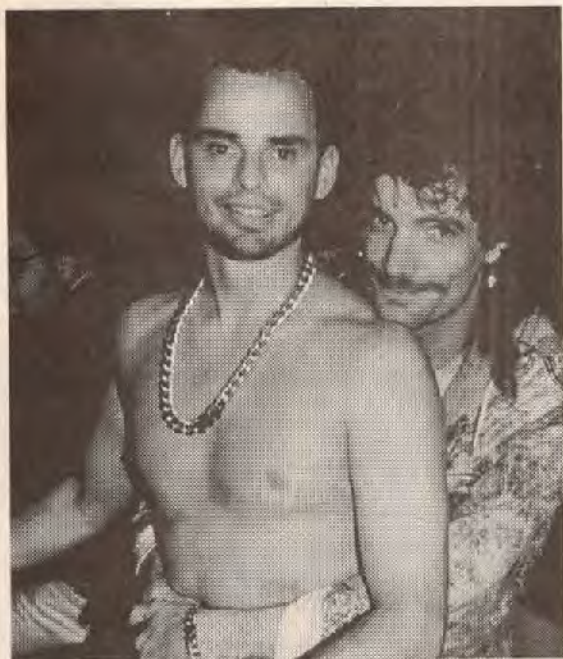
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— Fabulous door prizes at Mama Roux's anniversary extravaganza! / Photo Jamie



— I Remember You Ginger Spice at Club 219. Photo/Jamie



— Scandals Grand Opening! / Photo Jamie



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Miss Saigon

Ever since **Joel** gave me the Original London Cast Recording of **Miss Saigon** for Christmas, I have become a Saigon junkie. I have listened to the music at least a couple hundred times already, watched the video of **The Making of Miss Saigon** (in it's entirety) at least 6 times.

Knowing how much I wanted to see it, **Joel** cashed in on a favor and got us tickets. **New York**, here we come!

The flight to **New York** was just under 2 hours. We grabbed our luggage and hailed a cab... Holy shit, hang on to your seat! Keep in mind that this was my first time in **New York** not to mention first time in a **New York City** cab. I gotta tell ya, I was hangin' on for dear life.

Twenty five bucks later we were in front of the apartment we were going to spend the next couple of days in.

That night we hooked up with a couple of **Joel's** straight friends for some cocktails and a bite to eat. We hit a Mexican place on Columbus Avenue, enjoyed some eats, a little sour cream (the sour cream is a whole other story I don't have room for in this column) and some nice conversation.

After that it was time for me and **Joel** to hit the gay clubs. Our destination... **Splash**. Yecoooww. It took us a little time to warm up to the place but we were soon stuffing dollar bills into the stripper's G-string and chatting with the locals. After a few hours of that it was time to call it a night.

Next day we decided to wander around downtown **Manhattan**, checking out places like the **Chrysler Building**, **Rockefeller Center**, **Times Square**, and of course the **Ed Sullivan Studio**. And then there is the **Broadway Theater** where **Miss Saigon** is playing. We loitered around there for awhile and made it a point to know where the stage door was for later reference.

It was time for something to eat so we decided on **Lucky Cheng's**. (**Lucky Cheng's** has all transvestite waitresses.) We liked the one in **New Orleans** so much that it was an easy choice. We only have to hit the one in **South Beach** and we will have been to every **Lucky Cheng's** on the North American Continent.

The place was a little busier than the one in **New Orleans** but a little more sedate. **Joel** decided to liven up the place by telling our waitress **Kim**, that it was my birthday even though it wasn't. So they came by with a little cake and sang happy birthday to me.

Well that wasn't enough excitement for **Joel**, so he told

Kim (in their native language which I don't understand) that I was not embarrassed enough. All of the sudden the juke box kicked in with some **Donna Summer** song, the name of which I can't remember. One of the waitresses came over to our table, cleared it, climbed on top of it (and me) and started a table dance.

By this point I'm turning 6 different shades of red. All I remember is whip cream, my shirt and belt being pulled off and my face being buried in the crotch of a transvestite. I wasn't very happy about the whole thing but, everyone in the restaurant was havin' a hoot, so what the hell, I played along.

It was getting late and it was time to go. As we were leaving lor's of people wished me a happy birthday and let us know how much fun they were having. Yes, it did take me some time to forgive **Joel** but, I did and I'm pretty sure he will never pull a stunt like that on me again.

Next stop, the **Broadway Theater**. I was so excited, I was finally going to see **Miss Saigon**. Let me tell you, it was

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everything I expected and more. The cast was right on, I didn't notice a single mistake. Did I make it through the whole show without a few tears? What do you think.

After the show we went outside to the stage door, waiting for cast members autographs. The first one I got was from the very cute **Welly Yang**, who played **Thuy**.

As we were waiting for more autographs, two of the cast members, **Darrell Autor** and **Eric Chan**, (both of which are very cute) were nice enough to talk to us for awhile.

A few minutes later we were getting the back stage tour. It was a dream come true! I am forever grateful to **Eric** and **Darrell** and will definitely look them up next time I am in **New York**.

So our trip to **New York** was fantastic and with the exception of a bitchy coat check at **The Works**, everyone was really cool.

A lot has been going on here in **Wisconsin** as well. For instance, the **Gay Comedy Jam** hit **Wisconsin** leaving a path of people in stitches.

Madison has a new place to hang out and it's called **Scandals**. The grand opening party was a blast! Complete with a fabulous **Z&L Productions** show. **Scandals** will definitely be a great place to party!

After the grand opening party we went over to **Manoeuvres** to see what was goin' on over there. From the looks of it, all of **Madison** was on a party.



—Mimi Marks discovers "law of gravity!" /Photo Jamie



—Nothing a couple of midal can't fix! Scandals Grand Opening. /Photo Jamie

Mama Roux has just celebrated their 3rd anniversary with a weekend long party. I made it there on Sunday, March 9th for the ending of (from what I was told) a great weekend celebration. If you haven't been to **Mama Roux**, you should check it out, the place is really cool and the people very friendly.

South Water Street Docks threw **Warren** out... I mean they threw him a going away party. Yup, **Warren** is off to **Pittsburgh** to pursue life down there. I wish you good luck gurl.

Monday March 10th, **Club 219** hosted the 6th annual **I Remember You Ginger Spice Benefit Show**. This is one of **219's** biggest and best shows and for good reason. This show is a benefit for **Milwaukee AIDS Project**. All of the performers **DONATED** their time and in the case of **Mimi Marks** and **Cezanne**, they traveled to **Milwaukee** at their **OWN** expense to help raise money in remembrance of **Ginger Spice**. Other performers included **BJ Daniels**, **Mary Richards**, **Dominique Mahon**, **Lena Chavez** and special guest star, **Kimberly Ann**.

Well I've just about run out of room so it's time to wrap it up. Once again, I would like to thank the people that read this column and let me know you enjoy it. Believe me, it keeps me going. Until next issue, think spring and as always, slower traffic keep right.

Mondays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors!
 M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers! \$4.
 LaCage (Milwaukee): "Shake A Drink."
 Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.75 Miller Brands: 8 pm to close.
 Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.
 The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.50 rail.
 Manoeuvres (Madison): Rails, Domestic bottled, and Top Miller Lite \$1.75!
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. (drinks as low as \$.25). Beer Bust from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for \$6.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): Martini Specials. \$1.50 all Miller Products.
 Club 219 (Milwaukee): Absolut Nite! \$1.25.
 South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.).
 Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. 2 for 1 pints domestic beer until 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 Top Shelf, \$1.50 rail.
 Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks, \$5.50 beer bust!
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers \$4, Pizza's \$4.
 Manoeuvres (Madison): Pints of Miller Lite, \$1.75!
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): "Shake A Drink" (Aces Free and Sixes Half Price) from 3 p.m. until 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.
 South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1

Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.) Pull TABS; 9 p.m. until 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.
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar rail for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$5.00 from 3-7 p.m. Beer Bust from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for \$6.
 Manoeuvres (Madison): All Rails, \$2!
 The Office (Rockford, IL): \$0.50 Drafts. Dj - Blair'N!
 Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Double Bubble 8 p.m. until midnight.
 Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.50 Cans/Bottles of Miller Products.
 South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Double Bubble it all Day!! 2-4-1 Cocktails, open to close!
Thursdays:
 Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Bust!
 M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres from 5 p.m. until closing.
 LaCage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust", plus DJ & Dancing 7 nites a week.
 Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 6-8 p.m. 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.50 rail drinks: 8 p.m. to close.
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rail Drinks \$1.25.
 Club 94 (Kenosha): \$5.50 Beer & Wine Bust!
 The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, \$1.50 rail.
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs (Drinks as low as \$.25) from 3-7 p.m.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): "Dollar Doze" - \$1 Beer/Wine and \$1.50 Well Drinks.
 Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Live Entertainment!
 South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.). \$0.75, taps from 9 until close.
 Manoeuvres (Madison): Special Ex & Ex light, \$1.75!
 Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.00 Tappers, \$2 7 crown

and \$2 Captains!

Fridays:

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry with other great specials!
 Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 5-10 p.m. 2-4-1: 4-8 p.m. After Midnight Specials!
 Manoeuvres (Madison): \$.50 off all Whiskey Drinks!
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Imported Beer, \$2 from 3 p.m. until close. Six
 Shorties in a Bucket for \$5.
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): College Night ID required- Battle beer \$1.50, Tappers \$0.75.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! Dj - Cris!
 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): 'until 6 p.m. \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound!
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rolling Rock \$1.50, Schapps \$1.
 Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer bust from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. for \$6.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! Dj - Jerry!
 Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Cold Schnapps Shots!
 Manoeuvres (Madison): Rolling Rock battles, \$2.
Bar Events
Wednesday, March 19
 Ball Game (Milwaukee): Dart Night: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 Cell Block (Chicago): "Cigar Cool" Book Release Party with author Diane Edelman. 9 p.m. until

midnight.

Thursday, March 20

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!
Friday, March 21
 Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!
 C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"- showtime at 11:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 22
 C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 11 p.m.
 Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. -Jeff-Jim.
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): Drag Queen Classics Show!, Youth show is an alcohol-free event at 6:30 p.m. \$5. Adult show at 10:30 p.m. \$3. Both shows benefit the BESTD Clinic. Outreach from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, March 23
 B's Bar (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. "Mr. & Miss Brew City Leather Contest," \$5. Benefit the BESTD Clinic. Sign up at Bar!
 Gentry on Halsted (Chicago): 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Honey West!
Monday, March 24
 Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Party! Every Monday at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26
 Cell Block (Chicago): Full Moon Party and Contest! With Staff of Boot Camp from Milwaukee.
Thursday, March 27
 Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!
Friday, March 28
 Triangle (Milwaukee): 5 p.m., Rays Birthday Party! 11 p.m. Lights Out Party!
Saturday, March 29
 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.

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Faces (Chicago): 9 p.m. Honey West!

Community

Friday, March 21

GAMMA: Dining Out (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Dining Out. Enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine with your friends in GAMMA. The restaurant prices are moderate. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, March 22

GAMMA: Make A Promise Dinner (Milwaukee): GAMMA has reserved a table at the Make A Promise Dinner. Join us at our table for a donation of \$75 to MAP. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

OUtreach: B's Bar (Milwaukee): HIV testing at B's Bar from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sponsored by: Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic and Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

David Schimmel: Interactive Retreat (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get to know friends who will help you make sense of your experience, support your efforts at personal integration and point to the presence of God in your midst. Retreat includes lunch. Admission: \$35 at the door. For more information call (773) 561-4253.

Sunday, March 23

Come to Believe AA Group: Open Meeting (Green Bay): Every-Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., Metropolitan Community Church, 614 Fprest Street. For more information call (414) 432-0830.

Monday, March 24

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

GAMMA: Book Club (Milwaukee): Book Club meets to discuss "Noel Coward: A Biography" by Philip Hoare. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Tuesday, March 25

University of WI-Milwaukee: Robert Hall (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. March 7, 14, 18, and 25. March 16 at 2 p.m. "From Bunnies and Bees to Flowers and Trees: The Favorite Numbers of Nature" by Robert Hall, Department of Mathematical Sciences. Family friendly one-hour performance that educates as well as fascinates. Physics Building, Room 137 at E. Kenwood Blvd. and N. Cramer Street.

OUtreach: Club 219 (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Club 219 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sponsored by: Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic and Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Saturday, March 29

Milwaukee Public Museum: "Smedley's Birthday Party and Dino Egg Hunt" (Milwaukee): 1 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Sponsored by Pick 'n Save. For more information call (414) 278-2700.

Monday, March 31

Frontiers: Rap Group (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Open discussion. Location: Tim's, 545 Moorland Road, #202. For more information call (608) 274-7272.

Wednesday, April 2

OUtreach: LaCage (Milwaukee): HIV testing at LaCage from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sponsored by: Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic and Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Film/TV

Wednesday, March 19

Frontiers: "My Beautiful Launderette" (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Location: Peter, 7610 Radcliffe Drive, Apt. B. For more information call (608) 827-8262.

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, March 20

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: World Cinema (Milwaukee): January 23-April 20. The Community Media Project (CMP), a division of the Film Department in the School of Fine Arts. For more information call (414) 229-2931.

Great Lakes Film & Video (GLF&V) is 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 more information call (414) 229-6971. Tickets: \$5.50 general admission, \$4.50 students.

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

Saturday, March 22

Madison Gay Video Club: Movies (Madison): 8 p.m. "Total Eclipse" (dir. Agnieszka Holland, 1995), 5th Annual Gay Erotic Video Awards, Best of 1996. For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

The University of Chicago: DOC Films (Chicago): DOC Films, the oldest student-run film group in the country, specializes in top-quality recent releases as well as the finest films of the century. Movies are shown in Ida Noyes Hall's Max Palevsky Cinema, 1212 E. 59th Street. Admission is \$3 Sunday through Thursday, \$4 Friday and Saturday; quarterly passes are avail-

able for \$22. Call (773) 702-8575 for 24-hour film and ticket information.

Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater: Destiny in Space (Milwaukee): For show times and ticket information call (414) 319-IMAX.

Gallery

Wednesday, March 19

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

Gallery 218: "Spring Membership Exhibition" (Milwaukee): Local artists are exhibiting painting, pastels, photography, as well as steel, metal, and wood objects. For more information call (414) 277-7800.

Friday, March 21

Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic Gallery: "Wolly Pate" (Milwaukee): The show entitled "And When I Dream: The Art of Wolly Pate." 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.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: "4. New Work by Students in Graphic Design at UWM" (Milwaukee): For more information call (414) 229-6310.

Saturday, March 22

Walker's Point Center For The Arts: "Palace" (Milwaukee): February 22 - March 30. "Palace," an exhibition at two sites, organized by Brad Killam and Michelle Grabner. For more information call (414) 672-2787.

Wednesday, April 2

David Barnett Gallery: "Renée McGinnis Paintings" (Milwaukee): For more information call (414) 271-5058.

Friday, April 4

Valenti Art & Design Gallery: "Images from Elsewhere" (Milwaukee): 5 - 8 p.m. Two personal views of the Inner Landscape and Beyond, paintings by Valerie J. Christell and sculpture by Mark Winter. Location: 1223 N. Prospect Avenue. Gallery hours: Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 1-5 p.m. Saturdays 11 - 5 p.m. or by appointment (414) 774-4361.

Live Music

Friday, March 21

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Bernadette Peters (Chicago): 8 p.m. March 21-22. For more information call (312) 294-3000.

Historical Keyboard Society of WI: Mainstage Concert (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Trio Sonnerie with Wilbert Hazelzet featuring the trio from Musical Offering. For tickets and further information, call (414) 226-BACH (2224).

Monday, March 24

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: "ZAP MAMA" (Chicago): 8 p.m. World Music At Orchestra Hall presents: ZAP MAMA, renowned for its vibrant, high-energy live performances, this multi-cultural female a cappella ensemble mixes musical traditions to create its "mesmerizing" sound. For more information call (312) 294-3000.

Wednesday, April 2

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: "Brahms Alone" (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. At the Pabst Theater. For more information call (414) 291-7605.

Cafe Melange: "US Project" (Milwaukee): 9:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Theatre/Dance

Friday, March 21

Broom Street Theater: "Muffy The Bitch" (Madison): 8 p.m. Location: 1119 Williamson St. Admission: \$7. For more information call (608) 244-8338.

Sunday, March 23

Grand Opera House: Pilobolus Dance Theatre (Oshkosh): 7 p.m. Athletics, artistry, imagination, and a healthy lack of respect for the gravitational forces account for the beauty of Pilobolus Dance Theatre. For more information call (414) 424-2350.

Saturday, March 29

The Mode Theatre: "A Tribute To The Great Women Of Comedy" (Waterloo): 8 p.m. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Sunday, March 30

University of WI-Milwaukee and Marquette University: "Dancefindings" (Milwaukee): 6-9 p.m. January 30 - March 30. A video/dance installation created by Robert Ellis Dunn and Matt Chernov. Located at the Hogarty Museum of Art, 13th and Clybourn. Gallery hours: Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday: 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 228-7290.

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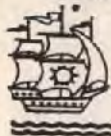
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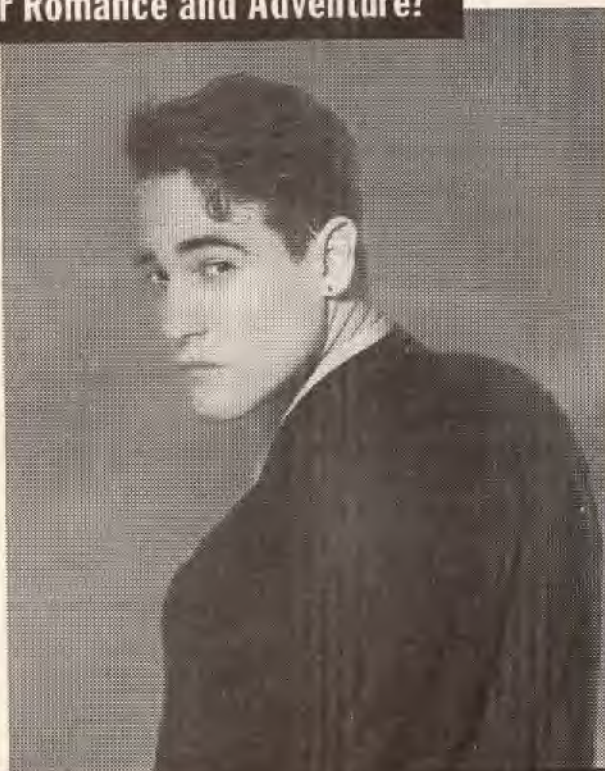
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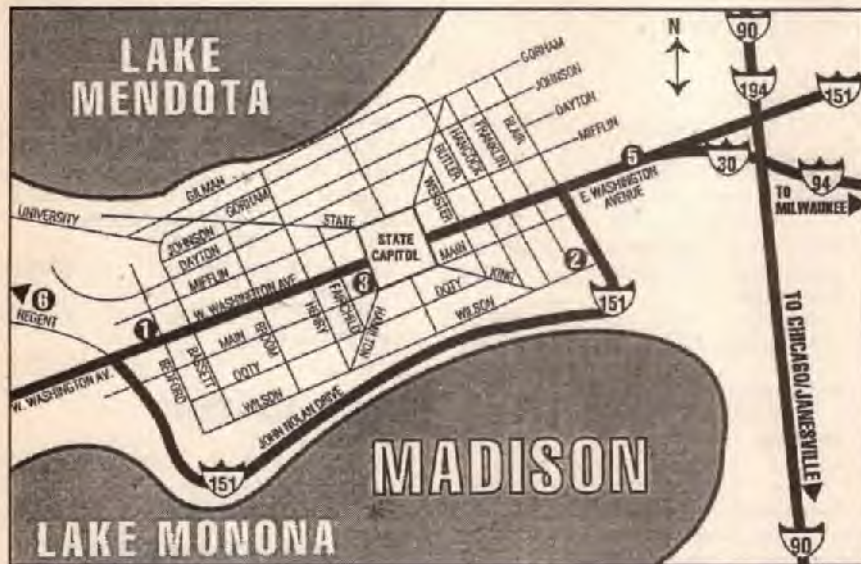
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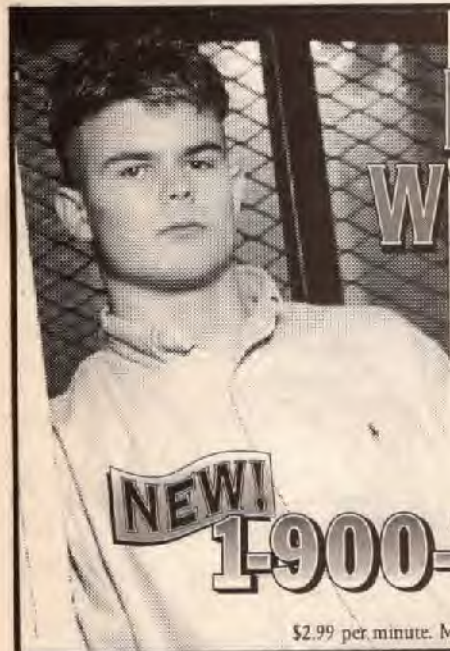
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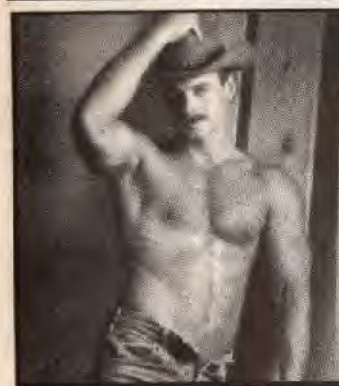


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This Bi, White male is looking for discreet, early morning, encounters with very well endowed top men. I'm 5'9, 180lbs, and very hot and tight. You should be between 40 and 50 and have a place to go. I need it hot and hard, and often. (Fox Cities) #14525

OUT OF CONTROL

If you're the dominant male I'm looking for, I'm willing to do your bidding, whatever that may be. I'm a 44 year old, extremely submissive, Bi, White male. I'm in desperate need of control. (Green Bay) #12639

HOT WHEELS I may be in a wheelchair but I love to have fun like everybody else. I'm a 42 year old male, 168lbs. I want to meet guys interested in having good times. (Janesville) #29432

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

SURF THIS TURF This handsome, 44 year old, White male surfer boy wants to be your butthole surfer. If it feels as good for you as it is fun for me, we'll have a great time. (Madison) #29454

TIME ON MY SIDE I may be in a wheelchair but I have many gifts to give. I'm a sincere, stable man, interested in making a new friend to spend time with. (Madison) #29318



KEY TO THE CITY I need someone to show me the Gay way in Madison. I'm a 32 year old, White male, 6ft, 175lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and good looks. I don't have much experience and need a patient, nice guy to help me get assimilated. I like the outdoors, working out, running, rollerblading, biking, music, and much more. (Madison) #28609

HOT TIME TONIGHT This attractive, professional White male, 25, has dark features, a mustache, and a variety of interests. I want to meet nice looking men, 21 to 38, who are masculine, well endowed, and have good builds. Let's start with hot times. I'm open to all possibilities other than facial and body hair are big plusses. (Madison) #11130

HOW DEEP IS YOUR FANCY? Need a hot top to tickle your fancy? I'm eager to take on the job. I'm a well endowed, White male, 26, 6'1, 185lbs, with light Brown hair, and Brown eyes. I'm looking for erotic encounters with willing bottoms, between 18 and 30. (Madison) #22820

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

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

CHUB MANIA

This chubby, Gay, Black male, 6ft, 240lbs, is very attracted to other chubby, Black men. Let's get together. (Milwaukee) #29213

THE BODY BARBER

Are you a little bit curious about experimenting in body shaving? We could do the whole thing, a partial, or maybe just a trim. For expert body shaving, get in touch with me. You lay back, I do the work. (Milwaukee) #17826

MEET ON THE MAT I want to meet guys interested in meeting on the mat for some wrestling or judo. You should be under 40 years old, in good shape, and weigh over 170lbs. Some experience on the mat will also come in handy. (Milwaukee) #20332

WELCOME ME BACK I recently returned to town after living in Chicago for a number of years. I'd like to meet new friends interested in music, and theater. I'd like to go out for dinners and talk, and talk, and talk. You know, just have a nice time together. (Milwaukee) #28633

COUPLE OF LAUGHS We're a good looking, in shape, couple, in our thirties, looking for people in the northern part of the state to get together and have some laughs with. (Milwaukee) #28844

UNLOCK THE SHACKLES I'm the product of a strict, religious upbringing and I need to let loose. I'm looking for my first some-sex experience with a Transvestite, Transsexual, or she male. I'm a very masculine, White male, 29, 6ft, with a nice build, Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm clean and healthy and don't smoke or drink. (Milwaukee) #13459

A CLASS ACT Handsome with a kind heart, sharp mind, slender body & exceptional character. Financially successful, yet down to earth. Emotionally secure & open minded with a rather irreverent sense of humor, & fun to be with. At 42, life is good. I'd like it to be wonderful; might you be the cause? Seeking the right guy, under 30, who appreciates substance, sensitivity, & warmth. No hurry, friends first, then...? (Milwaukee) #13620

ORAL AFTERNOONS This Gay, White male, professional writer, 5'10, 180lbs, would like to meet Gay, White, or Asian, males, 18 to 40, for oral afternoons and evenings. Experience not necessary. I'm a smoker and moderate drinker. (Milwaukee) #12856

CRUSH ON CROSSDRESSERS

This Single, White professional male, 36, 6ft, 180lbs, is clean and discreet, and wants to meet crossdressers, Transvestites, and hermaphrodites. I promise to answer all responses. I can't wait to hear from you. (Milwaukee) #11132

I'LL COME TO YOU I'm a Married, Bi, White male and I want to meet other Bi males, or couples with a Bi male, for fun times. I'm professional, attractive, clean, and discreet and hope the same of you. I'm open to all scenes. If I haven't tried it but I'll give it a go at least once, so the unusual is fine. I travel the state so I can come to you, so to speak. (Milwaukee) #12114

I'M HOLDING BACK I'm a 25 year old, gay, best door with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like to go to movies, and listen to music. To find out more, call right away. (Milwaukee) #11433

SHE'S A LADY I'm a 21 year old, Black male, college student, and I'm looking for a special man who will treat me like a lady. You should be a Single, White male, between 25 and 35, who likes to cuddle, kiss, and do lots of other things. (Milwaukee) #10696

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING This very attractive top is looking for hot bottoms for frequent fun. I'm 21, half Puerto Rican, half White, 5'8, 135lbs, with short Brown hair, Brown eyes, full lips, and a washboard stomach. I have a slender, athletic build. You should be under 25, very attractive, masculine, in shape, self confident, and interested in me. I prefer guys who aren't into the bars. (Milwaukee) #10552

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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

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

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

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

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, dinners, 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

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. Spread '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 firm, 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

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

BULLS EYE I'm a bottom looking for very well hung guys who love to be orally serviced. I'm very hairy, 5'11, 175lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a mustache. I like movies, football, baseball, bowling, darts, and many other things. (Mukwonago) #28445

'STACHE IT HERE I find men in mustaches very sexy and want to meet you if you have one. I'm a 32 year old, Gay, White male, with dark Blond hair, and believe it or not, a mustache. (Oshkosh) #11649

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

69ING... I'm a 36 years old Bisexual man, 5'8", 170lb, in very good shape. Looking for guys to have fun and 69ing. Preferred well-hung guys. (Park Falls) #2109

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

OUR TALENTS COMBINED I want to try a relationship with an honest and mature Gay, White male, under 30. I'm a Gay, White male in my twenties, 5'10, 170lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I like music, dancing, socializing, movies, rollerblading, and conversation. I'm curious to see what we can stir up. (Wausau) #11717

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

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 business-man. Leave a sexy message for a quick callback. (Shawano) #25387

PHENOMENAL PHALLUS I'm a business traveler who covers the whole state. I'm very well endowed and want to meet guys who are similarly gifted. I'm a White male, 39, 5'9, 165lbs, and shaved all over. I'm extremely submissive and open to virtually anything. #12330

SEX ON MY MIND This adventurous, clean shaven, Bi White male, seeks similar men for sexy sessions. I'm 35, 6ft, 200lbs, with Brown hair. I like outdoor activities like camping and hiking. I live in northern Wisconsin where there are many remote campsites where we can act out our fantasies. #29118

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

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

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QUEER SCIENCE

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

If there ever was a stereotype about queers, it was this: gay boys couldn't throw a ball straight if their life depended on it. At school, we were the butter-fingered klutzes who got picked last for every team. If by some mischance the ball came our way, we'd lob it with an ineffectual flailing motion in totally the wrong direction, to the fury of our team-mates. But lesbians - why, your average lesbian can nail home plate from the right-field fence, while nonchalantly tossing a wad of chewing tobacco from one cheek-pouch to the other.

A couple of years ago, two psychologists at the University of Western Ontario, Jeff Hall and Doreen Kimura, set out to test whether there was any truth to the stereotype. They advertised on campus to find gay and straight women and men willing to be tested in return for cash. Having collected 78 guinea-pigs, they brought them to the test arena, which was set up like a fairground booth: you stood behind a line, and threw a Velcro-covered ball towards a target on a wall that was covered with carpeting. The wall had a target marked on it, and the researchers measured the distance between the target, and the spot where the ball stuck itself to the carpeting. (They could have used darts, of course, but what if the gay guys ended up nailing their feet to the ground?)

Well, the results were as expected. First, the straight men did way better than the straight women. That just confirmed a sex difference that has been reported in previous studies. But the gay men did about as badly as the straight women, and the lesbians did about as well as the straight men. In other words, being queer seems to make you "sex-atypical" in throwing ability.

The results were clear enough, but the interpretation - that's another matter. Some people would argue that all these differences are the result of socialization. Fathers take their sons to the ballpark and work on their throwing skills, while mothers engage their daughters in "arm's-length" activities like baking cakes. And queer kids are socialized to be gender rebels, so it's the opposite for them.

Kimura and Hall don't believe that. For one thing, if the differences resulted from training and experience, they should

be experience-specific. In other words, the differences should be most marked when the subjects threw the ball in the manner to which they were accustomed, and least marked when they were made to throw in some unusual manner. But that wasn't so - the differences were just as great when the subjects were made to throw with their "wrong" hand, or to throw underhand rather than overhand. Also, the researchers took detailed histories of the subjects' engagement in sports activities. When they applied statistical techniques to allow for differences in sports experience, the differences in throwing skills persisted.

Of course, the ideal experiment would be to test the throwing skills of gays and lesbians while they are very young children, before they get socialized. The problem is, you don't know who's going to be gay till years later, and no one has the patience for that kind of long-term study. Still, the basic sex difference has been confirmed in young children: boys throw more accurately than girls pretty much from the first moment they can heft a ball into the air. It

seems that accurate throwing is part of the cognitive "package" that comes with being male. Perhaps it's a relic from our hunter/gatherer days, when men were the hunters, women the gatherers.

So maybe the gay/straight difference is inborn too. That's what Hall and Kimura think. They propose that both throwing skill, and sexual orientation are governed by parts of the brain whose development is under the influence of sex hormones. So if genes or hormones or other biological factors drive the development of one system in the "male-typical" direction, it will likely drive the other system in that direction too. And vice versa.

That doesn't mean that gay men have female brains, or that lesbians have male brains. There are other traits that distinguish men from women, where gays and lesbians score the same as straight people of the same sex. It's as if gay people are a gender-blended mosaic. And I for one am perfectly happy with that.



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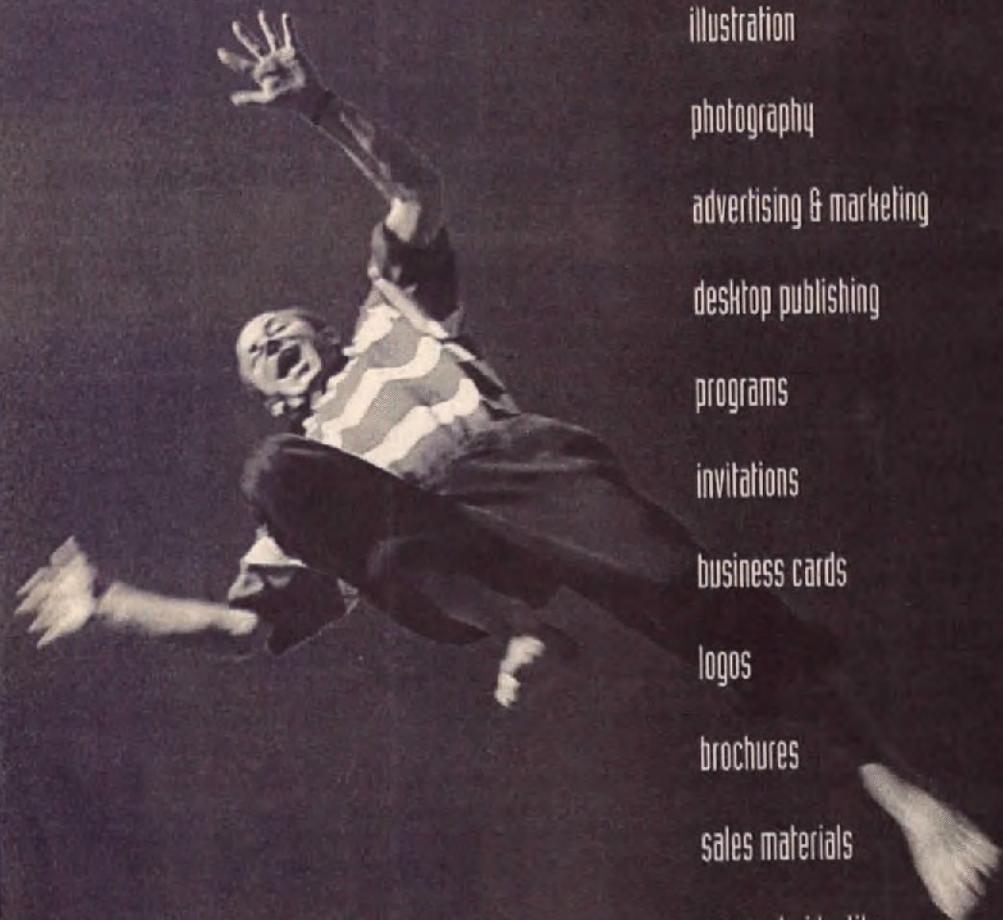
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