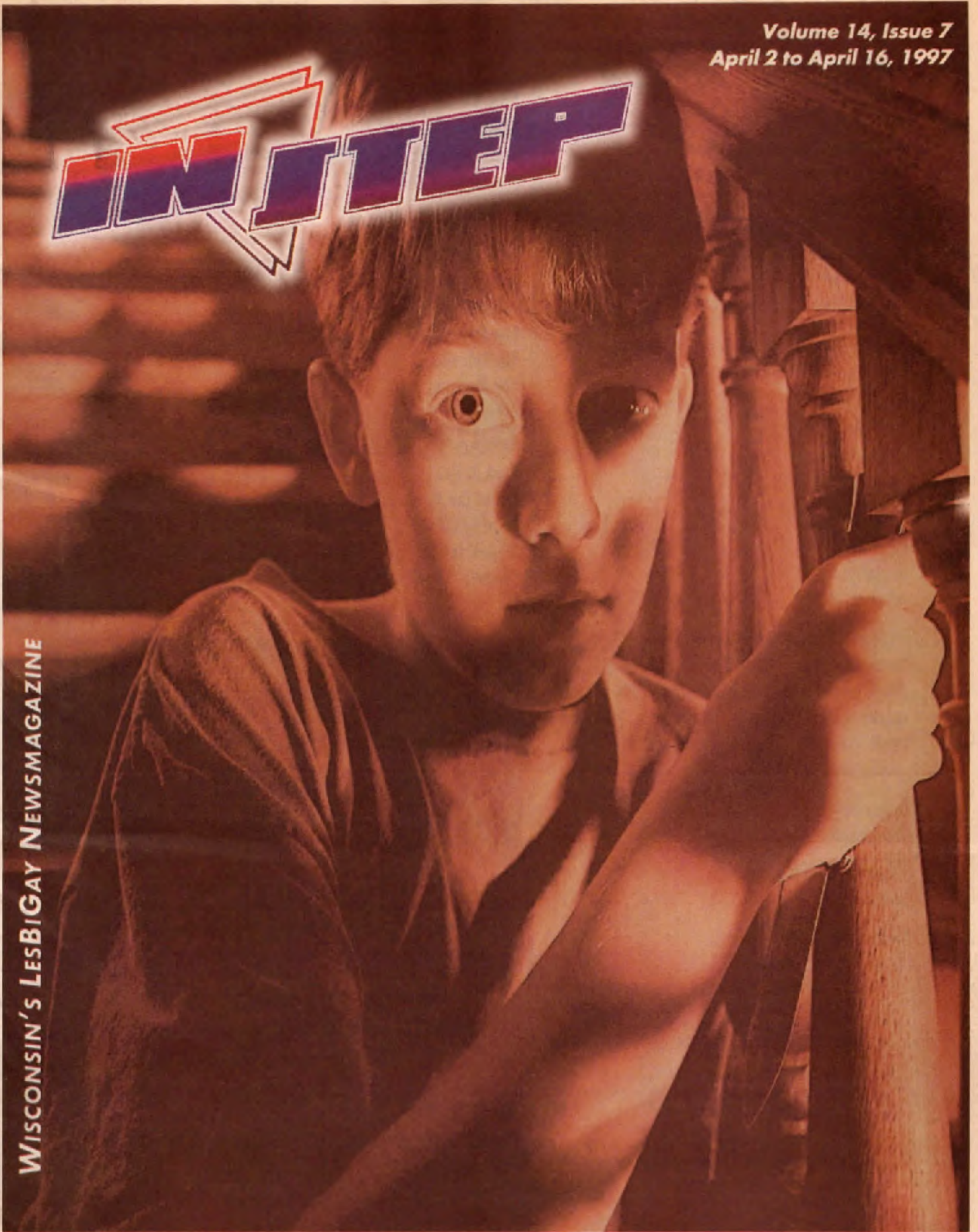


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ABC Rejects HRC 'Ellen' Commercial Spot Set to be Aired by Madison Affiliate

by William Attwell
of the In Step Staff

New York — ABC has turned down the Human Rights Campaign's request to place an anti-discrimination television ad during the "Ellen" coming out episode to be aired later this month.

Despite the network rejection, HRC said a majority of ABC affiliates it asked, then agreed to run the commercial. This includes WKOW-TV, Channel 27 in Madison. WISN-TV in Milwaukee agreed to run the ad, but HRC Communications Director David Smith told *In Step Newsmagazine* that HRC simply did not have the funds to cover the cost of spot in the Milwaukee market, although the spot was approved by Channel 12.

The ad, entitled "Shoes," features a woman who has just been fired from her job because of her sexual orientation. A conversation between her co-workers reveals that the firing, while unfair, is not against the law — a fact that, like most Americans, one of her colleagues is shocked to learn. The ad then offers a phone number for the Human Rights

Campaign that viewers can call to get more information.

Smith expressed regret that the network itself will not carry the ad nationally, he complimented ABC and its parent company, Disney, which produces "Ellen," for their own employment policies and for their courage in airing the coming out episode.

"ABC and Disney are model corporate citizens when it comes to treating their lesbian and gay employees fairly and equally in their personnel policies," said Smith. "It is unfortunate that ABC declined a national ad buy that would have maximized our limited resources, but both companies deserve enormous credit for this historic episode of "Ellen" in the face of pressure from religious political extremists opposed to any fair and accurate portrayals of lesbian and gay Americans on television."

Currently, HRC is planning to air the ad in the following markets: Albany, N.Y.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Atlanta; Austin, Texas; Bismarck, N.D.; Boston; Buffalo, N.Y.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Columbia, S.C.; Dallas; Denver; Erie, Pa.; Fargo, N.D.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Las Vegas; Los Angeles;

Television Has Taken Its Time Showing Gay Characters

Hollywood, CA — Network television has embraced the concept of gay characters with all the enthusiasm of a dental patient facing a root canal. Before "Cheers," there was "Corner Bar," a 1972 sitcom that focused on the wacky patrons of a New York City tavern. One of them was a gay set designer named Peter Panama. The show lasted only two seasons, but Panama (played by character actor Vincent Schiavelli) was probably the first gay character to have a recurring role on prime-time TV.

Billy Crystal played Jodie Dallas on "Soap," which ran from 1977 to 1981. It was a major role, but in the end Jodie decided that he liked

women, too, and had a baby with another character. Probably the first lesbian on TV was Jodie's roommate, Alice.

By 1981, when the Tony Randall sitcom "Love, Sidney" premiered, NBC was ready to have a leading character who was a "lifelong bachelor" with no visible interest in women. But his homosexuality was only implied, and the word "gay" was never uttered — even though the made-for-TV film on which the series was based had featured Sidney as openly gay.

In the '80s, the most visible gay characters were on "Dynasty," Javier said. "Brothers," a Showtime sitcom in the late '80s that featured a gay character, was "probably one of the first sensitive portrayals of a gay man," he said. And let's not forget the bedroom kiss from "thirtysomething," a show that introduced a major gay character in 1989.

The relative proliferation of gay characters

began in the late '80s. In early 1990, "L.A. Law" aired the first lesbian kiss. In the '96-'97 season, the count is 28 gay characters on TV, of which 12 are women, according to Javier. ABC leads with 13, followed by NBC with six, CBS with three, Fox with three, WB with one and HBO with one.

These gay characters are being portrayed as real people rather than stereotypes: Debbie Buchman and her gynecologist girlfriend, Joan, on "Mad About You"; Carter Heywood on "Spin City"; Hank's secretary, Brian, on "The Larry Sanders Show"; officer Abby Sullivan on "NYPD Blue"; Ross' ex-wife, Carol Wylick, and her partner on "Friends"; Nash Bridges' sister, Stacey Bridges, on "Nash Bridges"; Leo's sister, Rhonda Roth (Lisa Edelstein), on "Relativity"; and Matt Fielding on "Melrose Place." And the newest gay character on TV, besides Ellen Morgan, is Dr. Maggie Doyle, an emergency room intern on "E.R."

Madison, Wis; Manchester, N.H; Memphis, Tenn; Minneapolis; New Orleans; Phoenix; Portland, Maine; Portland, Ore; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Traverse City, Mich; and Washington. (Note: This list is subject to change.)

The spot was declined by affiliates in Chicago; Houston; Knoxville, Tenn; Nashville, Tenn; New York; Philadelphia; and Wilmington, N.C.

Statewide Media Coverage of AB-104 Largely Positive

*News and Analysis by John Quinlan
In Step contributing writer*

Madison — As we reported in our last issue, opponents of a bill prohibiting same sex marriage in Wisconsin were able to breathe a sigh of relief, taking advantage of a brief break in the action in late March after successfully winning a delay in floor action on AB 104 until May 13th. The hard work now begins in earnest, as throughout April and early May LGBT-supportive groups throughout the state harness the growing momentum to turn back the bill.

Through lobbying and public education efforts, there now seems to be hope of reversing a AB 104 which once seemed to be a done deal.

One of the most important linchpins to a successful campaign will be an effective statewide media plan that shines a light on the negative impact of the bill — and the divisive debate that will accompany it — on the lives of people throughout the state. Efforts thus far have included many successes, but there's a long way to go, organizers say.

In Madison, these successes included a flurry of strongly-worded LGBT-supportive editorials — from both daily newspapers and WISC-TV — in the days following the Wausau hearing. These unequivocal editorial voices denouncing AB-104 as hatred-driven and unnecessary from media on both

ends of the political spectrum provided crucial credibility to efforts to remove the bill from the fast track.

By and large, when the issue has been reported, the mainstream press has presented an accurate and sympathetic portrayal of lesbian and gay families. However, in some segments of the media — notably in the area of Milwaukee broadcast TV and, more surprisingly, in the Milwaukee and Madison alternative press — the issue has largely gone under reported.

Although LGBT-supportive people are sometimes disappointed with local news coverage of their issues, in contrast, representatives of the Religious Right often verge on paranoia and out-right hatred of the news media. One of the reasons that social conservatives moved the hearing to Wausau, it is argued, was to make the story difficult for the hated Milwaukee and Madison news media to cover it. And toward that end, they did succeed in large part.

To the extent that they have spoken out in the mainstream press, however, Religious Right spokespeople have often tried to gloss over some of the most hateful statements made at the Wausau hearings. The bill's major proponent, Rep. Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle) has been a relatively ubiquitous presence in news stories, carefully pursuing a "stealth" approach whose bottom line represents a "we don't hate gays at all, we just want to protect marriage" facade that is belied by her actions.

Seratti has avoided appearances that would have her directly debate Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), or LGBT-supportive spokespeople, clergy and family members.

Thus far, the Religious Right has successfully used its own media — primarily conservative Christian radio and TV stations — to rally its troops.

Participants in the Wausau hearing may recall the live presence of one radio station which seemed to be covering the hearings like a sporting event, complete with the rather biased observations of

its "hometown team" announcers.

They were preaching to the choir — and that choir was prevented from hearing much of what LGBT families were saying. Channel flipping Milwaukee area TV viewers will note that local Religious Right icon Vic Eliason has been repeatedly broadcasting tapes from the hearings on Channel 30 (interspersed with an ongoing anti-gay commentary) to stir up sentiment

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"Marriage Ban Is Cruel And Unnecessary"

by John Nichols, Editorial Writer

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The Wisconsin Assembly is preparing to commit an act of unnecessary cruelty... and if it goes ahead this state will lose a vital island of humanity and progressivism in a nation that too frequently lacks those qualities. The proposed ban on same sex marriage, to be considered by the Assembly, is not a product of sincere sentiment among Wisconsinites. Rather, it is a facsimile of legislation promoted nationally by calculating right-wing activists in order to stir tensions and divert the public focus from real issues.

Historically, Wisconsin legislators have refused to bend to the dark winds of bigotry and reaction. But now, it seems, a majority of our state representatives are prepared to trade a tradition of letting reason prevail for the political payoff of cheap rhetoric and an ill-defined measure of political security.

In private, legislative leaders admit the same-sex marriage ban is unnecessary. Wisconsin law already prevents gay and lesbian couples — no matter how long and secure their relationships — from marrying, and the law has been interpreted to suggest that they cannot marry in another state and have it recognized here. Yet, those same legislative "leaders" are permitting this wrong-minded bill to advance.

Why has the Legislature degenerated to so sordid a state of affairs? State Rep. Barb Notestein, D-Milwaukee, said it all during a hearing of the Assembly Children and Families Committee: "This bill is about gay bashing." Assembly Bill 104 is not an attempt to protect the institution of marriage — the institution is not threatened. It is not an attempt to clarify the law — even Gov. Tommy Thompson has said the current law is sufficient.

What is it about gay and lesbian families that so offends AB 104 sponsor Lorraine Seratti, R-Spread Eagle, and the one-third of the legislators who have co-sponsored her bill? Seratti and her allies have yet to answer that question coherently.

They express fear that the state of Hawaii might move to allow same-sex marriages, yet the Hawaiian initiative is mired in legal and constitution battles that will go on for years. And it does not apply to Wisconsinites.

The truth is that Seratti and her allies are motivated not by reason but by irrational fears. That is why they manipulated the legislative process to hold hearings on AB 104 in Wausau, rather than a major population center with a substantial gay and lesbian population.

Who exactly do they fear? People like their colleague, Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, a lawyer, homeowner, community volunteer, dutiful granddaughter and respected lawmaker?

Who exactly do they fear? People like Sol Kelley-Jones, the daughter of Madisonians Joann Kelley and Sunshine Jones? Ten-year-old Sol testified before the hearing on AB 104 and told legislators, "I have a great family full of lots of love. That's why it's hard for me to understand why people are so afraid of us that they want bills like this. I don't see any way that this bill helps families, and it hurts my family a lot."

AB 104 tells Baldwin that, while voters trust her to represent them in the Legislature, she cannot be trusted to decide whom she will love. AB 104 tells Sol that her family is not worthy of the protections accorded other families.

The messages that will be sent by legislative approval of AB 104 are wrong. They attack the very root of Wisconsin's progressive tradition of choosing reason over fear. They have no place in the law books of this great state.

against the so-called godless gay conspiracy now sweeping our land.

The story by far that seems to have had the most lasting impact was a March 10 AP wire story written by Robert Imrie, who is based out of Wausau. Imrie led his story with an account that generously conveyed the text of the testimony of 10-year-old Sol Kelley-Jones and her two moms.

In doing so, Imrie gave a face to the story. As it moved on the wires the next day, the story of Sol's family appeared on the front page of daily newspapers from Ashland to Kenosha, and was the catalyst for much of the coverage that has followed.

The testimony of the Kelley-Jones family has since been the subject of feature articles in *The Capital Times*, the *Madison Times*, and a *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* op-ed, in addition to being widely quoted in editorial pages.

Madison's *Capital Times*, has provided balanced news coverage, and a positive editorial (see sidebar). Reporter Gwen Carleton detailed the unstatesmanlike behavior of Rep. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine) who insulted and ridiculed a lesbian mom in the presence of her four year old daughter, then proceeded to declare that the daughter wasn't deserving of health insurance.

The article was credible and balanced — offering Ladwig the opportunity to explain her actions, which Ladwig attempted to do. Ladwig stated she was doing the woman a favor in seeing someone who wasn't a constituent. Ladwig then continued by adding that she would have been respectful "had that little girl not been trying to touch everything in my office."

Madison's conservative morning paper, *The Wisconsin State Journal*, gave prominent and sympathetic play to Robert Imrie's initial AP piece, although little original reporting has followed. After the *Capital Times* editorial ran on March 16, it was an open question how an often unpredictable editorial board that is closely aligned with the GOP leadership at the Capitol would stand on AB-104.

However, on Tuesday, March 18, LGBT-supportive readers received a pleasant surprise — a strongly worded editorial condemning AB 104 as unnecessary and unwanted intrusion by the government in people's lives. Citing the difference between "traditional" conservatives (who want less government) and

"social" conservatives (who want government to promote their own social agenda at the expense of individual freedom), the *State Journal* came down firmly on the side of traditional conservatism.

In doing so, they avoided specific questions about gay and lesbian family rights. However, their editorial was a potentially powerful weapon in showing the hypocrisy of the bill's proponents, and in providing a blueprint for a principled conservative stand in opposition to the bill.

Of Madison's broadcast TV news operations, only WKOW-TV, Channel 27, sent a crew to the Wausau hearings, providing extensive coverage on their early March 10 newscasts. Only on Thursday, March 12, during the contentious hearings back in Madison when the Committee on Families and Children voted to move AB-104 to the floor, did competitors WISC-TV, Channel 3, and WMTV, Channel 15 provide stories of any substance.

However, on Sunday, March 16, WISC-TV's Sunday morning news program, hosted by Roger Putnam, devoted its broadcast to the subject of AB 104, interviewing Lorraine Seratti on tape and DeErte Tomlinson, director of The United, live.

At the tail end of that broadcast, editorial director Neil Heinen weighed in on the subject with a pithy, unequivocal renunciation of the bill that condemned it as "unnecessary," "promoting gay bashing," and "misguided in a world that needs to affirm all committed relationships."

Four days later, in reviewing viewer mail, Channel 3's early news co-hosts revealed that Heinen's editorial had elicited more viewer responses than all but one other editorial in the many years the station had been doing them. All but one of the comments had been positive.

Throughout this entire period, however, observers of Milwaukee media say that the four TV broadcast news operations were virtually silent on the issue.

Steve Walters of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* churned out a series of pieces, beginning with the Wausau hearing, that seemed curiously rough and unbalanced. For example, the front page Wausau story contained no references to LGBT-supportive people until many paragraphs well inside the paper. Some of this may have been due to sloppy editing — a look at the on-line version of his piece showed considerably more cohesion.

However, the ambivalent news treatment of the story seemed reflective of the paper's editorial stance. After meetings with both Rep. Serrati and Rep. Baldwin, the paper's senior editors are reportedly sharply divided on their stand on this issue.

At a paper where lines are still drawn based upon the progressivism of the former *Journal* and the conservatism of the former *Sentinel*, it's uncertain which way the paper will go eventually. The bill's delay has apparently given them more time for consideration — and this is a time when supportive letters to *Journal-Sentinel* editors will have maximum impact.

Other statewide media who have been relatively silent and ambivalent in their coverage of this issue have been Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television's "Weekend" program.

One result of the Wausau site for the hearing: northern Wisconsin media have been reporting on LGBT issues as never before. Eau Claire, Wausau, Rhineland, and Green Bay television stations were well-represented at the hearing, and the coverage was, for the most part, was balanced.

Media advocacy, coupled with one-on-one advocacy of legislators, will make the difference on May 13th, LGBT organizers say. For updates and more information on how you can help, contact the office of State Rep. Tammy Baldwin at (608) 266-8570.



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Marvin Liebman, Activist, Author and In Step Columnist Dead at 73

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Washington, DC — Marvin Liebman, well-known author, political

activist for anti-Communist and gay rights causes, died March 31, 1997, in Washington, D.C. He was 73. The cause of death was heart failure.

Liebman first achieved renown in the 1950s as the organizer and leader of several organization dedicated to fighting communism and to promoting conservative policies and candidates. He is widely identified as a founder of the modern conservative movement

in America.

Among the groups he helped create are Young Americans for Freedom, the American Conservative Union, and the Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

In the 1960s, Liebman was integrally involved in the campaigns of Barry Goldwater for President and Ronald Reagan.

During a stint in London from 1969 to 1975, Liebman put his creative talents and fundraising prowess to work in theater and film as a playwright and producer. Among the films he produced was "Miss Julie," starring Helen Mirren and performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Upon returning to the United States, Liebman once more became engaged in conservative politics. Unsuccessful in his efforts to secure the reelection of Sen. Jim Buckley (R-N.Y.) in 1976, Liebman later aided Reagan in his successful bid for chief executive in 1980. In the Reagan Administration, he accepted a post with the National Endowment for the Arts and proceeded to a career slot with the Federal Trade Commission. He retired in 1994.

In 1990, at the age of 67, Liebman came out publicly as a gay man in an announcement that appeared simultaneously in *The Advocate*, a national gay news magazine, and the *National Review*, the publication edited by his longtime friend William F. Buckley Jr.

"I feel that our cause might sink back into the ooze in which so much of it rested in its pre-National Review days," Liebman wrote to Buckley then. "In that dark age, the American right was heavily, perhaps dominantly, made up of bigors, anti-Semites, anti-Catholics, the KKK, red-necks, Know-Nothings, a sorry lot of public hucksters, and religious medicine men....Now times are changing. There is no longer the anti-Communist cement to hold the edifice together. The great enterprise [anti-Communism] is in danger of sinking

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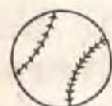


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back into an aggregation of bigotries."

He became an outspoken advocate for gay rights in speeches and was a frequent *In Step* contributor providing insightful political analysis in his column, "Independently Speaking."

Liebman was born July 21, 1923, in New York City. He is survived by his sister Eleanor Lidofsky of Brooklyn and a large adopted family of friends in Washington, D.C., and across the country. At Liebman's request, there will be no funeral service.

Congressman Neumann Pledges Non-Discrimination

Milwaukee — Congressman Mark Neumann, a Republican representing the 1st District of Wisconsin, has signed a pledge that he will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the hiring, firing or promoting of personnel in his office. Neumann, whose district includes the Racine, Kenosha, and Janesville areas, joins Congressman Scott Klug of the 2nd District (Madison and surrounding counties) as the two Republican members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation who have signed such a pledge.

Neumann's non-discrimination pledge came at the request of the Washington office of Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), which, as one of its top priorities, has requested written clarification of the non-discrimination policies in each GOP Member's office. Responses to LCR's March 3 request have begun arriving at LCR's office, including from some Republicans who had not publicly clarified their policies in previous years.

Other GOP Members of Congress who have signed the non-discrimination pledge for the first time are Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH), newly-elected Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), Rep. Charlie Bass (R-NH), Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), and Rep. Jim

Gibbons (R-NV). All were declaring for the first time that the sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, firing or promoting of employees in their offices.

The Wisconsin chapter of LCR was particularly pleased with Congressman Neumann's decision. "We feel that Congressman Neumann's action has vindicated our support of his candidacy," said Jim McFarland, Treasurer of

LCR-WI. McFarland noted that many in the Lesbian/gay community had questioned LCR-WI's support of Neumann and had labeled Neumann an "enemy" of the community. LCR-WI knew, on the other hand, that Neumann is a fair-minded conservative, and actively supported his campaign.

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'Repressed Sexuality' Science Fiction Becomes Grim Fact in Heaven's Gate Cult Suicide

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Diego, CA — In what arguably may be the strangest news story not only of the year but of the decade as well, several reports indicate that Marshall Applewhite, the charismatic leader of the Heaven's Gate suicide cult, had been fired from two university teaching posts for homosexual affairs, had once sought out psychiatric help to "cure homosexual tendencies," and eventually castrated himself several years ago, apparently to eliminate his sexual urges entirely.

Applewhite, 65, who has long been the leader of a UFO-religious cult and was even the subject of a made-for-television movie, was one of 39 people that San Diego authorities say methodically committed suicide in stages over several days in the rented Rancho Santa Fe mansion they occupied and used as a headquarters to design Internet Web pages for the entertainment industry.

All the cult members at the mansion — 20 women and 19 men ranging from 20 to 72 years of age — wore baggy, black shirts and pants, black tennis shoes, and had hairstyles so close-cropped that police initially thought all the victims were men. Each had a neatly packed suitcase at the foot of the bed where they were found, their faces covered with a purple cloth. Each victim had a five-dollar bill and quarters in their pockets. They had apparently consumed a lethal combination of phenobarbital and vodka, and covered their heads with plastic bags — a common way that people use to take their own lives.

The group maintained two World Wide Web sites, one promoting its Web page design services that generated its income, and another that outlined its strange beliefs: that an alien spaceship was hidden behind the Hale-Bopp comet that became visible from Earth in late March; that "angels" on this planet — including members the cult — were going to be transported to this spacecraft after "shedding their containers" as the group sometimes called the act of suicide; that the planet was going to be destroyed or "recycled"; and that humans had to rise to the "next level" in their development, which they said included a complete denial of sexuality.

Members of the cult also left behind dozens of videotapes about their beliefs and their impending deaths. San Diego authorities said there appeared to be no signs of any struggle or force involved in the largest mass suicide on U.S. soil.

But just days after the shock of the 39 deaths was setting

in, news sources around the country began reporting that Applewhite had been fired as a music teacher at the University of St. Thomas, a Catholic school in Houston, Texas, in 1970, because officials had learned of a sexual relationship he was having with a male student on campus.

While he was teaching at the school, Applewhite lived in Houston's Montrose district, a section of the city with a large concentration of gays and lesbians. One source told the *San Diego Union-Tribune* that "Applewhite was gay in those days" and said the man had a lover who was a clothing salesman at a leading department store in downtown Houston.

Several news sources quoted faculty at St. Thomas — both past and present — who said Applewhite had been fired for "morals" troubles or for "health problems of an emotional nature."

But Joseph McFadden, the president of St. Thomas, categorically denied Applewhite was fired for having a homosexual affair with a student and was in no way forced to leave the school.

"He was not fired," McFadden told reporters. "He left to do his own thing, but he wasn't fired."

Despite that denial, however, several other news sources — including the *New York Post* — reported that even before Applewhite worked at St. Thomas, he had been fired for having a homosexual relationship with a student from a teaching post at another school, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, in the 1960s shortly after he had married and fathered two children.

A number of news sources also reported that Applewhite had been so devastated by being fired from St. Thomas that he had checked into a psychiatric hospital the following year and asked to be "cured" of his "homosexual tendencies." Other news sources, however, reported he had been hospitalized as a result of hallucinogenic drug use, while others reported his hospital stay was a result of heart problems.

It's likely that the exact nature of what went on in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Applewhite's life may never be known with any certainty, but it was clear that a complete denial of sexuality was a central part of Applewhite's teachings to his followers. In addition to the cult's published materials urging celibacy and the cult members' androgynous clothing and crew-cut hair styles, at least six of the dead men were found to have also been castrated — including Applewhite himself.

Steve Hassan, a one-time cult member himself who now

tracks religious fringe groups, said the Heaven's Gate cult is the first he's heard of that appears to have encouraged castration. He said Applewhite's own struggles to suppress his homosexual urges doubtless contributed to his attempt to eradicate sex among the cult members entirely.

"He was at war with his own gayness," Hassan said. "And the easiest solution for him was to get rid of his testicles so he wouldn't have any strong sexual desires any more."

James Lewis, of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, and who has studied the Heaven's Gate cult among others, agreed that Applewhite "was so alienated from his homosexuality that he was teaching people not to have sex."

Ironically, Applewhite and the Heaven's Gate cult were among the better known and best documented UFO-religious fringe groups ever to have emerged in the U.S.

Applewhite's life was made into a made-for-television film, the 1982 movie "Mysterious Two," directed by Gary Sherman ("Poltergeist 3") and starring John Forsythe.

A moderately talented baritone, Applewhite sang more than a dozen roles with the Houston Grand Opera in the late 1960s, including one production starring Placido Domingo. As a result, several Texas newspapers had featured articles and interviews about Applewhite budding music career at the time.

Later, when he founded his strange religious cult based on a belief in alien spaceships that would save the planet's "chosen" people, other newspapers, magazines and several cult-watching authors began documenting his movements from Oregon to Colorado to New Mexico to California, including:

In the 1970s, Applewhite recruited dozens of people in Oregon and persuaded them to quit their jobs and abandon everything so they could join him in the Colorado desert in preparation for a UFO spaceship he said would be landing to take them to outer space.

Applewhite was arrested and served four months in jail in St. Louis after being convicted of stealing a rented car there.

In New Mexico, cult members partly completed and then abandoned a 40-acre "earthship" fortress in the Manzano Mountains based on plans from a book, "Earth Ship: How to Build Your Own."

The group was conspicuous enough that it even recruited Thomas Nichols, the brother of TV actress Nichelle Nichols, who played Lieutenant Uhura in the 1960s "Star Trek" TV series. Mr. Nichols was one of the 39 who took their lives in the cult's rented mansion.

In addition, of course, Heaven's Gate also published a 200-page booklet about its beliefs, made dozens of videotapes it used to try to recruit new members, and maintained an Internet Web site where, shortly before the mass suicide, the group had indicated the self-destructive course it was headed on.

And, finally, members of the cult also left behind their own taped messages explaining their decision to end their lives.

Yet, with the enormous quantity of documentation and information about the group — and especially Applewhite himself — that exists, the bizarre suicides may never be understood.

"We may never know why this happened," San Diego County Sheriff William Kolender told reporters. "Why would someone do this? It just makes no sense. Who or what would make 39 people take their life in this manner? While at the scene, I told myself that the question cannot be answered in terms ... that the rest of us will ever understand."

Also on the Newswire...

'Damn Lesbian' Means Business

San Francisco, CA — Roberta Achtenberg, the former Clinton appointee to an assistant secretary post in the Department of Housing and Urban Development who also has the distinction of being called a "damn lesbian" by Jesse Helms on the floor of the U.S. Senate, has taken a post with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Achtenberg, a long-time lesbian rights attorney and former city supervisor, will head the chamber's public policy division.

Lesbian Movement Awakens In India

New Delhi — Although the various Indian languages don't even have a word for "lesbian," the country is beginning to realize that not all women in the subcontinent are straight. Penguin Books of India is scheduled to publish an anthology of lesbian literature later this year, edited by Ashwini Suthankar. And the country's first lesbian film, "Fire," is shaking up the nation's censors over its tale of a shattering love affair between two women who are related by arranged marriages they both find meaningless and unfulfilling.

Texas Presbyterians So 'No' to Gays

Dallas, TX — The Grace Presbytery, which oversees the Presbyterian churches in northern Texas, has voted 238-217 in favor of a proposed national requirement that clergy and church leaders adhere to "fidelity within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness." Although the proposed bylaw doesn't even mention homosexuality, it was proposed at the Presbyterian Church annual conclave last year specifically to exclude non-celibate gays and lesbians from holding posts within the church. To become part of the church's

MCC Celebrates Easter Services at S.F. Monument

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — It was a seemingly simple, but historic step for the city's predominately gay and lesbian

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC).

On a mild Saturday evening, hundreds of members of MCC's congregation, the largest gay Christian church here, converged on Mount Davidson, the highest spot in the city, and held its first ever Easter Eve service at the 103-foot-tall cross that has stood at its top since 1934.

In a town better known for its Dyke son Bikes, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, scantily-clad gyrating boy-toys and "damn lesbians" — at least according to Jesse Helms — MCC has often been the most overlooked gay-oriented organization in this sometimes wild and woolly "gay mecca."

But for its first outdoor Easter celebration, hundreds of MCC members turned up at the giant cross, which at one point the church had arranged to have flooded in rainbow-colored lights, to sing hymns and celebrate one of Christendom's most sacred holy days.

MCC's pastor, the Rev. Jim Mitulski, said the public worship service was important in order "to reclaim the cross for the gay and lesbian community."

The fate of the Mount Davidson cross itself has become a point of controversy after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the city's case challenging a federal appeals court ruling last year that maintaining the cross on city-owned property is unconstitutional.

The city now must either remove the huge concrete structure or somehow put the land itself in private hands. Many ministers here have expressed concerns that this year's Easter celebrations on the cross-topped peak may have been the city's last.

Rev. Mitulski said the decision to hold Easter Eve services at the city's most visible and best-known symbol of Christianity was both a religious and a political step for the congregation, for many of whom "the cross has represented exclusion" from the major Christian churches.

"Religion has demeaned and insulted us," Rev. Mitulski said. "What we

wanted to do is reclaim the symbol, and give it the meaning of resurrection, inclusion and liberation."

Another Gay Sex Report Rocks British Tory Party

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

London — Sir Michael Hirst, the head of the Conservative Party in Scotland, has abruptly resigned after growing recent rumors in political circles that he had been involved in a homosexual relationship with a younger man.

The 51-year-old Hirst resigned in a brief letter to British Prime Minister John Major, saying only that he was quitting "as a result of past indiscretion in my private life ... and my personal deficiency."

No details of Hirst's reported affair were revealed, either by Hirst's letter or by the English press, but rumors began circulation about his homosexual affair among opponents within his own party in Scotland when the arch-conservative Hirst put himself forward to stand for a vacant seat in Parliament.

Married and the father of three teenage children, Hirst is also a leader in the Church of Scotland who has led several campaigns to outlaw abortion in the country. Many of his Scottish Tory colleagues consider Hirst "too extreme" to head the party, especially as Britain heads into recently-called elections with the Labor Party poised to oust the Tories from control of the government.

Major accepted Hirst's resignation, saying he was "so very sorry" but that "I fully understand your position and support the decision you have made in such an honorable manner."

Hirst has made no public statement about either his resignation or the affair that reportedly prompted it, and the family apparently has gone into virtual hiding.

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World, reported in an extensive article that Jerry Hayes, 43, another Tory MP, had an affair in 1991 with Paul Stone, who is now 24 but who was 18 years of age at the time and under the legal age of consent.

A number of other Tory MPs have also recently been implicated in either heterosexual sex scandals or in accepting money from lobbyists in exchange for raising parliamentary questions in their behalf, a practice that violates the rule for the House of Commons.

Texans Turn Out to Back Hate Crimes Bill

Austin, TX — Nearly 5,000 people from all over Texas converged on the state capitol in a show of support for a bill in the legislature that would expand existing hate-crimes laws and enhance penalties against individuals convicted of hate crimes, including crimes based on sexual orientation.

Texas lawmakers narrowly failed to pass a similar measure in 1995, in large part because the measure included sexual orientation in its provisions. In fact, the anti-gay American Family Association dismissed the march and following day's lobbying efforts as a gay rights event.

With some areas of the state reporting that more than a third of all the hate crimes recorded are aimed against homosexuals, the march in fact did show a large presence by lesbians and gays.

The effort to get the hate-crimes bill passed was co-sponsored by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, the state AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood, the Texas chapter of NOW, the Texas Civil Rights Project and other state groups.

California Doesn't Want 'HIV' on Plates

San Francisco, CA — Kevin Dimmick of Kensington, Calif., filed a \$5 million lawsuit earlier this year against the state Department of Motor Vehicles when it refused to give him a license plate reading "HIV POS" for his motorcycle.

Dimmick said it was bias against his HIV status, but the DMV said vanity license plates with "HIV" were considered offensive and it would refuse to issue any license plates with "HIV" in them.

But now Dimmick has located another driver in the state — Bill Simpson of San Diego — who's license plate is "NEG HIV." Unfortunately, the DMV has quickly started hearings to revoke Simpson's "NEG HIV" plate as well even though he's had the plate for three years.

California School District Learns Lessons

Petaluma, CA — It's taken two events over a thousand miles apart to convince the Petaluma, Calif., school board to add sexual orientation to its anti-bias policies, but officials say they've almost completed the process.

Kim Jamieson, the school district's deputy superintendent, said the 1995 suicide of a 15-year-old Petaluma High School student, Robin Reed, who jumped to his death from the Golden Gate Bridge, was the "human factor" behind the new policy.

The other, more pragmatic reason was a 1996 federal court trial that led to a \$900,000 out-of-court settlement between the Ashland School District in Wisconsin and Jamie Nabozny who sued the district for repeated anti-gay abuse by his classmates that he charged school officials did nothing to stop.

The new Petaluma school policy not only bars anti-gay harassment, it also requires that faculty and staff at district schools undergo training about gay issues in the schools.

laws, at least 86 of the country 171 local presbyteries (or governing boards) must approve it.

Rights Group in Swaziland Gets Official Cold Shoulder

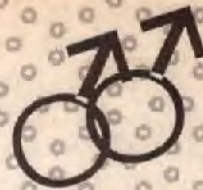
Mbabane, Swaziland — Sibusiso Dlamini, the prime minister of Swaziland in southern Africa, has said homosexuals in the country have a right to politically express their views, but that gays and lesbians in the country have no constitutional guarantees like neighboring South Africa. The newly-formed Gay & Lesbian Association of Swaziland had asked Dlamini to make a statement in support of the civil rights of homosexuals in the country, a request the prime minister rejected.

Russian Economics: Take This Job & Shove It

Volgograd, Russia — With Russia's economy continuing to skid into deeper and deeper trouble, the workers at the Akhtuba Factory in Russia recently learned how tough things could get, according to a report in *The Economist*. Strapped for currency, the factory workers at Akhtuba, which used to make marine navigation equipment, were paid in February with the plant's current products: rubber dildos. As if getting paid in rubber thingies instead of rubles wasn't bad enough, the hapless plant workers then were chagrined to learn, when they tried to convert their "wages of sin" into "hard currency" at local sex shops that there was almost no demand for plain, old "insert dildos" because the newly liberated former comrades "had moved on to electronic vibrators."

Florida Legislature: Adulterers, Yes — Gays, No

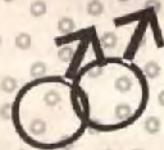
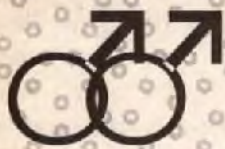
Tallahassee, FL — To the surprise of almost no one, the Florida House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a ban on same-sex marriages in the state, even if legally performed elsewhere. The lawmakers approved the measure on an 86-24 vote. Ironically, the legislature



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NYC to Return \$2.3 Million in AIDS Funds It Didn't Spend

New York, NY — New York City's health department will have to return some \$2.3 million in federal AIDS money from its 1995-96 fiscal year funds because city officials failed to spend the money before the fiscal year ended.

Officials with the city's health department said the federal funds were received only two months before the end of the fiscal year and that didn't give them enough time to set up contracts with AIDS community service agencies.

The city received a total of \$12.2 million in federal AIDS grants for that fiscal year and health department officials say they're already working to get new grants to make up for the \$2.3 million it will have to return.

New York activists, however, were outraged that the city is losing the money while more than 12,000 people in the city continue to be infected by HIV annually. They charge the loss was a result of health department mismanagement.

Commissioners Want to Cut Funding of 'Anti-Family' Groups

Charlotte, NC — Several Mecklenburg County, N.C., commissioners say they have enough votes to put the \$2.3 million funding for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts and Sciences Council on the chopping block. The commissioners say the council promotes an "anti-family agenda."

Some of the commissioners are upset because the Charlotte Repertory Theatre, which gets funds from the council, has performed "Angels in America" and is slated to produce "Six Degrees of Separation," both of which feature gay characters.

The commissioners have proposed requiring individual groups that want arts and sciences grants, such as the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, to apply directly to the commissioners for approval instead of allowing the council to distribute county funds. The county contributes more than one-fifth of the council's annual budget.

Pentagon Ready to Give Up Collecting \$175,000 From Gay Discharged Soldier

Washington, DC — Pentagon officials are apparently in the process of ending years of attempts to force a discharged gay soldier, Clayce Rodamer of Dallas, to pay almost \$175,000 the armed forces claim he owes for his education at the West Point Academy.

The Army has been trying to collect the money it says Rodamer owes for his college education at the Academy since at least 1990, according to his attorney, Dallas lawyer David Przeracki.

Rodamer, 32, was discharged in 1988, just months after he informed his Fort Bliss commanding officer that he was gay. At one point the Army was demanding that Rodamer make "regular monthly payments of \$2,694" until he had paid the full \$175,000 the Pentagon said he owed.

But ABC-TV's "Nightline" program aired a segment about Rodamer's case on March 25, and the next day the assistant secretary for personnel of the Army issued a memorandum saying that pursuing efforts to collect "are not in the best interests of the Army."

Pentagon officials denied, however, that there was any connection between the broadcast and its decision to stop the collection efforts.

rejected an amendment that would also have prohibited heterosexual adulterers from marrying.

Study: AIDS Prognosis Worse Based on Age

Chicago, IL — According to a report published in the *American Journal of Medicine*, people 55 years of age and older with HIV fare less well than those who are younger. Connecticut researcher compared a group of 43 patients over the age of 55 and a group 18-45 years of age over a three-year period.

They found that the older patients were more often hospitalized, developed full-blown AIDS more quickly, and had significantly shorter survival rates than the younger group. The researchers said there may be several factors involved in the differences of the two age groups.

Fla. Only Has About Half the Funds Needed for New AIDS Drugs

Tallahassee, FL — Florida state health officials say that an infusion of some \$8.5 million in new federal AIDS money to help pay for expensive new drugs, known as protease inhibitors, still leaves them with enough treatment funds for only about half the people with AIDS who qualify for government subsidized medicines.

Officials say no new enrollments in the state-backed program are accepted now and that they will provide the new protease inhibitors only to the most seriously ill patients. The state health department had asked for an additional \$5 million in state funding this year to help buy the medicines for more AIDS patients, but Gov. Lawton Chiles cut that amount to \$3 million instead in his budget proposals.

One HIV-Positive Man's Sex-Partner Network Adding Up Fast

St. Louis, MO — It has all the elements of a made-for-TV crime movie - or a public health nightmare.

In January, an unidentified man

flagged Darnell McGee down as he drove along a city street with an unknown woman accompanying him. McGee stopped his car, the woman got out, and the man shot McGee with a fatal bullet through the heart. The man pulled McGee partly out of the car, went through his pockets and then walked away.

At about the same time, several of McGee's female sex partners were

becoming ill with flu-like symptoms that turned out to be HIV infection. Hearing rumors about McGee being HIV-positive, the man's other girlfriends and sex partners began getting tested.

To date, eight women, ranging in ages from 13 to 22 years, have tested positive. McGee, 28, is also believed to have fathered more than a dozen children in the area and his numerous partners have reportedly told public health officials that he never disclosed his HIV status to them or used condoms during sex even though McGee knew he was infected for at least five years. Police are even considering the possibility that McGee may have been killed in an act of revenge.

Now city health officials are working hard trying to track down the web of McGee's sex partners - and the sex partners of those partners. One health department official underscored how many people could be involved by noting that one of McGee's female sex partners has since had sex with at least 50 other men who also have to be located and tested - a network of one man's sexual partners that has quickly added up to several hundred possibly infected people.

North Carolina Anonymous Testing Challenge Before State High Court

Raleigh, NC — Attorneys for both sides have presented their cases for and against anonymous HIV testing in the state. In 1994, North Carolina health officials had tried to put an end to anonymous testing in the state, in favor of confidential testing which would require patients to give their names to health officials who would then notify HIV-positive patients and anyone who might be infected by the patient.

A ruling in the case is not expected until later this year.

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"Teaching Respect for All - Talking about Gay Issues with Children."

Madison — On Saturday, April 19, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the First Unitarian Society (Lower Meeting House), 900 University Bay Drive, Madison, Interweave and GLSTN-SCW will co-sponsor a conference entitled "Teaching Respect for All-Talking about Gay Issues with Children."

Interweave, is a Unitarian Universalist organization dedicated to the support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons and their heterosexual allies, and GLSTN-SCW is the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network of South Central Wisconsin.

At this conference, the award-winning documentary *It's Elementary*, will be shown, and following the screening, break-out sessions led by GLSTN Teachers, discussing issues raised in by the documentary.

"*It's Elementary*" is an up-lifting look at what actually happens in classrooms when teachers find creative, age-appropriate ways to counter anti-gay prejudice and gay invisibility. One school prominently feature in this documentary is Madison's own Hawthorne Elementary.

The safety of lesbian and gay students is a real issue in today's schools and religious institutions. Without a safe environment, students cannot feel comfortable, which affects their ability to learn. Such an example is Jamie Nabozny, a gay man who recently won his case against Ashland, WI School District administrators, for failing to protect him from verbal and physical homophobic assaults. With this case, the court set a legal precedent for school personnel to control and eliminate homophobic slurs and gay-bashing in their schools.

"*It's Elementary*" does an excellent job of demonstrating the importance of teaching about lesbian and gay issues in schools. We hope that you and your staff take this opportunity to attend the conference. Enclosed are flyers to distribute at your school or church. Please direct any questions to Martha Popp, GLSTN-SCW Co-Chair and Interweave Board Member at (608) 238-8662 or (608) 828-1620 (days).

Although there is no fee for the conference, a donation of five to ten dollars is suggested for GLSTN's Scholarship Fund and to continue GLSTN's educational outreach.

Chicago Pride Celebration Sets Parade Date

Chicago — The 1997 Chicago Pride Celebration has set Sunday, June 29th for the annual Parade and Rally. Kick-off

time will be 2 p.m. Additional plans are already being made by various community groups for the flurry of Pride Month activities. Events already scheduled include: Choral Concerts by several of the local choruses and the Frontrunners/Frontwalkers annual "Proud to Run."

Many businesses and organizations are already planning their entries for the Parade and Rally. Floats, decorated vehicles, cars, marching units and individual marchers are all welcome in the parade procession.

The international theme for this year's celebration is "Equality Through Visibility." The theme refers to the fact that, by being "out" (ie. visible), the world will continue to familiarize itself with our community and with that knowledge and familiarity, equality will be the ultimate result.

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Firebirds Club Night Set for April 5th

Milwaukee — The Firebirds of Milwaukee Levi/Leather Club are pleased to announce their April Club Nite. On Saturday, April 5, they will host their monthly Leather Club Nite at the Boot Camp Saloon, their Home Bar. The event will start at 10:30 p.m. with give-a-ways, drink special, and more. This month's door prizes will feature a top harness and other toys. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. As always, appropriate leather attire is encouraged and appreciated. Firebirds Club Nites take place the first Saturday of each month and are held at the Boot Camp Saloon, 209 E. National Ave., Milwaukee, WI. For information regarding Firebirds membership, upcoming events, or to be placed on their mailing list, please call the Firebirds Activity line, (414) 299-9707.

Country Dance Weekend Set for May 2-4, 1997

Milwaukee — During the weekend of May 2 through 4, Shoreline will present its first annual Spring Round-Up, three days of country western parties, dances, and workshops! The highlights of the weekend will be Shoreline's fifth annual Country Dance Gala on Saturday night, May 3, at the Milwaukee Art Museum/War Memorial. The Gala will include performances by Shoreline, the Cream City Squares, Rainbow Cloggers from Minneapolis, other special guests, and lots of country music and dancing in this smoke-free facility.

Just Us, 807 South Fifth Street, will host all other Spring-Up events. Get ready for a Friday night fish fry and open country dancing, two dance workshops Saturday afternoon, and Sunday brunch followed by a dance swap and more open country dancing that afternoon.

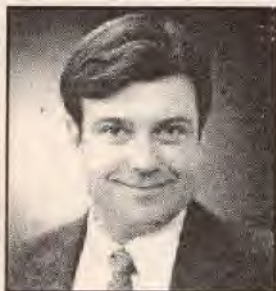
Tickets may be purchased separately for each event or for all Saturday and Sunday events at a "weekend package" cost of \$20. Tickets for the Saturday Night Country Dance Gala may be purchased for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

Brochures containing registration forms for the Spring Round-Up, as well as tickets for the Saturday Night Country Dance Gala may be obtained at Just Us, AfterWords, Designing Men, People's Books, and Outpost in Milwaukee. To receive a brochure for the Spring Round-Up by mail send a SSAE to Spring Round-Up, C/O Shoreline, P.O. Box 92273, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0273.

Saturday dance workshops will include instruction in both the Texas two-step, a ballroom partner dance, and line dancing. Neither workshop requires a partner. Carol

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Anderson, an award winning two-step dancer and popular instructor from Minneapolis, will present her two-step workshop at 1 p.m. Later in the afternoon, Shoreline's own Mark Duris will teach the hottest new line dances. Mark's high-energy enthusiasm always makes learning fun!

The Saturday Night Country Dance Gala is expected to draw 350 men and women from Milwaukee and throughout the Midwest. The Rainbow Cloggers from Minneapolis, Cream City Squares, and host group Shoreline will present their latest dance routines. This will be The LBGT dance event for 1997!

On Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Just Us will offer a sumptuous brunch, followed by a dance swap designed to give participants an opportunity to share and learn new and different dances. Shoreline, now approaching its fifth successful year, has a membership of over 30 cowpokes of both the male and female gender. To learn more about the group or the Spring Round-Up visit Just Us on any Saturday night.

First Annual National Queer Youth Summit

Washington, D.C.— The National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) will sponsor the First Annual National Summit for Lesbian Gay, Bisexual & Transgender youth in Washington, D.C., April 27-29, 1997.

The mission of the Summit is to create a forum for youth and adults to exchange cutting-edge information; develop local, state, and national advocacy strategies; and to advance the field of services and advocacy for and with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth through participation in discussion roundtables and skills building sessions. The Summit will focus entirely on the mental and physical health needs and advocacy trends for GLBT youth. The summit represents the philosophy of NYAC that expertise on queer youth issues lies with youth, service providers and advocates across the country. Participants will be expected to actively participate in all sessions that they attend. NYAC expects all Summit participants to draw upon and share their expertise and perspectives. To make this a productive event, participation will be limit-



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have the opportunity to meet with their Members of Congress on Capitol Hill in order to educate them on issues facing queer youth. Meetings will also be set up with Clinton Administration officials, although they have not yet been confirmed at this time.

The summit will be held at the Radisson Barcelo hotel in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, the heart of DC's queer community, and offers discounted rates to NYAC Summit participants. Their reservation number is (800) 333-3333. Mention that you are with the National Youth Advocacy Coalition to guarantee your discounted room rate of \$109 per night for single or double rooms. These rates will be held until March 26th. Youth (ages 22 and under) summit registration fee is \$20. Since NYAC values youth involvement in all areas of its work, NYAC is making available Youth Travel Scholarships. Call Andy Garcia at NYAC (202) 319-7596 to request an application before April 1. Adult registration fees are \$85.00 for NYAC participating organizations and \$135 for non-participating organization before April 14. Registration includes three continental breakfast, two lunches, and refreshment breaks.

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition, sponsored by the Hetrick-Martin Institute, was established in 1993 to address the need for a national organization dedicated to improving the lives of young people facing discrimination based on their sexual orientation. The Coalition is comprised of over 100 national and community based organizations. (Gay Youth Milwaukee is a participating organization and has one of its youth on the national steering committee).

NYAC is the only national organization solely focused on advocacy, education, and information affecting the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and their allies. For Summit information please write NYAC at 1711 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036 or call

(202) 319-7596, Fax (202) 319-7365. Or call Gay Youth Milwaukee at (414) 265-8500 for information.

A Night to Remember Fundraiser Set for June 22

Milwaukee — On Sunday, June 22, 1997, The Brick Foundation will be sponsoring the event, "A Night to Remember" hosted by Donny Osmond, star of "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Along with Donny, It has just been announced that Dan Jansen the Olympic gold medalist will be joining us.

"A Night to Remember" will feature valet parking, dinner, gifts, silent & live auctions, and the opportunity to meet Donny Osmond and Dan Jansen for pictures and autographs. Along with live entertainment, this will be one exciting event. And to add "icing on the cake" all proceeds will be donated to a local hospital right here in Milwaukee to benefit research for childhood cancer.

For reservations, please call us at anytime at: (414) 358-8767. Your donation is tax deductible. The Brick Foundation A non-profit organization.

Meeting on Gay/Lesbian Adoption Set

Milwaukee — If you are interested in the issue of Gays and Lesbians adopting and how they live with the often intolerant social system. If you want to learn more about what you can and can not do in Wisconsin when it comes to adopting. If you want to talk to others who have concerns about these issues. Then you are invited to attend a showing of "Worthy Mothers;" a video about two lesbian couples and

how they faced these issues. The place is at Scott D. Gunkel's house. The date and time, April 24th at 7 p.m. If you wish to attend please call before April 17 at (414) 871-4839. Space is limited, so call early.

After the video the group will discuss what if anything is happening surrounding this issue in Wisconsin; and would there be any interest in starting up a group to work on this issue. Light snacks and beverages will be available at this showing. There is no charge for this event. "It is my intent to see where the L/G/B/T community is going on this issue and to see what interests this community has surrounding adoption and same gender parent families."

Stritch to Honor Bro. Braddock

Milwaukee — The Cardinal Stritch College Alumni Association Board of Directors has selected Camillian Brother Stephen E. Braddock, OS Cam., Ph.D., to be the recipient of the 1997 "Alumni Award for Professional Distinction." According to Sister Mary Lea Schneider, OSF, Ph.D., President of the College, "This award is given for significant and broad accomplishments in one's professional life and for distinguished personal achievements and service."

Before receiving a doctorate in pastoral counseling, Braddock completed undergraduate and graduate studies at Stritch in religious studies and theology.

Once a successful entrepreneur and licensed private detective in New York City, Braddock joined the Order of St. Camillus and moved to Milwaukee in 1988.

Braddock is best known as the Founder and Executive Director of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. According to Fr. William Cronin, head of the Order's North American operations, "The Milwaukee Community has less people suffering from this pandemic because of his (Braddock's) efforts on the individual, corporate and societal level. I am sure he will not stop there and I will encourage him to keep on going."

Referring to Bro. Braddock's staunch defense of the dignity of sexual minorities, "While not possessing the patience of Job, he is still able to understand and take people where they are at the present moment and respect them. While not accepting this on an indefinite basis, he is an excellent communicator, challenger, and teacher to those who are somewhat stuck, misinformed or biased in their thoughts and beliefs," asserted Cronin.

Fr. Cronin also praised his colleague for the role he plays as Vice President of the St. Camillus Health Care Campus and for developing the Order's Clinical Pastoral Education Program.

Braddock will be joined by his family and friends at a dinner hosted by Stritch on May 7th, during which the award will be presented.

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Rainbow Heights Rummage

Milwaukee — The Rainbow Heights Association will hold a Large Rummage/Yard Sale on Saturday, April 26, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 1722 N. 52nd Street, Immediately north of Washington Blvd. Around twenty Lesbian/Gay households are donating a variety of treasures for the fundraising event. Also available will be a selection of baked goods and refreshments.

The purpose of the sale is to raise funds to purchase a decorative planter in cooperation with the North Avenue business improvement district, which is working to develop and beautify the North Avenue area. Any unsold treasures will be donated to Survival Revival.

The Rainbow Heights Association is a new LesGayBI Neighborhood group for residents in and around the Washington Heights area. Anyone interested in participating in the rummage sale or attending a monthly get-together should call (414) 456-0620.

Miller on Board for Another Great Year at PrideFest

Milwaukee — Miller Brewing has again made a commitment to celebrating Pride in the L/G/B/T community by sponsoring Wisconsin PrideFest for 1997. This year Miller

will be sponsoring the Alyn Hess (Main) Stage at PrideFest along with the fireworks and the volleyball tournament.

PrideFest is very happy to have Miller so involved in this year's festival.

"In a time when many corporate citizens are decreasing their support of the community at large, Miller has demonstrated, that the L/G/B/T community is important to them," said PrideFest Marketing Director David Todd.

PrideFest is set to kick-off this year on Friday, June 6th and run through Sunday, June 8th.

Cream City Chorus Announces Annual Meeting

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Society at 1342 N. Astor.

Among items on the agenda are the bi-annual election of Vice-President and Treasurer, the appointment of a Publicist, and discussion of several key issues. These include but are not limited to chorus goals, dynamics and direction, in light of the recent resignation of Scott S. Stewart as Musical Director of the chorus. Results of a recent survey of past chorus members will also be reviewed.

All chorus members are encouraged to attend, as are previous members who might be interested in returning to the organization.

The United's Third Annual Wine Tasting and Jazz Benefit

Madison — Relax into an evening of fine wine, food, and live jazz as you wander in the splendor of Olbrich Garden's Conservatory. The event will be Friday, April 11, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The United is pleased to announce the third annual Wine Tasting and Jazz benefit, An Evening With Friends, to be held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue in Madison. Proceeds from the event will benefit The United, a community service organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community.

Tickets, available for a \$25 donation, must be reserved in advance. Tickets can be charged by phone by calling The United at (608) 255-8582 or are available at the following ticket outlets:

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Established teams are in need of players too as some players retire. The League encourages anyone interested to call the hotline at (414) 454-9204 for more information. Several “get acquainted” meetings are planned and potential players can see the bartender of any sponsoring bar to sign up.

Party Leaders Outraged at State Government's Focus

Milwaukee — While Wisconsin continues to be cited as for record child poverty levels and diving medium income, legislators focus on frivolous and divisive issues. Glaring examples on this are the un-American and anti-privacy bills, AB 16 English First and AB 104 Anti-Gay marriage according to Progressive Milwaukee Progressive Milwaukee, an affiliate of the New Progressive Party of Wisconsin and the national New Party.

“These bills are a prime example of why citizens are so anti-government today.” says Kelley Dawson, Progressive Milwaukee Board member, “these legislator are ducking the real issues and attacking the rights of scapegoated communities.”

According to Dawson, Progressive Milwaukee challenges state leaders to champion the issues that directly impact the livelihoods of Wisconsin's families.

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Latino Author Francisco Goldman to Read from His New Novel, "The Ordinary Seaman"

Shorewood — Francisco Goldman will read from his turbulent and haunting new novel, "The Ordinary Seaman" at Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Inspired by the true story of a group of sailors stranded on a ship that never sails, Francisco Goldman has crafted a modern fable of the American immigrant. This event is free and open to all, for more information call (414) 963-3111.

Goldman's second novel, "The Ordinary Seaman," has already earned four prestigious starred reviews. The novel, inspired by an actual 1982 event, is the afflictive and stirring saga of a group of Central American would-be sailors who are lured to New York by the promise of work on a ship. Their dream of a new life begins to shatter when they board their rat-infested floating prison in Brooklyn. Led by Esteban, a

19-year-old former Sandinista, they learn to draw on their meager resources, to survive and to hope again. In the tradition of Joseph Conrad and Gabriel García Márquez, Francisco Goldman traces the conflicts between native and foreign, traditional and modern, evil and innocent.

Francisco Goldman's first novel, "The Long Night of White Chickens," was awarded the Sue Kaufman Prize for first fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award. Goldman currently resides in New York City and Mexico City.

The Acclaimed Award Winning Film, "Gay Cuba" will be Shown At UWM's Bolton Hall

Milwaukee — The film "Gay Cuba," takes a look at one of Cuba's most controversial human rights issues: the treatment of gay and lesbian people in Cuba since the Cuban Revolution of 1959. This one hour documentary takes the viewer through three decades of conflict and transformation providing insight into Cuban culture and society rarely seen. "Gay Cuba," will be shown Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m.,



— Sonja de Vries, director of "Gay Cuba" / Photo by Jeremy de Vries

behind UWM Union Bolton Hall, Room 150. After the viewing, producer/director/writer, Sonja de Vries will answer questions about her film and her most recent trip to Cuba.

Sonja de Vries, the filmmaker who produced, wrote and directed "Gay Cuba," has spent the first part of her life with her grandmother Oma, in Holland. "Oma was a working class dutch communist who involved her entire family in the resistance against the Nazi's during World War II," recalls Sonja. de Vries grew listening to stories of Jewish families, trade unionists, communists and even Russian POW's concealed safely in the large crawl space underneath her grandmother's living room floor. Oma's children, including Sonja's mother were messengers, bringing food and news to people ensconcing all over the city. de Vries's parents were implicated in the civil rights and the anti war movement; they were supporters of the Cuban Revolution.

Sonja's political entanglement was in anti racist organizing in the South; later in movements to support self determination for Nicaragua, El Salvador and Puerto Rico. In 1980 de Vries sojourn to Nicaragua months after the Sandinista Revolution, the experience led her to believe that anything is possible. In 1990 de Vries journeyed to Cuba where she became inspired to write and produce "Gay Cuba." de Vries resides with her 10-year-old son and lifemate, Travis, in San Francisco.

Madison Repertory Theatre Presents Larry Shue's Hilarious Comedy "The Foreigner"

Madison — Timid Charlie has a problem. He is caught in a lie. Everyone thinks that he does not speak or understand a word of English. Before long, he has become privy to all kinds of problems and secrets. The hilarious rollicks of Charlie and his fellow cast of curious characters will delight audiences attending Madison Repertory Theatre's production of Larry Shue's "The Foreigner." Directed by J. R. Sullivan, the production will run from April 11 through May 4 in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center. For ticket information call (608) 266-9055.

Shue first premiered "The Foreigner" in Milwaukee in 1983 where it enjoyed a sold-out run and went on to become an Off-Broadway smash. The play was such a hit with audiences everywhere, that before his death in 1985, Shue was working on a screenplay for Disney Studios. Michael Feingold of the *Village Voice* commented that "The Foreigner" is "a constant invitation to relax and laugh at the foolishness of life."

Based on a "devilishly clever idea," according to the *New York Post*, this high-spirited comedy features Charlie Baker, a meek and mild-manner little fellow. Charlie has been persuaded by this friend Froggy to take a brief holiday from the

bedside of his ailing wife, a nasty shrew who has been viciously unfaithful to him. They travel to the backwoods of Georgia where Froggy must make his annual visit to a military camp. While he's off on maneuvers, he plans to leave Charlie at Betty Meeks's Fishing Lodge, an old inn that is every bit as friendly and rundown as Betty herself. The only hitch in these plans is Charlie. Desperately shy, afraid of conversation, and fearing he lacks a personality, he begs not to be abandoned in this strange place. Froggy simply informs Betty that his friend is a foreigner who can neither speak nor understand a word of English. It doesn't take long before Charlie is unwittingly made privy to all sorts of secrets kept by Betty and other local yokels. In between the many laughs, Shue has filled the play with some lovely observations on the importance of friendship and trust.

Ten years ago, the Rep presented "The Foreigner." At that time, it was the most successful production in Rep history. This production will feature the return of three actors who appeared in the Rep's 1987 production. Michael Herold will return as Charlie, the foreigner, while Jeff Knupp and Mark Lazar return as Froggy and Owen. Joining these talented performers are Margaret Ingraham, Valerie Lantz-Gefroh, Jeff Christian, and Royden Mills.



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Chamber Theatre to Present Wisconsin Premiere of Mamet's "The Cryptogram"

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Chamber Theatre presents David Mamet's London and Off-Broadway bell ringer "The Cryptogram," April 5-27 at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway. Tickets are available at the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office or by call (414) 291-7800.

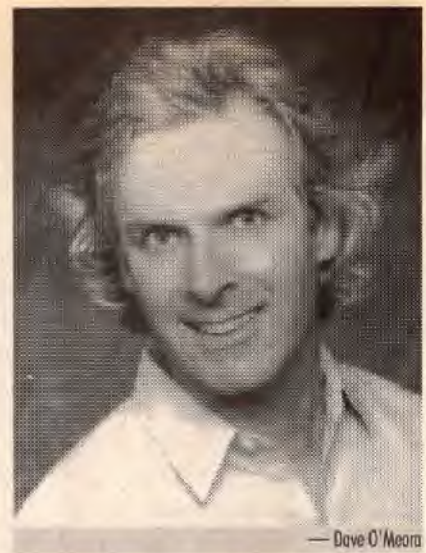
"The Cryptogram," David Mamet's latest drama, is a play that delineates the unconscious effects adults have on children. Mamet continues his exploration of the shadowy regions of human relationships. A young boy is faced with unraveling the message behind each emotional word his mother and father's best friend tell him. His father, who had promised to take him camping, has not returned home, and the adults attempts at communicating the truth to him results in painful and disturbing actions. "The Cryptogram" was first produced at the Ambassadors Theatre, London on June 29, 1994, and received its American Premiere on February 8,

1995, by the American Repertory Theatre as part of their New Stages 95 Series.

Making her Milwaukee Chamber Theatre directorial debut is Jenny Wanasek Lerner. She has appeared in Chamber Theatre productions "Lost in Yonkers," "Clarence," "The Immigrant," and "Murder in the Cathedral." The cast of Mamet's chiller, "The Cryptogram," includes Angela Iannone. Ms. Iannone's latest appearance was in 1996 Shaw Festival. Brian Robert Mani who appeared with Chamber Theatre in last season's "Love Letters," and as Jake Barnes in the world premiere of "The Sun Also Rises." And Whitefish Bay Middle School student, Ben Weber who is making his debut with Milwaukee Chamber Theatre. Benjamin Vance is featured on *In Step Newsmagazine's* front cover.

"Group Theory" By Dave O'Meara at Black Shamrock

Milwaukee — The Black Shamrock resplendently presents an O Tempora! O Mores! Production "Group Theory," written and performed by Dave



— Dave O'Meara

O'Meara. "Group Theory," will be performed Sunday and Monday evenings, April 6 and 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information call (414) 273-5253.

"Group Theory," mires a serial killer who commits suicide in jail, a teenage prostitute who accredits the police with complicity in the killer's crimes, and a prosecutor who concoct a truth serum to help them wade through the frightened fantasies of a divided populace. Meanwhile, in the same neighborhood, an apartment dweller finds himself linked to five of his neighbors by a week's worth of misdirected mail.

Dave O'Meara is a writer, actor and director based in Milwaukee, where he is active in Milwaukee Irish Arts, Late Night Theatre X, and his own production company, O Tempora! O Mores! Productions. Earlier this year he performed "Teratology, or, The Monstrosity Here Beside Me," his first play for one actor, at The Black Shamrock and the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design. O'Meara's directing credits with Milwaukee Irish Arts include "Juno and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey, "Lovers" by Brian Friel, "Play, Come and Go," and "Words and Music" by Samuel Beckett, "Hughie" by Eugene O'Neill, and the world premiere of Sigmund Snopek's opera "Trocaire." He has also written and directed with various collaborators.

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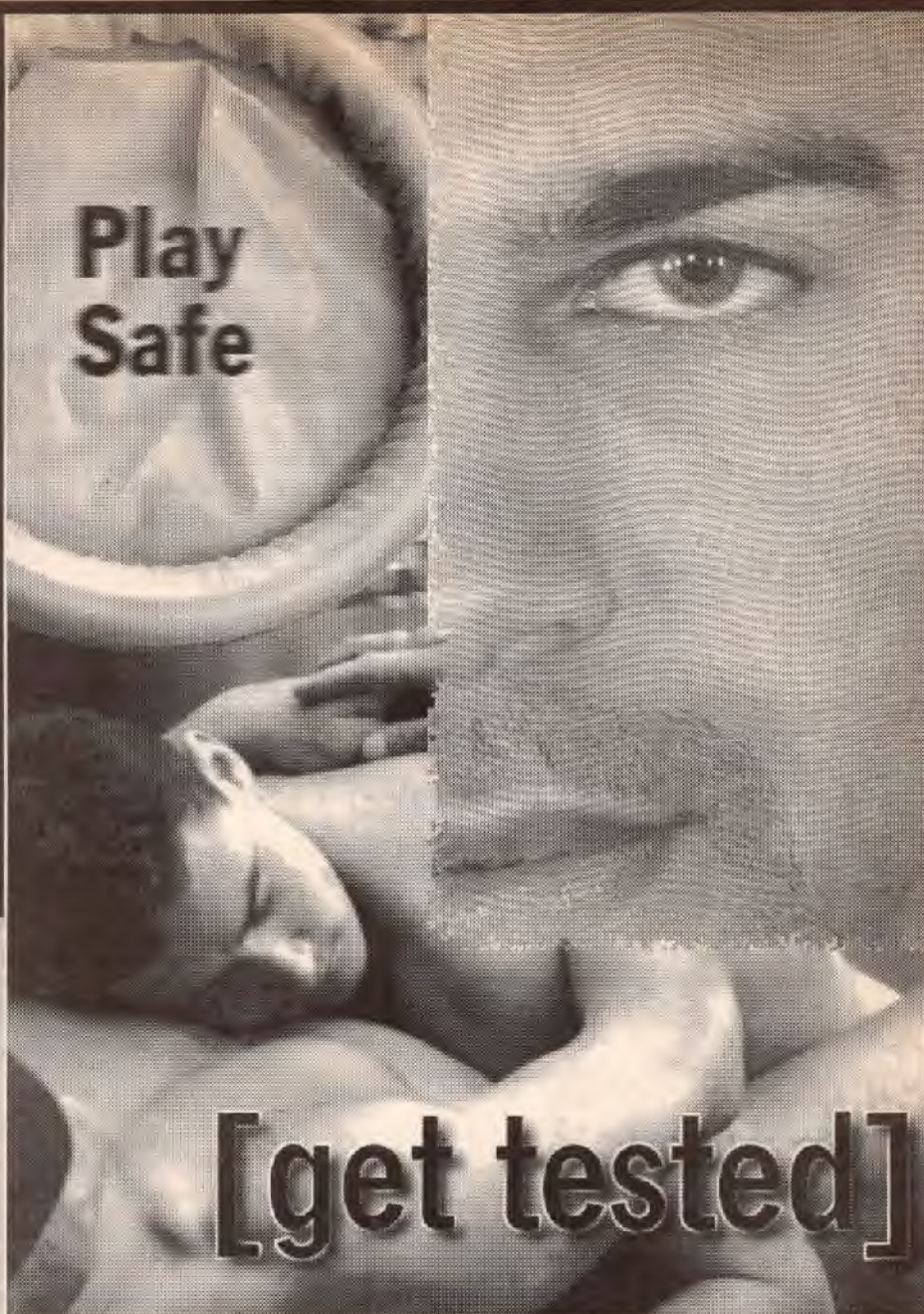
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UWM Student-Choreographers Explore the Future of Dance in "New Dancemakers"

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Dance Department in the School of Fine Arts presents "New Dancemakers," two programs of dance featuring original works by 11 student choreographers. Program one will be performed April 15, 17 and 19. Program two will be performed April 16, 18 and 20. Show times are April 15 at 5:30



— Derek Rusch and Jeni L. Frazee "New Dancemakers" / Photo Alan Magayne-Roshak

p.m., April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 adults and \$7 students, they may be purchased at the Fine Arts Box Office at 2400 East Kenwood Blvd., or by calling (414) 229-4308.

Program One will feature works by Becky Blong of Brookfield, Jeni L. Frazee of Milwaukee, Dani Wallisch of Hartford, Kristen Slinde of Port Washington, Jacob Neuman of Milwaukee, and Megan McCusker of Wauwatosa.

Program Two will include works by Shirley Gilbert, Lisa Smith, Amanda Kimble and Joan Rose Fernandez of Milwaukee, Derek Jayson Rusch of Oak Creek, and two more works by Ms. McCusker and Ms. Blong. All the choreographers are current Bachelor's Degree candidates in the Department of Dance at UWM.

The music runs the gamut from formal compositions by J.S. Bach, Ravel and Hindemith to songs by Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, and Danny Elfmann, as well as excerpts from "The Color Purple" soundtrack and others.

"In the Life's" American as Apple Pie Episode: Redefining the American Experience

New York — The ensuing episode of "In the Life," the national gay and lesbian newsmagazine series, takes a glimpse at the participation and experience of gay men and lesbians in places that typically define the American experience. It pays visits to Midwestern farms and the Ringling Bros.' Circus, Chrysler's assembly line and Disney's backlot, the Halls of Congress, and the galleries of the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh. In pursuit of where gay life and the quintessential American experience intersect or collide.

"In the Life" also examines PFLAG, (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a national organization which perhaps demonstrates best the crossing of gay awareness and American ideals. "A Day in the Life" of D.C. Representative Sabrina Sojourner, an American success story will be canvassed.

The one hour program airs Friday, April 4 at 11 p.m. on Wisconsin Public Television (WHA, channel 21 in Madison), and Thursday, April 24 at 11 p.m. on WMVS channel 10 in Milwaukee. Hal German and Los Angeles correspondent Bill Britt join host Katherine Linton for this edition of *In the Life*. For more information about *In the Life*, a member-supported program, check out the web at www.inthelifetv.org.

Pete Monfre and The Brew Town Playboys Will Make Waves at Mustang Shelly's

Milwaukee — Pete Monfre and The Brew Town Playboys will perform at Mustang Shelly's, 18540 West National Avenue, April 12. Call (414) 679-2221 to confirm show times and cover charge. The Brewtown Playboys are familiar faces to the music fans of Southeastern Wisconsin. In addition to their club work, they all have been featured on local recordings by the Tone Controls, the Moselys and the US project. While many bands are trying to reach the elusive golden ring of stardom. The Brewtown Playboys are meant to be experienced in dark, smokey roadhouses, night clubs and taverns. What could be better?



BOOK REVIEW

by Ed Grover

The Life of Anthony Perkins

by Charles Winecoff

In August of 1991, after Tony Perkins, his wife and sons had decided to stop hiding the fact that he had AIDS, he told a friend, "I can't say too much because it's all too awful, isn't it. Don't be judgmental. Just remember that one needs all the love one can find, that's the most important thing—not the finger that's pointed, but the love that somebody can give you." On Saturday, September 12th, his wife Berry had a priest come to administer last rights. By three-thirty that afternoon, Anthony Perkins was dead.

Tony Perkins, the only son of Osgood and Janet Perkins was born in New York City on April 4, 1932, and raised in a bawdy, sophisticated theater environment. His father died suddenly while on tour in Washington DC. His mother ended up spending her remaining life living with writer Micheala O'Hara in a lesbian relationship.

Janet Rane Perkins managed her son's finances from the beginning of his career, but was never supportive in anything he did. Perkins sought substitute mothers; one in New York (Helen Merrill, his landlady/confidante, who he bought a "new nose" for with his bonus money from "Psycho"), and several in Hollywood. Berentia (Berry) Berenson, (granddaughter of Elsa Shiaparelli; who Coco Chanel called, "That Italian woman that make dresses.") literally chased him down. She had a monster crush on the perpetual teen-ager and had her bedroom walls covered in pictures of the shy, young star.

Her sister Marisa, was a model for the fashion designer Halston. Halston, Berry and Tony became good friends. Most of her boyfriends were of high homosexual society, or bisexual, and she spent a lot of time at Studio 54 with Andy Warhol while she worked for *Interview* magazine doing cover photography. After she had the cover shot with Tony Perkins sewed up, Berry manipulated Warhol so she could get the inside interview; they met and started their relationship.

When Tony finally married Berry (she was three months pregnant), and came to his mother for approval, she cut him down fast with, "I only hope you're good enough for her." A friend recalls that, "After a lifetime of not only not relating to women, and not wanting a woman in his life, he brought his mother a trophy on a tray, and she devastated him. She never acknowledged anything about him."

Anthony Perkins acting career started in summer stock on Cape Cod and progressed to Broadway where he appeared as the sexually confused youth in "Tea and Sympathy" with Debra Kerr. This was his ticket to Hollywood. He arrived to do the young boy in "Friendly Persuasion", which earned him an Oscar nomination.

Once in Hollywood, he became involved, with "out" actor Tab Hunter. They appeared at parties together and there were late night trysts at the beach — Tab Hunter denies it all to this day. To dispel rumors of homosexuality, Paramount sent Tony and Tab on double-dates with young actresses, he would always ditch them early and was reported out cruising at local gay spots.

His role in "Psycho," the now classic Hitchcock film, type-cast him forever as the sexually perverse transvestite murderer, Norman Bates. There were three more Psycho films, but none as successful as the original. He was always type-cast as a weirdo after "Psycho," and had many flops after that.

He returned to New York City for a role on Broadway. At that time he was having an affair with Grover Dale, a choreographer. Their relationship was tempestuous, with fights and crying scenes in public. They were always trying to outdo one another. He was noted for his sadistic cruelty to his lovers and friends.

There are stories about his anonymous sexual encounters on the stairwells of Lowe's 42nd St. Theater during his breaks between shows, and rumors that he was a bit "weird and kinky" with the S&M scene ... three-ways, water sports, and all that fun stuff. He went to hustler bars and drag bars.

He became hooked on analysis through the end of his life. The analysts, Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz tried to "change" him to a heterosexual.

He became involved in drug use and used pot, LSD and cocaine increasingly. He cruised right up to the end, always denying that he was having sex with men since he had gotten married. He was married for 20 years and had two sons — we all know how long the incubation stage for HIV/AIDS is, and it's not 20 years.

The blurb on the back cover by Wayne Kostenbaum, author of "Jackie Under My Skin" calls the book "... as important for its first-rate dish as for its remarkable understanding of the importance of the has-been." With that in mind, I can tell you that this "Life of Anthony Perkins" is an always exciting, sometimes tragic and very interesting book to read. Any gay theater or film buff will relish all the details revealed by the author.

OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for April 2 through April 16



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Gay Rams may be feeling a little stymied in their career. Blame it on evanescent Neptune which can fog up an otherwise clear path to the corporate stardom. The point is that you are not thinking strategically, cousin. You're allowing this planetary sod full reign over your common sense and discipline. The secret is to use Neptune creatively and win over the corporate bastards.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Neptune in Capricorn enables you to plan some of the most exotic, creative and spiritual vacations of your life. Be aware though that Neptune can also create unusual travel problems. But proud Bulls are careful planners and the worst screw ups should not be too bad. How about a vacation that's made all the more spiritual and creative with the addition of an exotic companion?



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Queer Twins may find their sexual soulmates during Neptune in Capricorn. This could only occur however if you are acutely aware of who you are and will accept nothing less than total, open equality and affirmation. Otherwise, Neptune may tempt you to place romance above common sense; you could wind up with a closeted Pat Robertson. Lock the door!



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Are partners there for you or do they seem to disappear when things get tough? Blame Neptune in Capricorn if you must but also take into consideration the signals that you are giving in the relationship. Pink Crabs can be very mothering to smothering in any one to one affair. Maybe it's time to take a more creative approach to win faint hearts over to your side.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

So many twists and turns have been happening on the job that some gay Lions must surely be convinced that they are going insane. It's not you proud Leo, it's just crazy Neptune in Cap stirring the work environment and shifting the speed on the treadmill. Retirement is tempting but you don't have enough money yet. So keep that snout on the grindstone and keep sharpening.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Pink Virgins can have far too much of a good thing when Neptune traverses Capricorn. Excess in any form of fun, drink or drug is totally inadvisable now when you cannot recognize when enough is enough. There is nothing sadder than an otherwise buttoned up Virgo wasting it all and dripping slowly into the sewer of life. Moderation dear queer friend is the secret to happiness.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Neptune in Capricorn is liberating for gay Libras who may teetering on the threshold of their closets. Neptune may not provide the most practical or polished debut into gay society, but it sure as heck offers spiritual courage to do what is necessary to make your life affirmed and happy. Farm is all very nice, but I'll take substance any day of the week.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

What is queer Scorp doing sounding like a prophet? It's spiritual Neptune turning up the volume in communications. Use other worldly eloquence to subtly press for equal rights and our freedom to be. Be imaginative and crafty; they try to take no prisoners and neither should we. Will Ralph Reed come out? Who knows what can happen when strategic Scorp gets going.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Gay Archers may be tempted to purchase, sight unseen, retirement swamp land overlooking the highway. With nebulous Neptune in Capricorn, you may be quick on the monetary overdraw based on the scantiest of consumer information. Hang on tight to your dough cousin. You have worked far too long and for too hard to allow that neptunian yutz to clean you out.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Gay Caps retro back to the 1960s. Neptune in your own sign gives you that far out look complete with groovy accessories. Barring a dressing down from Mr. Blackwell, you'll appear to others to be one of those mystical types that channels spirits over morning coffee. This is fine if you work for the local psychic but not so good if you are thinking of running for President.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

If your closet door mysteriously opens, thank spiritual Neptune in Capricorn for the liberation. Aqueerions clear the cosmic debris from their minds and embrace an affirming destiny. That's the good part. The other side of foggy Neptune cautions against impractical dreams and wasteful energies. Spread the spirituality around; volunteer for a great gay cause and uplift, darling!



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Friends; can't live with 'em can't live without 'em. Queer Fish must grapple with the twists and turns of social circles as Neptune traverses Capricorn. Be patient with pals as well as with yourself since Neptune fogs the senses. It's not your fault if you strive to connect to the odd balls of the world and it is not their fault if they prove to be unreliable or squirrely.

**April 2nd
Through April 16th**

Activities:

Saturday, April 5

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower for a 30-40 minute run or walk followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, April 12

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower for a 30-40 minute run or walk followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 15

GAMMA: Sheephead (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. This growing group of skilled Sheephead players welcomes newcomers. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Arts:

Wednesday, April 2

Milwaukee Art Museum: Contemporary Women Print makers (Milwaukee): Jeweles Gallery. Their presence and voice will be seen in this exhibition exploring alternative materials and media, often undertaking delicate political, social and gender issues. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Thursday, April 3

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss "The Moor's Last Sigh" by Salman Rushdie. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss "Last Orders" by Graham Swift. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Monday, April 7

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss "Shroud of a Nightingale" by P.D. James. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Harry W. Schwartz: Reading Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The reading group will discuss "The Wars of the Roses" by Alison Weir. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, April 8

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Mequon): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss "The Passing of Innocence in American Fiction" as seen in "The Members of the Wedding" by Carson McCullers, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, and "The Reivers" by William Faulkner. For more information call (414) 241-6220.

Thursday, April 10

Milwaukee Art Museum: City of Lights (Milwaukee): 5:30 p.m. Journal/Lubar Galleries. The exhibition concentrates on the work of seven well-know African-American artists who flourished in Paris

after World War II. Regular museum admission. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, April 11

Milwaukee Art Museum: Stephen Crisp (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. He will speak on "Horticultural Diplomacy." A 6 p.m. buffet will precede the lecture. Admission of \$30 includes the reception/buffet and lecture. Reservations are required and should be made by mailing check payable to the MAM Garden Club, c/o Milwaukee Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202. For more information call (414) 224-3850.

Monday, April 14

AfterWords: Afterwards's Book Club (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. The afterwards book club will discuss "Faggots" by Larry Kramer. For more information call (414) 963-9089.

Wednesday, April 16

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster. March 7 - May 4. 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. Downer Avenue. Hours at the museum are 12 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. For more information call (414) 229-5070.

Bar Specials

Sundays:

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

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

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

Just Us (Milwaukee): \$1.50 all Rail Drinks, \$0.75 Miller Toppers, \$1.00 Miller Toppers. All day!

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The Calendar

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): until 6 p.m. \$0.80 Top Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound. \$1.75 Rail Drinks (9 p.m. until close).

Manoeuvres (Madison): Beer Bust! 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$5-Miller Lite taps. \$.50 off all top beers!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer Bust from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. \$6.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys/\$2 Coffee Drinks! Club 94 (Kenosha): 3 -9 p.m. \$1.25-Bloody Marys, \$0.75-Toppers. 7- closing \$5.50 Beer Bust! Free Hot dogs & Nacho's served all day.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close. Half off Rail Drinks and Domestic Beer, when you Take It Off For Spike (Shirts Only Guys).

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

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

Mondays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors!

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Life's a Drag

©by Bob Arnold



"Girl ... yer old when
the candles cost
more than the cake!"



ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Nostalgia IS What It Used To Be

Now that being out is as practically natural as, oh, say, acupuncture, I'm hearing an odd nostalgia for some good old days we've worked darn hard to shed. The days of being a secret "Jo-sent-me" society, when burches were men, and femmes were women. (An odd time to be nostalgic for, I have to tell you.)

And most of the sighing is coming from women who weren't there in the first place. Odd, Girls.

There is a lately longing for the mystic, and the mystery. The grand allure, and probably, frankly, the

implied sexuality of good old days, which, I hasten to remind you, also included raids, jailings, lying, beatings and insane asylums, (they certainly were), electro shock cures, public humiliation, ruination, and, if you read all the books, great sex.

Hmmm. Maybe there's the key to all the retrospecting. And the glamour.

I can't say I'm personally all that hungry to go back to the days of terror and theorizing. But, now that everybody knows everybody else's business as a matter of public policy and political correctness, I will agree that there is one

great nostalgia game I do miss. "Is she, or isn't she?"

Oh, not the in-the-office stuff that is a matter of ordinary course today, as everyone shops for next lovers or new friends. I mean the real old fashioned movie queen variety. Star-studded stuff that you could dream on. Staring small at a big silver screen. At dames with fifteen foot faces. And in your secret heart of hearts, well, a girl could dream, couldn't she. Close her eyes and pretend that it wasn't Cary, but Mary wooing the fabulous Goldyn Girls.

Attention K-mart shoppers: Axel Madsen to the rescue. In his definitive (?) book, *The Sewing Circle, Hollywood's Greatest Secret: Female Stars who loved other women*, he can still set your heart aflutter, and your queries to rest. In the interest of keeping lesbian herstory alive, Axel provides the horse's mouth on some star quality lesbians from an era that could have had these women on suicide watch if we'd only known then what he is willing to share now.

Sick and tired of waiting for Jody? Since the book is remaindered, and hard to find, let me steal some of his scene, and fill you in on the oldies but goodies. It's old dish, but still tasty: Garbo. Vat was the question.? Her most famous line, "I want to be alone." According to Madsen really translates as "I don't want to be found out." Ms. Garbo was not singularly affectionate, but preferentially, she was one of ours.

Eva Le Gallienne, the darling of Broadway, was also the darling of several she's in the sewing set.

Marlene Dietrich was also a boy-girl-boy-girl-girl-boy kind of gal.

In Memoriam Of Our Founders, David Scott Reed (1946-1996) and Cecil Ray deLoach (1952-1991)

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No surprise. Conveniently married to a man who mostly stayed away, and came with his lovers to visit.

Joan Crawford was indeed someone's dearest. According to legend, probably everyone's. Though she crossed over frequently, sweet young things were her specialty. (Call her "Billie" if you want to sound like you "knew" the lady.) And there's a hot photo of Joan and friend on page 48 that makes the whole book worth the price for voyeurs.)

Barbara Stanwyck? Her best friends in Hollywood were Dietrich and Crawford. Hmmm. Rumor was that she tried to seduce Bette Davis. (double hmmm.) And she did marry (wink wink) Robert Taylor.

Myrna Loy, along with Crawford and Stanwyck, were referred to in inside Hollywood as the "Gillette Blades" for cutting both ways.

A name your might not have suspected, or if you're an Xer, even known: Katherine Cornell, star of stage, screen and closet.

Not to mention (or forget) Tallulah Bankhead, Daaahling (in a very deep voice).

And then there's Kate. Oh, Kate. Miss Hepburn to us all. From ages nine to thirteen, Kit shaved her head and called herself Jimmy. Margaret Sullavan, Kate's agent, Leland Hayward's third wife, called her, according to Madsen, "that dikey bitch." She was inseparable with certain of her women companions. What about Spencer? Unavailable men are soooo convenient, aren't they. These were the real nature denying days, remember.

This used to be such a fun game.

Edith Head called her eight Oscars "the men in my life." Was Agnes Moorhead bewitching starlets? Capucine admitted that she wouldn't mind a fling with Barbara Stanwyck. Patsy Kelly, Judy Garland, Elsa Lanchester, Martha Raye are all implicated.

Not to mention Janet Gaynor, Maude Adams, Lynn Fontanne, Isadora Duncan, Laurette Taylor, Spring Byington, (Spring Byington?!!) and Dame Judith Anderson.

Don't take my word for it. Please. Leave the defamation suits to Mr. Madsen. I'm just a jubilant quoter here. It was a fun game to play in the olden days (or last week) discovering that our screen heras WERE who we hoped they would be.

Waiting for Ellen kind of pales in comparison.

On the other hand, Marjorie Maine. It's such a shuddering thought, making it with Ma Kettle.

Well, that was fun. Guess it's time to get back to some serious work. Even cold dish can sometimes be hot.

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— I see some room in there for me boys! Fun at the Ballgame! /Photo Jamie



— Celebrating 24 years of fun at the Ballgame! /Photo Jamie



— I found him at M&M! /Photo Jamie



— Happy days at Emeralds! /Photo Jamie



— Who said girl groups are long and gone ... we spotted these at M&M. /Photo Jamie



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Is it true? Has spring finally sprung? Being a mid-west native, I know the answer to that question all too well.

Recently, the company I work for, Skylab, purchased the service and installation part of a security systems company. It has been decided that along with my other duties at Skylab (service manager, service technician, vehicle and building maintenance, purchasing agent and whatever else I do there) that I will get to run the security systems company as well.

What does that mean for me? A lot of extra hours, a raise, a company vehicle, and new business cards. For the most part I am very excited about the whole thing. Working the last 3 weekends doesn't excite me very much but I should be caught up with things within the next couple of weeks.

So what was the point of the previous paragraphs? My new position gets me out of the office and into "the field," wiring some very nice, very expensive homes out in the country. That gives me the chance to be more aware of the sights and sounds of spring.

For instance, my most favorite bird in the whole world is the red winged black bird. If you've been near any marsh here in the mid-west you know what bird I'm talking about. I am sooo much in love with the song of the red winged black bird that if I could get one of those sounds of the environment CD's of a mid west marsh, I would play it every night as I drifted off to sleep.

The other day there was a brief thunder storm ... let me preface that. Remembering that I bought a house last fall, everything that happens in this house is a new experience for me. You know, things like the first snow fall, the first rain storm, first thunder storm. All of these things are very exciting to me.

Anyway, I have been in some what of a "mood" lately. I mean really intense, fragile, bad mixed with somber mood. The two things that made me feel better and gave me warm fuzzies, were the song of the red winged black bird and that brief thunder storm. After turning anything that was making noise off, I actually just stood there in my kitchen listening to

the gentle rumbling of the sky, and smiled...

I can't wait until the first big thunder storm we get. I'm gonna grab a lawn chair, a Dr. Pepper, park myself on my front porch and enjoy.



— And I thought only England had this many queens! / Photo Jamie

Warm Fuzzies

Moving right along, let me get you caught up on what's been goin' on around town.

Out in **Madison** the **Teasers** were at the **Men's Room** right above **Geraldine's**, March 7th. These boys were swingin' their package around so much I'm amazed that no one was hurt.

The big auction happened at the **Triangle** March 12th. Yup, **Rob** took a bunch of the prints and posters that were in



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the basement and auctioned them off, including the famous **Al Thomas** in drag print. Some of the proceeds from the auction were donated to **BESTD Clinic**. Did I buy something? Yea I bought the **Jamie of Finland** print that is now hanging in my dining room.

The **Miss Milwaukee US of A Pageant** was held at **3B's**, March 15th. People poured into **B's** to watch 5 contestants do their best talent, best interview and best quarter turn in their best evening gown. In the end it was **Tammi Faye** who took home the tiara. To me it looked like a close pageant, all the girls did a great job.

A HUGE congratulations to the **Ball Game!!!** For 24 years **Rick** and his staff have been serving up a good time to many people, gay, straight, man, woman, young or older. **Rick** has one of the friendliest (with the exception of **Ricky**, just kidding gurl) staffs in town.

The **Ball Game's** Anniversary party and **St. Patrick's Day** celebration extravaganza started Sunday, March 16th. There were free shots, some great food and as always a great time. I haven't missed **Ball Game's** anniversary party for at least 5 years and won't miss one for the next 5!

After the party at **Ball Game** I went over to **M&M** to catch some of the musical talents of **Corliss** and **Terri**.

By the way **Bob Schmidt** your not off the hook, your next for my news clips column!

Milwaukee's Leather/Levi bar **Boot Camp**, threw a **Brew City Bears Party**, March 22nd. I have said this before and I'll say it again. Some of the guys in the Levi/Leather community are some of the greatest people to hang out with. Thanks to **Si** for the hospitality, it's always



— The Boot Camp! / Photo Jamie

nice to see you.

A new bar in town? Yup, it's called **Emeralds Bar and Lounge** located at 801 East Hadley Street here in Milwaukee. The **Grand Opening Party** was indeed grand. There was an incredible buffet table complete with an ice sculpted emerald. Looks like **Emeralds** is gonna be a great place to hang out.

3B's held a **Mr. and Mrs. Brew City Leather Contest**, March 23rd. Unfortunately I was in bed with a cold but sources tell me there was a good turnout and a por-



— When a girl isn't pretty...there's always dark places to hide! Triangle Auction Item./Photo Jamie

tion of the proceeds were donated to the **BESTD Clinic**.

That's about all that has been happening here in the past couple of weeks. Oh yea, I almost forgot, I had my braces removed this past week. It feels great. The only downside is that I will have to wear a retainer longer than I actually had to wear the braces.

Until next issue remember 2 things; **WGAY**, 93.9 FM and slower traffic keep right.



— At Triangle's Auction! / Photo Jamie

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 8 p.m. to close; \$3 Pitchers!

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): 9 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.75, \$1.75 Rail Drinks.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Rail Drinks, Domestic bottled, and Top Miller Lite, \$1.75!

Napalese 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 Drinks Pitchers!

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Happy Hour Prices All Nite!

LaCage (Milwaukee): Beer Bust with Joon, Shot of Doctors/Cuervo for Rail Drinks price.

The Trading Company: 7 p.m. to close- 2 for \$2, Domestic Bottles & Rail Mixers!

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close, \$2.50 Top Shelf, \$1.75 Rail Drinks.

Club 94 (Kenosha): 7 p.m. until close, \$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!

Napalese 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 Budwaiser 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!

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 3-Shot specialty drinks \$2.25!

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): 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Beer Bust \$4 or \$0.80 Glasses of Beer.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Men's Night! Free Pool & Darts, 2-4-1 top beer, 9 p.m. to close.

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): 7-11 p.m. 2 for 1 Rail Drinks, \$0.50 Tappers, \$2.50 Pitchers All Night!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar Rail Drinks for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$.50 from 3-7 p.m., Beer Bust from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for \$6.

Manoeuvres (Madison): All Rail Drinks, \$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 Drinks 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 drinks: 8 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Womyn's Night! Free Pool & Darts!, 2-4-1 top beer 9 p.m. to close.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rail Drinks \$1.25.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$5.50 Beer & Wine Bust, All Night!

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): \$8 Rail Bust! 9 p.m. to close.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close, \$1.75 Rail Drinks.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs (Drinks as low as \$.25) from 3-7 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): "Dollar Daze" - \$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:

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Manoeuvres (Madison): Rolling Rock bottles, \$2.

Bar Events

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

B's Bar (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. "Kick- Off Youth Night."

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, April 4

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): First Friday After Work Social!

Saturday, April 5

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 11 p.m.

Club 94 (Kenosha): 10:30 p.m. Follie Girls Anniversary Show!

Sunday, April 6

Manoeuvres (Madison): 10 p.m. Mr. Gay Madison - U.S.A. Call to reserve a table. For more information call (608) 258-9918.

The Office (Rockford): Karaoke Night!

Monday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 10

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, April 11

Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. - Jeff's Party!

Saturday, April 12

Men's Room (Minnesota): 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Mr. Minnesota Fantasy Contest, Leather Meet & Greet. Contestant's contact Dale (612) 522-8105.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 10:30 p.m. Miss Gay Wisconsin Benefit Show, \$2 cover.

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. - Jim's Party!

Sunday, April 13

The Saloon (Minnesota): 6 until 10 p.m. Mr. Minnesota Fantasy Contest and Show. Admission: \$5. Contestant's Contact Dale (612) 522-8105.

Community

Wednesday, April 2

The Counseling Center: Gay Men's General Issues Support Group. (Milwaukee): Group begins in

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Thursday, April 3

Gay Youth Milwaukee: Kick-Off Night (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. A portion of the \$6 cover charge (which includes two free sodas) will benefit Milwaukee's first Gay Prom on April 19th, 1997. For more information call (414) 265-8500.

Friday, April 4

GAMMA: Circle (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Circle monthly social. Food will be provided. BYOB. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

OUTreach: Walker's Point Cafe (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Walker's Point Cafe from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Saturday, April 5

The Office: Care Affair (Rockford): The office will be hosting "Care Affair," a Benefit for AIDS Care Network. For more information call (815) 965-0344.

Bi Definition: Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Bi Definition, Milwaukee's bisexual community organization, will hold its next social/discussion at the BESTD Clinic. For further information call (414) 483-5046 or (414) 562-4058, or write P.O. Box 07541, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

LOC/Women of Color: Chicago Black Gay & Lesbian - 3rd Annual Conference (Chicago): 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. University of Illinois Circle Campus, 750 N. Holsted Street. For more information call (414) 263-1631 or (414) 463-7787.

Sunday, April 6

Body Electric School: Body Erotic (Chicago): 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 5 & 6. Celebrating the Body Erotic. For more information call (708) 524-8334.

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

GAMMA: Judy Collins (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m. At Oshkosh's beautifully restored Grand Opera House. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Monday, April 7

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: American Indian Awareness Week (Milwaukee): April 7 - 12. All events are held in the UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., unless otherwise indicated. For more information call (414) 299-5880.

University of WI: Parkside: 4th Annual Out and About Week (Parkside): For more information call (414) 595-2278.

Live & Let Live AA Group: Open Meeting (Green

Bay): Every-Monday evening at 8 p.m. For more information call (414) 432-6400.

Wednesday, April 9

Harry W. Schwartz: Policy Debate Series - Should drugs be legalized? (Shorewood): 7 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Milwaukee Art Museum: Black-Tie Benefit for African-American Art (Milwaukee): 6:30 p.m. Vogel/Helffer Galleries. Proceeds benefit MAM's African-American Art Acquisition Fund. \$250 per person. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Thursday, April 10

Medical College of WI: Scott Stokes and Jacque Stock (Milwaukee): 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 456-7731.

Saturday, April 12

OUTreach: 10% Club (Milwaukee): HIV testing at 10% Club from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Sunday, April 13

GAMMA: Brunch (Milwaukee): Followed by Kite Flying at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park on the lake-front. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Milwaukee Public Museum: "Smedley's Birthday Party and Dino Egg Hunt" (Milwaukee): For more information call (414) 278-2700.

Wednesday, April 16

OUTreach: Mama Roux (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Mama Roux from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Film/TV

Friday, April 4

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: World Cinema (Milwaukee): January 23-April 20. CMP films start at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information call (414) 229-2931.

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, April 5

Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater: The Living Sea (Milwaukee): Now through August 3, 1997. For more information call (414) 319-IMAX.

Monday, April 7

University of WI: Parkside: "It's My Party" (Parkside): 7 p.m. "It's My Party," starring Eric Roberts, will be showing at the Union Cinema. For more information call (414) 595-2278.

Saturday, April 12

Madison Gay Video Club: Movies (Madison): 8 p.m. "Maybe...Maybe Not" (German w/subtitles; 1994), "Hot Firemen" (dir. Chip Daniels, 1996). For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

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Gallery

Wednesday, April 2

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

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

Thursday, April 3

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, April 4

Brady East STD(BESTD) Clinic Gallery: "Wally Pate" (Milwaukee): The show entitled "And When I Dream: The Art of Wally Pate." For more information call (414) 272-2144.

Valenti Art & Design Gallery: "Images from Elsewhere" (Milwaukee): 5-8 p.m. Two personal views of the Inner Landscape and Beyond, paintings by Valerie I. 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

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.

Friday, April 4

Auburn Court Books: Peter Baime (Milwaukee): 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Peter Baime has been a favorite with Audubon patrons since the bookstore opened. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Saturday, April 5

Harry W. Schwartz: Colin O'Brien (Shorewood): 7 p.m. Music in the Cafe presents Colin O'Brien. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

University of WI- Milwaukee: Organist Dennis Janzer will be joined with 14 members of the UWM Brass ensemble and percussion, under the direction of John Christian in a benefit concert at the historic Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (IHC). Location: 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Admission: \$5. For more information call (414) 344-4039.

Thursday, April 10

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Nancy Wilson (Chicago): 8 p.m. April 10 - 11. Jazz chanteuse Nancy Wilson and balladeer Joe Williams, in tour for the first time. For more information call (312) 294-3000.

Saturday, April 12

Cafe Melange: John Schneider & Orchestra (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m. Come listen to the sounds of John Schneider & Orchestra. Admission: \$4. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Mustang Shelly's: Pete Monfre and the BrewTown Playboys (Milwaukee): For more information call (414) 679-2221.

Sunday, April 13

The Office: Loren Hecht (Rockford): 9 p.m. Loren Hecht, singer, and pianist will be performing at the office. For more information call (815) 965-0344.

Tuesday, April 15

Auburn Court Books: The Florentine Opera (Milwaukee): 6:30 p.m. Opera Insights. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Theatre/Dance/ Performing Arts

Wednesday, April 2

Cafe Melange: Leopold (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. Opening for Leopold is Milwaukee's own Monique. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Friday, April 4

Broom Street Theater: "Muffy The Bitch" (Madison): 8 p.m. For more information call (608) 244-8338.

Thursday, April 17

University of WI- Milwaukee: "Taming of the Shrew" (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. April 17 through May 3. Sweet, young Bianca has been ordered to defer her marriage prospects until her tempestuous sibling, Katherine, can be unloaded on some unsuspecting groom, and it seems that Petruchio is just the man! For more information call (414) 229-4308.

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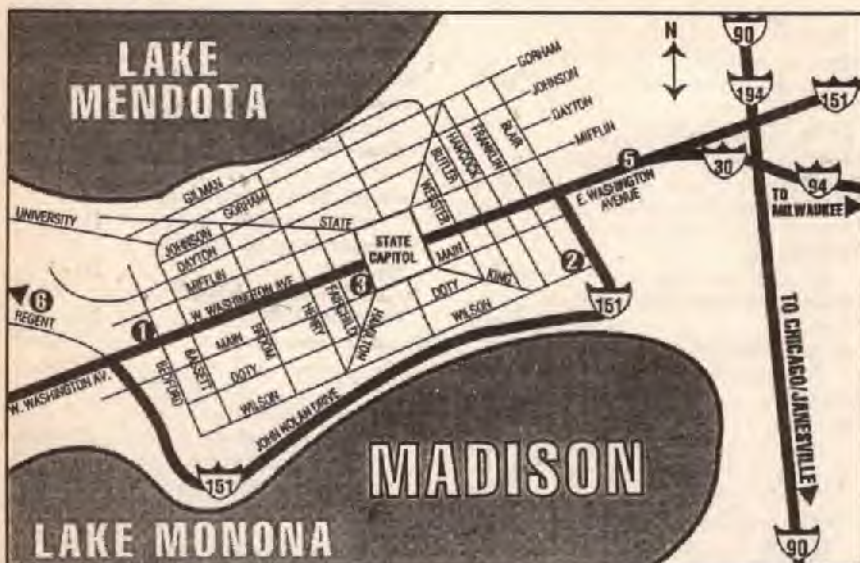
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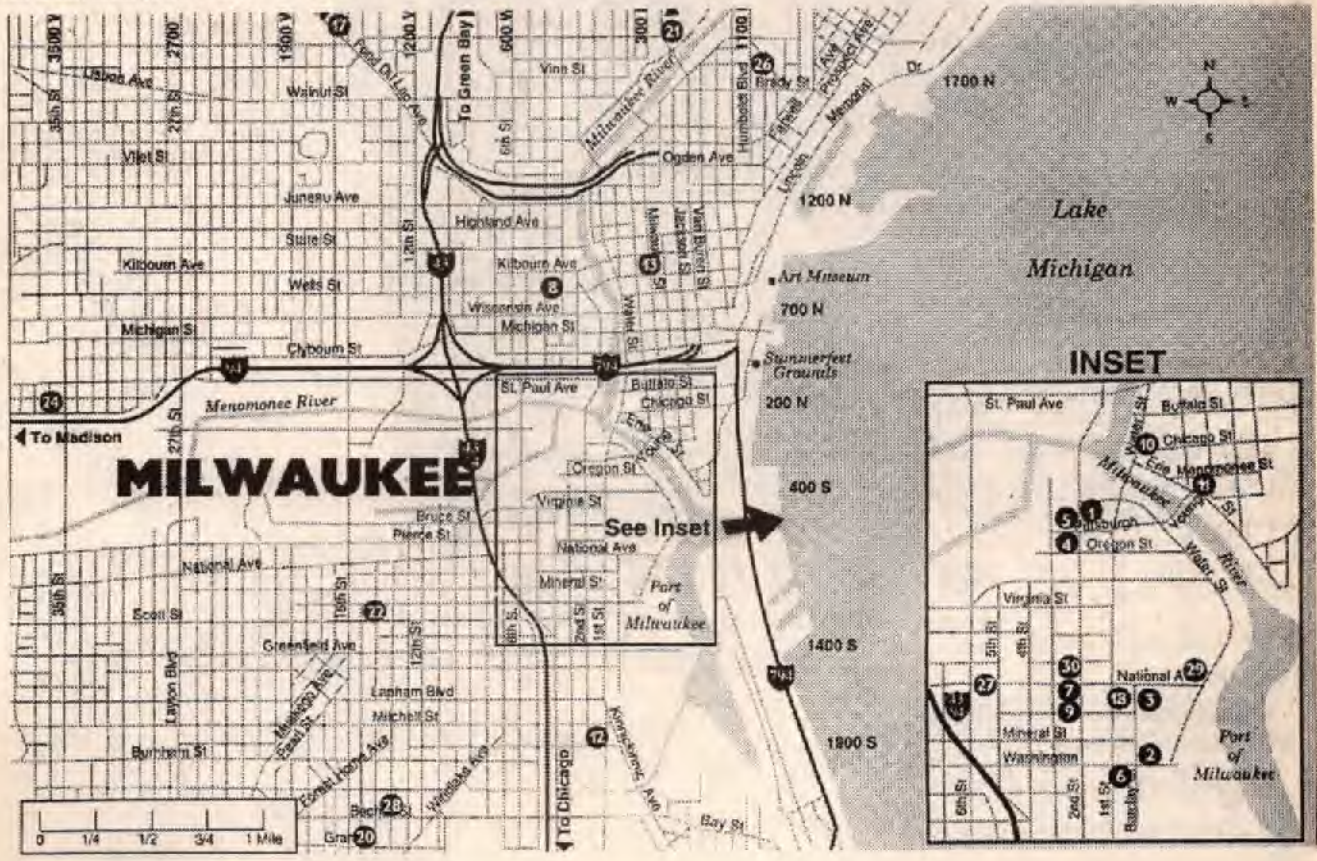
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 320 Washington, Wausau 54401842-3225

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 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481345-6500

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Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806
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SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
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Sheboygan (414)

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Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
 Shirley: 458-2506/Carolyn:467-0422

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 336 Superior Avenue 53081452-6757

Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)
 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan458-4889

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 Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)554-6611
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 Southeastern WI AIDS Project (HIV/AIDS Service
 Organization) 6927 39th Ave.
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<http://members.aol.com/~creation>
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HIV/AIDS Service Organization
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Eau Claire 54702(800) 750-AIDS
Local Number836-7710
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Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire
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Southwest/West Central (608)

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114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601782-9061
- Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat**735-4829
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Box 131, Platteville, 53818
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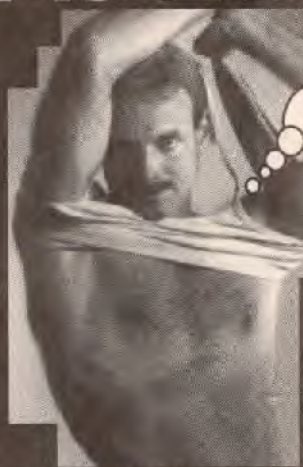
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Wisconsin

THE CLOSET IS FINE Because I am not interested in coming "out", I want a relationship with a man who feels the same way. I'm a Single, Gay, White male, 37, 6ft, 195lbs, with Black hair and Green eyes. I like golf, tennis, cross-country skiing, the Packers, Brewers, and going out for dinner. I want a non-live-in, monogamous relationship with a similar guy, between 28 and 40, who is in shape and has no beard or goatee. (Appleton) #14829

BOBBING FOR APPLETON I'm new in town and want to meet hot guys for erotic times. Let's get together and enjoy each other's body. I'm a masculine, 24 year old, White male, 5'10, 170lbs, with a good build. I'm clean and discreet. (Appleton) #12778

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

BRING ON THE EATS I'm an eater, a needer, and a feeder. This 33 year old, White male, 5'11, 190lbs, with Brown hair and eyes likes very well hung guys who enjoy being orally serviced while kicked back in a chair and on all fours. I also like bowling, darts, movies, and socializing. (East Troy) #29731

HAIR EVERYWHERE I want to meet a well endowed man for sensual play and more. I'm an attractive, very hairy, White male, 5'11, 180lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I like to bowl, play darts, fish, go to movies, and play cards. Come to me. (East Troy) #13412

BROWN EYED BOY This good looking, Brown eyed male wants to meet nice looking, well hung, muscular men for fun times. I like to do just about anything, especially bowl, play darts, go to movies, and socialize. (East Troy) #13055

CHECKERED FLAG This Bi guy is looking for regular get togethers with someone in the area. I'm a big sports fan. I love football, Nascar racing, camping, and the outdoors. Discretion is a must. (Eau Claire) #30044

I LOVE WORK BOOTS I want to meet other men who are turned on by feet and socks. I especially like Nike Airs, work boots, and white socks. I'd also like to meet fetish free friends. (Eau Claire) #29754

YOUR PLEASURE IS MY FAME This masculine, discreet, versatile, White male, is always looking for hot times with other dudes in their twenties and thirties. If you're hot, and horny, anything goes. (Eau Claire) #7099

I LIKE BIG ONES This Bi, White male is looking for discreet, early morning action with very well hung tops. I'm 5'9, 180lbs, and very hot and tight. You should be 40 to 50 and have a place to go. I need it hot and hard. (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

JOY IN JANESVILLE This straight acting, Bi male wants to meet a man, like me, who enjoys good times and friendship. (Janesville) #29049

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. (LaCrosse) #23466

SLIM AND MUSCULAR This slim, muscular, White male with long hair and body art seeks a Black male for no strings, no holds barred, action and, possibly, a regular thing. I'm attractive, 40 years old, 5'11, 150lbs. (Madison) #29932



EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE I'm versatile. This attractive, 33 year old, White male, 5'10, 180lbs, with Blond hair, and blue eyes seeks hot, well endowed top men and eager, smooth bottoms for very exciting, safe, times. (Madison) #29531

SURF THIS TURF This handsome, 44 year old, White male surfer boy wants to be your bathhole 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

BE A SPORT This shy, 37 year old, White male is into all sports, indoor and outdoor. I also like movies and relaxing at home. Call for more information. (Milwaukee) #30465

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 after that. Facial and body hair are big pluses. (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

GOING PLACES I know we can go places together. This African American male, 5'8, 145lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes wants to meet another guy interested in going to movies, out to dinner, and hanging out in front of the television. I like well built, African Americans, Hispanics, and White males. (Milwaukee) #30584

SCENIC TOUR I travel the state and want to meet Bi men, preferably Married, who want to have casual good times. I'm an attractive, clean, discreet, professional, Bi, White male, 39, 5'9, 165lbs, with a nice body. I like adult fun with other good looking, professional guys. I'm open to virtually all scenes, even the unusual. (Milwaukee) #12114

BROWN AND BRED This super hot, 40 year old, Gay, White male, 6'5, 190lbs, needs to make contact with other sexy, White dudes for brown hanky action. (Milwaukee) #29671

CHINESE AND BLACK I'm a Chinese and Black male, 5'9, with Brown skin, short hair, Hazel eyes, and a goatee. Would you like to meet me? (Milwaukee) #29662

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 same-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

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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'M HOLDING BACK

I'm a 25 year old, boy next 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

DAY OF DISCOVERY

I want to meet other guys in the area to explore my sexuality with. I'm an attractive 29 year old male, 6'9, 170lbs, with brown hair, and Green eyes. Let's discover together. (Milwaukee) #8333

NIPPLEMANIA

I'm looking for a man who enjoys good nipple work. I loved to have mine worked on for hours and I'd like to return the favor. 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, 18 to 28, for friendship. I enjoy books, music, theater, poetry, and snuggling with a specially chosen someone. My arms await. (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 LUCK

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 year 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 bod, 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 year old, masculine, White male, in extremely good shape. I'd like to meet for code conscious encounters. (Milwaukee) #26683

HARD AND HARDY

I want to meet a straight acting, horny guy, who is honest and discreet. I want to be able to get off together, but I also hope you're the type I can take home to meet mom. (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

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

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. (Milwaukee) #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

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

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

SLINKY KINKY

I'm a very attractive, Bi, White male in search of very kinky, dominant males, 18 to 25. I'm 6ft, 200lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm very discreet and hope you are too. I often get to the Twin Cities on the weekend. (Superior) #30219

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

YOUNG AND ACTIVE IN WAUSAU

I'm a Gay, White male, 25, 6ft, 190lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes and a sturdy, medium build. I'm a non-drinker and non-smoker, into tennis, biking, exercise, and the movies. I'm straight acting, and not into the bar scene. I'd like to meet guys with similar attributes for outdoor excitement, and indoor exotica. (Wausau) #11144

TIMID BUT TRUE

I'm a little shy about doing this but I want to meet some friends. I'm a 27 year old male, 5'9. Let's meet. (Wisconsin Rapids) #1753

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

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 ripped over by a crafty predator. (Racine) #26852

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

ANY OLD MUSIC WILL DO

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

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TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

"I Do"

Gay marriage has become a real hot-button issue in the last year. I'm all for lesbian gals and gay guys getting hitched. I say do it for the gifts.

If not for the gifts, then do it just for the sheer fun of taunting right-wingers with the subversive idea that gay and lesbian relationships can be stable and happy.

But before we all run off to the chapel, we should be aware of certain practical downsides. First of all, marriage is the leading cause of divorce. As a child of divorce myself, I'll definitely think twice about hearing those wedding bells ring. Besides, doesn't anyone panting eagerly to promise, in the eyes of the law, to love, honor, cherish, assume the debts, deal with the moods, and take care of another person in sickness and health for as long as you both shall live—doesn't such a person have one or two screws that aren't quite right?

Then, of course, there's the second, even larger issue. **WHAT ABOUT THE CEREMONY?!** This great country of ours is chock full of queer wedding planners who have planned the weddings they can't take part in for years and years. But there are only so many of them. Probably not enough to go around. That leaves a whole lot of folks to design and plan their weddings on their own. **YIKES!**

Over the years, I've attended a number of weddings, and I've taken mental notes along the way, under the assumption that with or without a law, I'd have a wedding someday, dammit, and I'd better be prepared. The classic no-no wedding was the one of a friend of mine in Memphis, where I learned several useful lessons.

First, the matron of honor who breaks her leg a week prior should be dropped from the show, before she can be wheeled leg-first down to the front to sing "You Light Up My Life." Second, the bride's mother should never wear more sequins than the bride. Third, if the bride's mother is fairly wide, do NOT let the florist put large bows on every other pew. At each set of bows, the mother and her escort had to do the bump just to get through. My best friend had to punch me to keep me from giggling.

And these are merely "don'ts" for an established traditional show. What about weddings for queers?

My best friend, Pelka, is a woman, and an unconventional straight woman at that, so we've already begun planning our alternatives. She will be my Best Woman, and I will be her Man of Honor. She'll get a perverse kick out of having a man

on either side of her, and we've already agreed that I will NOT hold the bouquet. We'll have a specially designed bouquet stand, so that neither of us cracks up at the image of me in a tux holding a bouquet.

As for my wedding, I haven't decided whether I'll put Pelka in a tux or not. She's a pretty blonde, and she'll look like Marlene Dietrich. But I can hear her saying at the wrong moment, "Daah-link, of course you do!"

Still that brings us to another point. At lesbian weddings, do the women wear tuxes, dresses, or tool belts? At gay weddings, can either party wear drag? Can the guests?

What about flowers? Candles? Altar boys? Priests? Priestesses? Music? The vows? Egads! Do you write your own vows or follow traditional ones? What traditional ones? I, for one, will not love, honor, and OBEY. At least, not unless it's fun for me, too.

As to the token that is a symbol of love, does it have to be a ring? Will a nice tiara do as well? Do women give each other diamonds? Is the size of the rock still important?

I want my wedding to be elegant, memorable, and moving. I've bawled at several gay and lesbian commitment ceremonies myself, and at my own wedding, I don't want to see a dry eye in the house.

Speaking of houses, which house? What's the proper venue? A house of worship? Country club? Pristine meadow? Ideally, the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris would fit the bill, but transporting several hundred guests to Paris might be problematic. Besides, at Notre Dame, I tend to hunch over and screech plaintively, "Esmeralda? Esmeralda?"

Then there comes the moment that the—er, the, um—facilitator says, "You may now kiss—each other." At that point, should there be tongue involved? I need to know.

Finally, at my wedding, just because I'm a little subversive, after we kiss and turn as a married couple to the audience of friends and family, and everyone expects to hear the Wedding March or Pomp and Circumstance as the recessional—at that moment, I will smile conspiratorially at my partner, and the speakers in the house will blare the classic, "Goin' to the chapel, and we're—gonna get ma-aa-aa-ried..."

On second thought, perhaps the complications of planning the wedding are worth it for that moment alone. "Cause we're goin'—to the chapel—of love."

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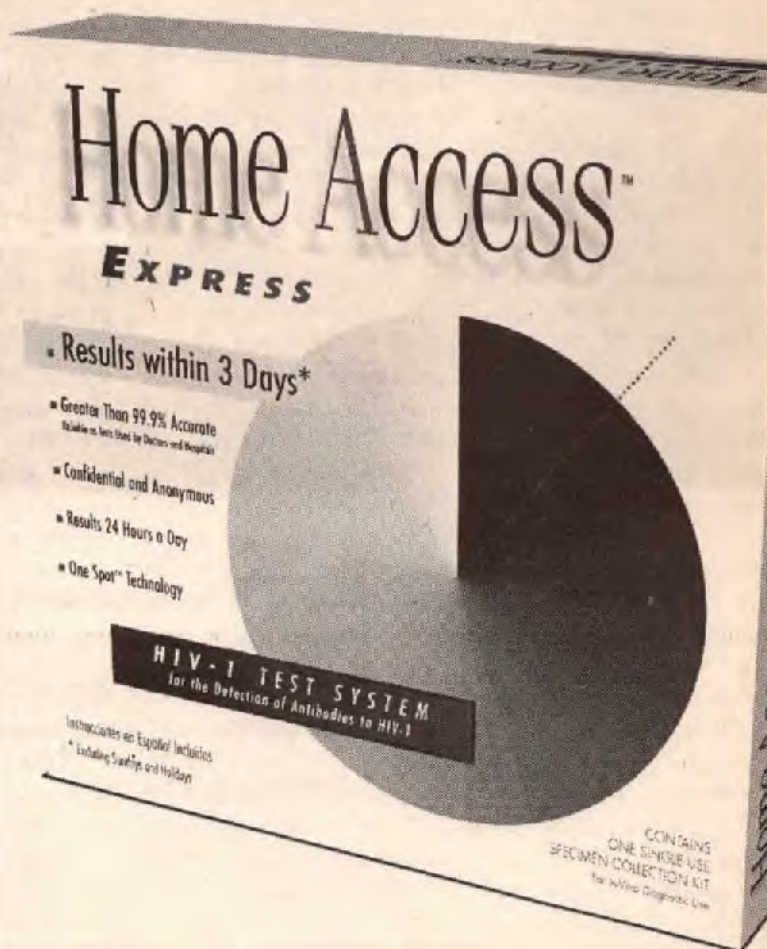
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