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Ellen is Coming Out... Y Que?

To the Editor-

Another white million-dollar-ayear-salary-plus-book-sales-and appearances-comedian-turned-Hollywood-actor is coming out of the closet ... Y Que? And, she's getting "Las Girlfriends," Melissa Ethridge and k.d.Lang together to hype it up ... Y Que?

You know, the all American rocker who stayed in the closet for years until it was safe for her to come out in the music industry. Now, Melissa is an out lesbian parent who poses naked with her lover for animal rights. And don't even get me started on the Canadian country music reclaim gone Tony Bennet crooner who's at the top of the A-list. Let's add a little "diversity" to the April 30th show everyone is waiting for, shall we. Invite Oprah Winfrey to play a therapist! Oh, that's right. She once had Me'shell Ndegeocello perform at the beginning of the show ... my mistake!

Don't get me wrong, Ellen, the character, is funny. I enjoy and prefer that dry sense of humor not everybody gets. Add a little Latin flavor and she'd really have something there! All I'm saying is that the reality is that every-day women in America literally struggle with the right language and image to keep their businesses from going under because the Right wing is picketing, or better yet, bombing them; and middle managers wear the right uncomfortable clothing and learn to play golf (OK, maybe some of them actually enjoy it) to make it in a white-male-dominated corporation; and low-paid office workers who painfully line "family" photos in their cubicles to avoid being asked, "Are you bringing your boyfriend to the picnic?" and, hold that foot-inthe-door because I have to feedmyself-and-my-lover-job.

And then there's this one, La Ellen, who has so much privilege, pull and the financial support of thousands of fans and the television industry behind her; yet she continues to make this a joke. Believe me, this is no laughing matter:

Imagine living in a state where as a lesbian or gay employee you can lose your job regardless of job performance because of your sexual orientation. In all but nine states, including Wisconsin, the official "Gay Rights State" this is true . . . Imagine not working in a supportive good ol' gay and lesbian and bisexual and transgender environment ... Now, imagine not being out in your private life. According to Brian McNaught, author of Gay Issues in the Workplace. "gay people who live in fear of coming out produce at a lower level." It also takes a lot of energy to protect your private life. Just look at the lengths Ellen has gone lo.

The truth is so many thousands of lesbian actors, comedians and entertainers don't come out is because it's still not considered safe or OK or acceptable in our society you're putting your career on the line if you do. What message does that send to little girls and teenagers struggling with their sexuality and having Ellen as a role model? Hay!

Ellen, the character, manages "By the Book", the fictitious independent bookstore with its all-white cast of employees (sound familiar?). This also tells me as a Latina, and woman of color that I have little to identify with on a prime-time television show whose ratings are skyrocketing. Y Que, so what, what else is new?

You're probably saying, "Y Que?" Let her come out already. She's doing so much for our rights, our community, by doing this." And my response is: "Honey, the violins are playing and the GLAAD awards are just around the corner!" Besides, I'd much rather be home watching Christina or Martin. They may not be mainstream or politically correct, but to me they're real!

> Carmen Murguia, Milwaukee

Keepin' In Step

To the Editor-

I am writing about the "Keepin' In Step" written by Jamie. I feel his column should be dedicated to the goings on at the bars, and special events in the community.

I don't care (and I'm sure many others don't) about his dishwasher, his new home remodeling projects, his trip to New York or Saigon, his Letters

boyfriend of the moment, or the past. His new position at work, his warm fuzzies, or the song of the red-winged black bird. Who cares!?

Maybe Mr. Taylor should pick up a copy of *Gay Chicago Magazine* and read the "Mike at Night Column" to get some pointers on how a real nightlife column is done.

> Name Withheld by Request, Milwaukee

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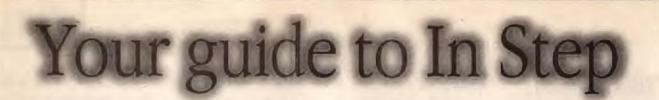


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In Step welcomes readers' letters. You may mail, fax or e-mail submissions. Please include phone number for verification.

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In Step's calendar of events is a service to our readers and listings are available free of charge. Clubs, bars, bookstores, com-



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State & Local News

Notestein to Speak at Milwaukee AB104 Rally

Madison Rally Set as Gays Organize Statewide for Assembly Vote

by William Attewell of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — State Representative Barb Notestein will speak at a rally against Wisconsin's anti-gay marriage bill, (Assembly Bill 104).

The "Wisconsin Won't Discriminate Rally" is scheduled for May 5, 1997 at 12 p.m. in front of the State Office Building at 7th and Wells Street in Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee rally is just one part of a Wisconsin-wide effort by gays and lesbians in opposition to AB104. Assembly Bill 104 would explicitly prohibit the recognitions of same-



-State Representative Barb Notestein

gender marriages in Wisconsin. Wisconsin laws currently do not allow for same-sex marriage, and the bill is seen by many as divisive and mean-spirited.

The Assembly debate on AB104 is schedule for Tuesday, May 13 in Madison. A six-hour debate has been scheduled with a vote on the bill to follow.

Mike Fitzpatrick, Co-director of Region Three for Action

Wisconsin, a statewide gay and lesbian rights lobbying group, told *In Step Newsmagazine* the Appleton and Green Bay contingent is well organized and will attend the Assembly hearing in Madison. According to Fitzpatrick, over 65 persons attending the Wausau hearing on AB104 and expected at least that many to make the trip to Madison.

"I don't see how our attendance at the hearing could not have an impact. Our representatives in the Assembly have to see they are impacting real people. We are not the stereotypes the religious right would paint us to be," stated Fitzpatrick.

In Madison, Action Wisconsin will hold planning sessions at the UW Madison Memorial Union on Sunday, April 27 and May 4. At press time, a room number and time had not been determined. Interested persons are encouraged to check the "Today in the Union" for more information.

A rally at the State Capitol is scheduled for Monday, May 12 in opposition to the bill. *In Step* will continue to follow this story as it develops.

Barriers Shattered as Women Sweep to Office in Dane County

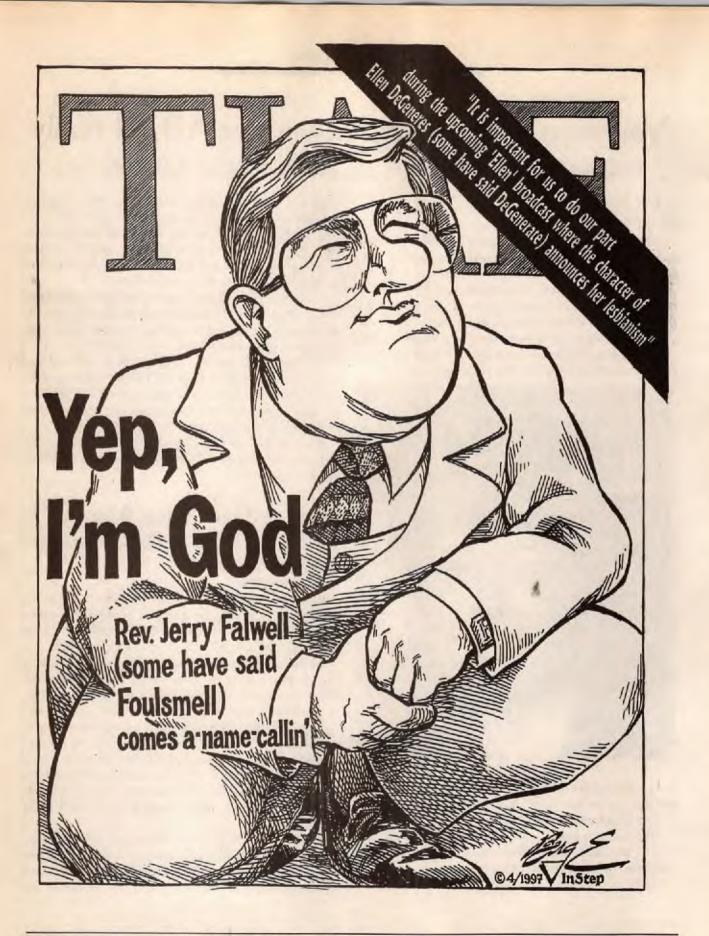
News and Analysis by John Quinlan In Step Contributing Writer

Madison — Almost 150 years of male-dominated political history ended here on April 1 as Madison and Dane County elected the first women to hold the offices of mayor and county executive, in Sue Bauman and Kathleen Falk.

And in a progressive state that has yet to elect a woman to the U.S. House or Senate, there was growing hope that the all-but-announced Congressional candidacy of State Rep. Tammy Baldwin would soon break down that barrier as well.

Election night itself turned into a real nail biter, when it became apparent that logistical complications meant that many of the city of Madison's ballots would have to be counted by hand. In most similar races, results would have been known as soon as an hour after the polls closed at 8:00 pm — in this case, it was almost midnight before either victor could safely declare.

This was due in large part to the closeness of the Madison mayoral race, where less than a hundred votes separated former Madison Common Council presidents Bauman and Wayne Bigelow out of over 50,000 votes cast. As a result, the



several hundred write-in votes gathered by UW professor Joel Rogers took on new significance, as each of his write-in ballots had to be tallied by hand.

As it was, mayoral victor Bauman's final tally (upon a post-election recount) was a victory by less than 55 votes. If ever we needed an example of how the LGBT vote counts, this was it.

While both Bauman and Bigelow both had strong records in support of gay rights, it was Bauman's campaign that had garnered especially strong gay and lesbian support. Tarred by the erroneous notion perpetuated by the Madison media that they must be exactly alike since they were both progressive in their politics, Bigelow had moved to embrace business and conservative leaders, while Bauman had emphasized her long record in working with Madison's low income, minority, and gay and lesbian populations.

Bauman will fill out the remaining two years of outgoing 'mayor for life' Paul Soglin's current term, who announced his impending retirement regardless of the outcome of his unsuccessful bid for Congress last fall. When asked how long she'd like to remain as mayor, Bauman says about ten years, which means that Madison may be assured of having a progressive, pro-gay mayor until at least the year 2006, if she makes good on her plans.

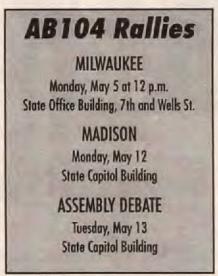
Meanwhile, lesbians and gay men had special reason to take pride in Kathleen Falk's success at winning the office of County Executive. Falk's campaign manager and master strategist was lesbian community leader Pam Porter, and her campaign treasurer was Porter's partner Mare Chapman. As editorial writer John Nichols noted in the *Capital Times*, Porter, who also serves as the executive director of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, 'is a rising star' in Wisconsin politics.

While Falk's victory was not nearly as razor thin as Bauman's (she won by a several thousand vote margin over conservative former county board chair Mike Blaska), it was a victory marked by a sharp division between Madison voters, who supported her overwhelmingly, and suburban and rural voters, who did not.

Falk's earlier victory in the primary had been sealed in large part when ourgoing County Executive Rick Phelps backed her candidacy over that of openly gay former county board chair Dick Wagner. In a three-way race with Falk and Blaska in which the progressive vote was split, Wagner had lost that primary. Wagner quickly and graciously threw his support behind the Falk campaign post-primary, however.

While most of the lesbian and gay community did the same, there were still some lingering bad feelings. Wagner's campaign manager, lesbian community leader Linda Willsey, was highly critical of area labor organizations for not giving Wagner a fair shake in their endorsements, accusing the leadership and rank-and-file of what she characterized as not so thinly veiled homophobia.

Other lesbian and gay leaders, while acknowledging that some of Willsey's observations may have been accurate, urged the LGBT community to engage in dialogue with labor leaders. For example, *Isthmus* printed letters from both Willsey and Alan Furnas, a nearly successful openly gay candidate in 1994 for county board, who praised the support he had received from labor.



With outgoing County Executive Rick Phelps exploring a run for Congress against Rep. Baldwin, the issue takes on new urgency, and Baldwin supporters are working hard to make sure that her candidacy is given the same consideration as her male opponents' by labor leaders. Phelps is also considering a run for governor, and area papers were filled with articles about Phelps and his family intended to plant the seeds for either race.



While Baldwin's name has come up in the articles noting Bauman's and Falk's breakthrough victories for women politicians, the local press hasn't yet fully embraced her candidacy quite as seriously — the unspoken notion being that she has questionable viability as an open lesbian district wide. (Besides the city of Madison, the second congressional district extends into rural Dane County and several conservative counties beyond.)

While Baldwin's campaign is expected to attract hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers, and she has a proven track record as an effective fund raiser, it is this question of viability which must be addressed early in her campaign — even though the September 1998 primary is still some time off. In addition to Phelps, Baldwin's likely primary opponent is State Senator Joe Wineke of Verona.

For an election held on April 1, it was appropriate that one of the biggest post-election controversies was over something characterized as being more than a little foolish (in different ways depending on your viewpoint). The *Capital Times* Assistant City Editor Ron McRea (known to the LGBT community as the former openly gay press secretary to Gov. Tony Earl) made either an enormous faux pas or did an outrageously creative thing in penning the banner headline that declared Bauman's and Falk's victories. It read simply, "Dame County!"

In all, though, it was much ado about nothing in an elec-

tion where barriers were shattered and, many argued, this happened simply because, against enormous odds, the best candidates happened to win. Many are hoping to see the voters of south central Wisconsin make a piece of national history in November of 1998 as they elect a woman to office who would be the first 'out' lesbian or gay person to serve in Congress of the United States. Only time will tell.

Reverend Mel White Describes Falwell, Robertson As Cult Leaders at Madison Appearance

Madison (AP) — When the Rev. Mel White speaks of cult leaders, he doesn't refer to David Koresh or the Heaven's Gate suicides. Instead, White talks about Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson and James Dobson, all gurus of the Christian right.

White knows these men well. Before he announced he was gay in 1993, he was one of their colleagues. He even was the ghost writer for Jerry Falwell's autobiography. White is now the minister of justice for the University Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a denomination of



about 300 congregations nationwide with a predominantly gay and lesbian membership.

He was in Madison the week of April 6 to speak to church and gay and lesbian groups. Sunday, he spoke at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ and at First Congregational United Church of Christ to overflow crowds of LGBT-supportive people of faith. He also spoke at a clergy breakfast on April 7.

The Christian right, he says, is "Christianity gone cultic."

"These men are absolutely sincere in their beliefs. They are true believers; they are not charlatans or phonies."

The problem, White insists, is that what the television evangelists sincerely believe is that they ought to rid society of anyone who disagrees with their theological views.

"It's an urge to purge," he said.

White exempts evangelist Billy Graham from his accusations. In his book, "Stranger at the Gate," White explained the distinctions between Graham and the "selective literalists" of the Christian right.

"He was amazed by his great success and humbled by it," White wrote of Graham. "He didn't pretend to have God's answers to all the complex problems that confound us..."

"Robertson, Falwell, and the others who lead the new radical right are not like Billy Graham. They are more like Jim Jones and David Koresh, who thought they knew God's perfect will about everything."

Those leaders also use their beliefs to raise the money to support their causes, White added. "Falwell and Robertson have to take in about \$150 million a year. The annual budget of the Vatican is \$76 million a year — so they have to raise more money each year than the pope raises."

White, who served as a professor of communications and teaching at the theologically conservative Fuller. Theological Seminary, doesn't exempt liberal Christianity from his criticism. "Do you know why Pat Robertson is in television? Because, when he wanted to preach on television, the National Council of Churches, which controlled access at that time, eliminated all access to charismatic and fundamentalist Christians.

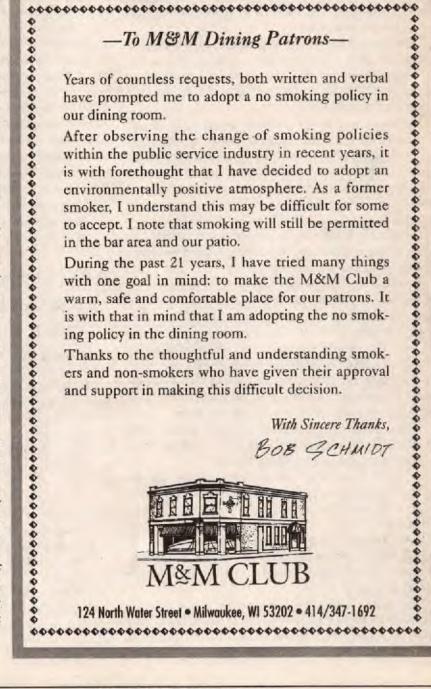
"These guys started their own stations because the liberals were too arrogant to give them a voice."

In his Madison talks, however,

White spent less time talking about the Falwells and Robertsons of religion than he did talking about the need for the church to include outcasts in its fellowship.

He spoke movingly of teenagers who commit suicide because they cannot handle the realization they are gay.

"People are literally dying out there because we haven't found a way to reach them with the good news that God loves them," White said.



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Study: Children Of Lesbian Couples Emotionally Healthy

Washington, D.C. — (AP) Lesbians who become parents through artificial insemination are raising emotionally healthy and well-adjusted children, according to three new studies. In studies presented at a meeting of social scientists, researchers said standard psychological tests found no significant differences between children of lesbian parents, and those of heterosexual parents.

"When you look at kids with standard psychological assessments, you can't tell who has a lesbian parent, and who has a heterosexual parent," said Charlotte J. Patterson, a University of Virginia researcher. "That's really the main finding from these studies."

The studies were conducted in the United States, Britain, and the Netherlands. They were presented at a meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development. Most of the children in the lesbian families were conceived at fertility clinics. Some of the children of heterosexual parents also were conceived at fertility clinics, but the studies also compared these groups with children born from natural conception.

Though the studies found no differences between the groups, Patterson noted that "the existing body of research is relatively sparse and open to criticism."

She said many of the studies are based on small samples, and the lesbian couples studied often have volunteered for the research, which can affect the results. The studies involved children up to age nine. Patterson said this means that the children were too young to determine if having homosexual parents will affect the youngsters' sexual orientation. Interest in the development of children born to lesbian couples has increased in recent years because more and more lesbians are choosing to raise a family, said Patterson.

"There is a lesbian baby boom," she said. "It hasn't been quantified, but there is a general community sense that more and more lesbian couples are having children."

Part of the reason may be that more fertility clinics now are providing services to lesbian couples, she said. These clinics help lesbians become pregnant with the sperm of anonymous donors.

Fiona Tasker of Birkbeck College in the Netherlands said her study found that non-biological lesbian parents were usually more involved with the children than are the fathers of heterosexual couples.

"The woman who is the co-parent in a lesbian family is more likely to take a major role in raising the children," said Tasker. In a study of 15 lesbian couples and 41 parents of children born through natural conception, Tasker said she found that 90 percent of the lesbian co-parents assumed the common child-raising tasks. Only about 37 percent of the fathers in heterosexual couples, however, took an active role, she said. In disciplining the children, Tasker found, 60 percent of the lesbian co-parents took an active role, while it was only 20 percent of the fathers in heterosexual families.

Raymond W. Chan of the University of Virginia said his study of lesbian, and heterosexual couples with children included reports from the children's teachers. Chan said the teacher reports, using standard psychological evaluations, found "no significant differences" in adjustment or behavior between the groups of children. All the children in Chan's study were conceived at fertility clinics and some were being raised by single heterosexual parents, and some by single lesbian parents. The researcher said his tests found no differences between the groups. "The children of insemination are developing normally whether in lesbian or heterosexual families when compared to the available norm for the community at large," Chan said.

ABC Declines To Air Lesbian Cruise Ad During Ellen's "Coming-out" Episode

Oakland, CA (AP) — A T.V. ad promoting a lesbian cruise line has been rejected for use during the "Ellen" coming-out episode, even though the spot would have helped make up for ads pulled by Chrysler and J.C. Penney.

"It is our position that discussion about same-sex lifestyles is more appropriate in programming," ABC broadcast editor Bob Reynolds said in a fax to the public relations firm that represents Oakland-based Olivia Cruises and Resorts.

Olivia's president, Judy Dlugacz, called the April 30 "Ellen" episode "historic," since it will be the first time a show's lead character has revealed that she or he is homosexual. But — knowing that a large number of lesbians will watch the show — Dlugacz also sees a prime marketing moment slipping away.

"Here was this incredible opportunity for me to reach a group that often doesn't want to be identified," said Dlugacz, who has run her travel and music company for more than 20 years. Nevertheless, Dlugacz still plans to film the 15-second ad on Monday on a Florida cruise ship. The ad's script describes a woman standing on the ship's moonlit deck looking out over the water. She turns to find a shadowy figure wearing a baseball cap approaching her. The figure takes off the cap, revealing that she is a woman, and the couple embraces. TED Inc., the New York public relations firm that handles advertising for Olivia, is now pursuing air time on ABC affiliates in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Dallas, Miami and Seattle.

"Needless to say, it will cost much more to air the ad in these individual markets than it would have cost to air nationally," said Bob Fitzgerald, a spokesman for TED Inc. It is the second time in less than a month that sponsors of a gayrelated ad have had to shop it to local ABC affiliates after rejection from the national network.

The Washington-based Human Rights Campaign wanted to place an ad about discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the workplace. But Vice President Harvey Dzodin said that script violated network's policy against "controversial issue advertising," such as abortion, union issues and gay rights.

This latest refusal is not, however, sitting well with gay and lesbian rights groups, including the Human Rights Campaign.

The HRC says ABC's stance on the Olivia ad, which would have brought the broadcaster \$225,000, indicates a specific bias against businesses trying to reach the gay and lesbian market.

"This discriminates against gay companies trying to reach a market," said David Smith, a Human Rights Campaign spokesman. "My sense is that anything to do with gay and lesbian issues, whether it's a product or whatever, falls under the category of controversial issues."

Smith said he asked ABC's Dzodin for clarification on the policy, but his request was turned down.

Meanwhile, ABC is attempting to fill slots that could have been filled by such skittish advertisers as General Motors and Johnson & Johnson, which have — in addition to regular advertisers Chrysler and J.C. Penney — decided not to advertise on the April 30 episode.

Johnson & Johnson's competitor, Home Access Health Corp., has announced it would advertise its HIV-testing kits during the show. Microsoft Corp. plans to buy a spot.

Man Charged with Hate Crime in Attack of California Gay Man

by Keith Clark

of the In Step Staff

Huntington Beach, CA — Police have arrested Michael R. Caywood, a 21year-old described as being marked with white supremacist tattoos, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, and committing a hate crime in connection with an attack on an unidentified gay man.

Authorities said the victim apparently was randomly calling public pay phones when Caywood answered one of the ringing telephones. According to the police report, the unnamed gay man apparently invited Caywood to his apartment after a brief conversation over the phone to have sex.

But police say that when Caywood arrived, he grabbed a heavy glass vase, and beat the victim with it, pounding his head and face with it. Police say Caywood then stole stereo equipment from the man's home and fled.

Also on the Newswire...

Man Given 30 Years in Murder of Arkansas Drag Queen

Fayetteville, AR — Adam Blackford, who was found guilty earlier in April of the November 1996 strangulation death of Alan F. Walker, locally known for periodic drag performances, has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the killing. Another man, Yitzahk Marta, 21, is also facing trial in the killing as well. Police say Blackford, 22, and Marta met Walker at a local gay bar and returned to his home and strangled, stabbed and bludgeoned Walker to death.

Poet Allen Ginsberg Dead

New York, NY — Allen Ginsberg, one of the most influential poets of the 20th century, has died of liver cancer at his home in New York. He was 70 years of age. Ginsberg, who was part of the counter-cultural "Beat generation" of writers and artists of the 1950s, first broke onto the world literary scene in 1956 with the publication of his poem, "Howl," in which he wrote about his homosexuality, psychedelic drug use and other then-taboo subjects.

Vietnamese Officials Upset by Country's 1st Gay Wedding

Ho Chi Mihn City, Vietnam — Officials and police are reportedly "very distressed" about reports of a male couple who were married during the first week of April with more than a hundred guests attending the celebration. Vietnamese newspapers quoted local police officials as saying they were unable to do anything about the marriage ceremony "because we don't have any laws to punish them." The victim, who was treated for face and head cuts, and contusions, had called police, and Caywood was arrested shortly afterward.

Condom Project Dropped from Science Fair

Thermal, CA — Coachella Valley and Riverside County school officials



have pulled a science fair project by Shari Lo because they say her condom reliability experiment goes against the school district's sex education policy of emphasizing abstinence.

Lo's project for evaluating the strength and reliability of various brands of condoms for a Southern California science fair had already been approved by teachers who review projects being entered. But Colleen Gaynes, Riverside County schools superintendent, told school district officials the project probably violated the district's sex education guidelines.

High School Jocks Report Sexual Hazing by Senior Athletes

San Diego, CA — Police and school officials are giving out very little information, but local news sources have reported that authorities are investigating charges of sexual hazing of several football and baseball players at Rancho Bernardo High School, one of the largest public schools in San Diego County.

According to news reports, officials are investigating charges that several junior varsity football and baseball players were sexually harassed and sodomized by senior athletes at the school as part of an initiation ritual.

The sexual initiation rituals reportedly took place at the school gymnasiums following junior varsity practices over a period of time, and may have involved dozens of the teenage boys.

According to one news report, several senior athletes who are being investigated in connection with the charges have been suspended while the inquiry continues.

The incidents came to light after some of the boys who had been sexually assaulted complained to school officials.

Lambda Sues Chicago School District Charging HIV Bias

Chicago, IL — The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office has filed a federal lawsuit against the city's school board, charging that it violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by discriminating against people with HIV.

Lambda filed the suit in U.S. District Court, charging that an unnamed man who told the board he was HIV-positive when he applied for a job as a teacher in 1995 was later told by the district that he was ineligible for the position because of his health.

The lawsuit charges that, after the school district changed some of its policies concerning HIV, the man reapplied but was told he had to provide the district with a medical history and undergo a complete medical exam first.

Lambda's lawsuit charges that the school board's policies are a violation of ADA and other federal anti-bias statutes.

The school district said it could not comment because it has not yet seen the suit itself.

Maine Governor Lets Anti-Marriage Bill Become Law Without His OK

Augusta, ME — Saying a bill prohibiting same-sex marriages in the state was marred by "hate and division," Maine Gov. Angus King said he would neither sign nor veto the measure. As a result, the bill will become law late this June.

The bill was approved by the state legislature after residents had gathered enough signatures to force it to a ballot vote.

Many lawmakers at the time said

they believed a ballot measure would have been approved by state voters if they didn't approve the bill themselves.

Gov. King echoed that same sentiment, saying a referendum vote would have been "bitter and divisive."

But he said he would not himself sign the measure into law because he said he believed the law had "very little to do with marriage and nothing to do with love. Instead, the real purpose of its leading proponents is to keep some aspect of this issue in the public eye, to stir fears and ancient prejudices, and to sow hate and division."

So Gov. King's decision was to simply let the law take effect without his approval.

Aussie Straight Couple to Complain of Bias at Gay Bar

Melbourne, Australia — In a case with striking similarities to one in San Francisco reported on in early March, an unidentified straight couple say they will file a complaint this month with a human rights board after being kicked out of a gay bar in suburban Collingwood in mid-March when they refused to stop kissing.

Tom McFeely, the manager of the bar are the Sir Robert Peel Hotel in Collingwood, said customers at the gay bar complained about the male-female couple, saying they were "kissing passionately."

McFeely said the couple were asked to stop and were reminded that they were in a gay bar. But he said the couple continued kissing "on and off" for about an hour at which point they were told to leave.

But the couple, whose identity was not being revealed, said they were discriminated against because of their sexual orientation - heterosexual in this case - which is illegal and would file a complaint against the bar. The man involved in the kissing incident told one news source that if gays "want to be accepted, they have to accept everyone else."

In early March, a San Francisco gay bar was formally reprimanded by the city's human rights commission after it kicked out a straight couple who were kissing, saying that straights weren't allowed to kiss in the bar. The commission said such selective exclusion was in fact a violation of the city's anti-bias laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

South Carolina County Commissioners Yank Arts Funding

Charlotte, NC — Following almost six hours of rancorous debate, and public comments from hundreds of people who had showed up, the Mecklenburg County commission voted 5-4 to cut all county funds for the Mecklenburg Arts and Science Council.

In a thinly disguised attack on gay-themed arts, the commission's resolution cuts the funds the country gives the council, and denies any future funding to groups that "promote, advocate or endorse behaviors, lifestyles and values that seek to undermine and deviate from the value, and societal role of the traditional American family." An earlier version of the resolution, which the council narrowly rejected, explicitly banned funding to agencies that "promoted ... homosexual arts."

The Arts and Science Council last year received \$2.5 million in county funds as part of its total \$8 million arts budget.

Two years ago, when the Cobb County, Ga., commission adopted a similar res-

A Vote for Gay Marriages in 'Ground Zero'

Colorado Springs, CO — Colorado Springs is aften called "Ground Zero" by rights activists in the state because far-right conservatives in the city were the principle backers and driving force behind Amendment 2, the anti-gay amendment later declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. But in late March the First Congregational Church-United Church of Christ became the first in the state to say that gays and lesbians should fully participate — including church blessings of holy unions. Ironically, the Colorado legislature is considering a measure that would prahibit same-sex marriages in the state, even if legally performed elsewhere.

Making S.F. Bus Drivers Sensitive to Gays

San Francisco, CA — The city's public transportation commission has approved a proposal for municipal bus drivers to undergo sensitivity training about gays and lesbians. The program, which will cost \$10,000, hopes to make bus, trolley and cable car drivers how to better work with gays and lesbians using the city's municipal rail and bus system. The training program follows two recent incidents in which San Francisco bus drivers were accused of anti-gay physical and verbal attacks.

Convicted Embezzler to Keep Job at AIDS Agency

Ashville, NC — Beverly Hopper has been found guilty of embezzling nearly \$10,000 from the Western North Carolina AIDS Project over a three-year period she worked at the agency as a caseworker for people with AIDS. Twelve other people - Hopper's Iriends and family members accused of cashing checks falsely prepared at Hopper's request - face related charges. Although she could to sentenced to 10 years in prison, a spakesperson with the Columbus (Ohio) AIDS Task Force, where Hopper now works, said she will probably keep her job at the Ohio agency because she doesn't have anything to do with finances.

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olution, the 1996 Olympic Committee in nearby Atlanta pulled all its scheduled events from the county and relocated them.

When the Greenville County, S.C., commissioners followed suit, Olympic officials refused to allow the Olympic torch to run through the county.

L.A. Study Shows Gay Bars Hit by Police More Often

Los Angeles, CA — Rights activists say a report ordered by the Los Angeles Police Commission shows that the city's police target gay bars for arrests and raids at almost twice the rate of straight bars in the city.

The report, which the police commission ordered late last year, found that gay bars account for about 1.5 percent of all licensed bars in the city but are the subject to about 2.9 percent of all the police inspections of bars.

Even more telling, rights activists say, the report indicates that about 8 percent of the bars in the police department's Northeast and North Hollywood divisions are gay, but they account for, respectively, more than 20 percent and 14 percent of the police inspections. The police commission has now ordered the police department to provide it with similar reports on an annual basis.

Plea to Involuntary Manslaughter in 'Rough Sex' Killing

Philadelphia, PA — Victor Cartagena, 21, has pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the 1996 strangling death of John E. Eastwood, 53, a Philadelphia hair stylist with whom Cartagena periodically lived.

In a statement to police about the death of Eastwood, Cartagena said Eastwood had asked him to "put his belt around his neck and pull it" as part of their "rough sex." But according to Cartagena, Eastwood collapsed and died before he could remove the tightened belt.

Prosecutors said because the two men had had an on-andoff relationship for at least five years, and because there was no evidence to suggest intentional murder, they had no choice but to charge Cartagena with the lesser crime of involuntary manslaughter. Cartagena will be sentenced later.

Florida AIDS Agency Closing Down

Tampa, FL — The AIDS Community Project of Tampa Bay has announced that it is shutting down because of decreasing funds and volunteers.

Kathleen Farrell, executive director of the program, said

part of the reason for closing the agency was because of the success of the new protease inhibitors to fight the epidemic.

"Protease inhibitors are helping people live longer, and we are very, very glad of that," Farrell said. "But it creates a financial hardship for the organizations that serve them."

Last year Pineallas County, where the agency is located, saw a decline of 25 percent in the number of people who died of AIDS. The agency had, until very recently, received much of its annual income from families, friends and the estates of people who had died of the disease.

The agency, which has been staffed by 31 employees and some 300 volunteers, will officially close its door on June 30.

Nonoxynol-9 Spermicide Doesn't Block HIV

Washington, DC — Researchers with the National Institutes of Health who studied some 1,300 prostitutes in Cameroon over a two-year period say the contraceptive containing the common spermicide nonoxynol-9 doesn't prevent the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Health experts had hoped that the spermicide would provide women with enough protection from the HIV that it could become an important first-line of defense against infection, especially in less developed nations where condoms are often culturally unacceptable, and sometimes simply unavailable.

Activists Protest Puerto Rican . HIV Testing Regulations

New York, NY — AIDS advocates in New York, and Puerto Rico have denounced a new regulation approved by Puerto Rico's health department last month as one of the most flawed in the U.S. and that will lead ultimately to more people in the island territory simply avoiding testing for the virus.

The regulation, which has been temporarily suspended by health officials because of intense opposition in Puerto Rico, requires physicians to report the names of anyone infected with HIV, and goes on to require anyone testing positive to provide health officials with the names, addresses and phone numbers of everyone they've had sex with during the past 10 years. The regulation also gives doctors permission to test anyone they suspect may be at risk for infection without their consent or knowledge.

A spokesperson for the Latino Commission on AIDS in New York, called the regulation a "backward, fear-mongering measure that would discourage Puerto Ricans from seeking HIV tests and ultimately spread disease."

Darryl Ng of the Manhattan-based Gay Men's Health Crisis called the Puerto Rican regulation "a recipe for disaster ... a recipe of what not to do." Ng warned that a proposed congressional bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), would have much the same effects as the regulation.



AIDS Advocates Laud Conviction of HIV-Positive Woman

Detroit, MI — AIDS Advocates in Michigan have taken an unusual position of praising a state appeal court for upholding a strict law requiring people infected with HIV to inform their sexual partners of the infection or face up to four years in jail. In upholding the conviction of Brenda Jensen for not telling a sexual partner that she was infected, the court ruled that the woman's "life-threatening behavior" made her a "danger to society." AIDS advocates in Detroit said the state "needs a harsh law to scare people."

Legislative Committee Narrowly OKs School Anti-Bias Measure

Sacramenta, CA — A proposed state measure introduced by Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) to bar discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation in state-controlled schools in Califarnia barely won approval in the Assembly's education committee by an 11 to 9 vote. The measure, which is adamantly being opposed by anti-gay conservatives who say it "promotes homosexuality," naw goes to the Assembly's appropriations committee before it can come before the full legislature for a vole.

Alabama TV Station Drops 'Ellen' Episode

Birmingham, AL — WBMA-TV, ABC's local affiliate in Birmingham, Ala., says it won't air the April 30 episode of the TV comedy "Ellen" when the lead character, portrayed by Ellen DeGeneres, is scheduled to disclose that she is a lesbian. A spokesperson for the station said the content of the program wasn't suitable for "family viewing" and that it would not air future episodes of the program dealing with the same subject.

Madison Gay Pride and M.A.G.I.C. Picnic Dates Announced

Madison — Madison's Gay Pride/M.A.G.I.C. Picnic Committee has announced that the 24th Annual M.A.G.I.C. Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19th from 12 Noon until 7 p.m. at Brittingham Park on the shores of Lake Monona. The Capitol city of the nations' Gay Rights State is again host to a spectacular, fun-filled weekend. Make Madison your destination for the weekend of July 18 through July 20.

The picnic is sponsored by the Rodney Scheel Family Fund for PWA's, and area Les/Bi/Gay organizations provide the much needed people power to run this great summer event. The event attracted over 1,900 men and women from across the state and Midwest last year . Darken that tan while enjoying the company of family and friends. Great food and beverages, raffles, organizational booths, vendors, music, games and the infamous high-heel races are planned throughout the day. The event costs \$8 and includes a picnic meal and unlimited beer and soda.

Galvanize has also announced the 4th Annual Madison Gay Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, June 20th at 1 p.m. The parade will start off with a rally at the Capitol entrance to State Street and proceed to Library Mall, on the University of Wisconsin Campus.

Many other exciting events are planned throughout the weekend and include the MAGIC invitational Volleyball Tournament and the 10% Society Dance at the Memorial Union. Area bars and nightclubs will be hosting special parties throughout the three-day affair. For more information, contact The United at (608) 255-8582 or e-mail them at: GAYHOTL@aol.com

ARCW To Kick-off Gay Targeted HIV Prevention Campaign

Milwaukee — On April 17, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) will unveil Wisconsin's first public service campaign targeted specifically at Gay men.

The "man2man" campaign theme is "Take Pride. End AIDS." and uses positive messages to reinforce safer sex practice. The campaign will consist of a series of five messages which will be displayed on posters and cocktail napkins in more than 40 gay bars across the state of Wisconsin. There will also be advertising done statewide in the gay and lesbian press. "The campaign's message strategy marks a significant paradigm shift in HIV prevention advertising," said Andy Bagnall, ARCW Gay Outreach manager. "Take Pride. End AIDS.' promotes self-esteem and encourages Gay men to practice safer sex through a reinforcing message of being proud about being Gay and that life is very worth living."

The first of the five-part series of messages will depict men in their early twenties. As the campaign continues, a diversity of images will be portrayed.

The second message is timed for release in conjunction with the celebration of PrideFest and includes a donation of 300,000 cocktail napkins from Fort Howard Paper Company in Green Bay.

"This is an exciting and unique campaign because it will result in reduced risk-behavior among Gay men in the state as well as position Wisconsin among leading national AIDS service organizations (ASO) that are moving toward promoting life in their prevention advertising rather than using a fear-instilling strategy," said Bagnall. "Our 'man2man' campaign would not be possible without the help and contributions made by many Gay men from across the state."

The campaign is part of a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and was produced by ARCW in cooperation with six state ASO's which participated in focus group research to develop effective promotional content.



Materials were created by Wells Ink, a Milwaukee-based advertising agency with strong ties to the gay and lesbian community.

Be sure to look for the posters and cocktail napkins at your favorite bars the third weekend of April as well as future images consisting of gay and bisexual men of color and younger gay men. There will also be a limited supply of posters for interested individuals. For more information, call 414-225-1502.



"Bjorn Again" Signed for PrideFest Performance

Milwaukee — At PrideFest '97 an Abba-esque pop group from Sweden will take Milwaukee by storm! Performing over 1,200 live shows in over 30 countries world-wide, including Gay Pride London 1996, Bjorn Again is one of the most popular revival bands of the decade.

The world has been fascinated with the melodies made famous by four Swedes back in the 1970s. Now that same excitement is moving around the world again, headed for Wisconsin PrideFest '97 in the form of pop delight Bjorn Again, a band often times confused with a similar group called Abba.

Mike Hall, PrideFest Co-director said, "We are very excited to have the Bjorn Again world-tour coming to Wisconsin PrideFest. You'll think you are back in the '70s or as a part of the cast of 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert' when you see this outlandish and outstanding music group." Bjorn Again will take center stage at PrideFest '97 on Saturday, June 7th. "

Possum Queen Town Hall Decisions Announced

Milwaukee — A Town hall meeting for the 1997 Possum Queen Campaign was held on March 11 in the Banquet Room of the M&M Club. That meeting resulted in several major decisions regarding the 1997 event and the future of the Possum Queen campaigns. Max Barnett, coordinator for the last several campaigns, invited the public to the town hall meeting to help in the planning and coordination of the Possum Queen campaign because it has grown so much since the original campaign in 1991.

"We needed to become more responsive to the size of this event," noted Max, "and I needed help with its production. The town hall meeting was able to provide direction in both of those areas."

A Possum Queen Steering Team was chosen to oversee the 1997 affair. The new Steering Team includes Max Barnett (Victoria Maxwell), Jon Bauer (Lizzie Bordeaux), Bob Kauffman (BooBoo LaRue), Mark Meyerhoffer (Roxy Latour), Renee Polubinsky, and Chuck Poulson (Charlotte Lorrain). These individuals are already recruiting potential candidates and marketing the concept of a bigger and better campaign. Candidate and sponsor packages are being prepared and the team is applying for non-profit, 501 (C) (3) status.

The PrideFest Committee has also embraced the concept of the Possum Queen extravaganza. The final Possum Queen celebration will be held on the PrideFest grounds.

Again, Max Barnett explained, "We have made a commitment to the PrideFest Committee that the Possum Queen finale will be held on the Miller Stage on the first evening of PrideFest. This partnership is a natural fit, and that accessibil-



ity of PrideFest will obviously add to the community participation and the financial success of the Possum Queen cam-. paign itself. This will be the first time that a Possum Queen is chosen at PrideFest, which has grown to be Milwaukee's premier gay celebration of the year. Also, PrideFest at the Summerfest grounds is a statewide and national event in addition to being a local observance.

The official dates of the 1997 Possum Queen Campaign will be from Friday, April 25, 1997 through Friday, June 6, 1997. There are no rules in the Possum Queen Campaign, so participants may begin their individual, unofficial campaigns whenever they want. Members of the Steering Team will try to be very visible in the community from now until the end of the event. Any questions may be directed to them, or you may call Max Barnett (Victoria Maxwell) at (414) 221-0093.

St. Camillus Spring Education Series Offers Session on Psycho-Social Issues

Milwaukee —St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry is concluding their 1997 Spring Education Series. This series offered monthly discussions on specific topics related to the Changes in HIV/AIDS Care as HIV Disease evolves from a terminal to a chronic disease. The final topic for this series



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The Country Dance Gala is a part of Shoreline's Spring Round-Up, May 2-4, 1997. For further information, grab a brochure! will focus on psychosocial issues. A panel of speakers will address the issues faced by persons inflicted with HIV disease on Wednesday April 16, 1997.

The panel will include Marge Rock, CAODAC, who will focus on issues of drug and alcohol use/abuse; Tim Baake, MS, who will focus on issues of HIV and adolescents; and Jeffrey Miller, MSN, RN CS, who will focus on general psycho-social issues and emotional care. The session will be held on the St. Camillus Campus in the O'Donnell Room of the San Camillo Building from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The San Camillo Building is located at 10200 West Blue Mound Road, across form the Milwaukee County Zoo.

All session are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry at (414) 259-4664.

Sixth Annual Bisexual Conference in Minneapolis

Milwaukee —Bi Definition, Milwaukee's bisexual community organization, invites all Southeast Wisconsin LGBT persons to join them on the weekend of April 25-27, 1997 in Minneapolis, MN for the 6th Annual Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A Uniting, Supportive Experience (B.E.C.A.U.S.E.).

The 1997 Midwest conference theme is: "Body Pride, Body Power," relating to people having sovereignty over their own bodies.

Bi Definition will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25th before car pooling to the University of Minnesota. The cost of the conference is based on a sliding scale fee and interested persons should contact Steve at (414) 483-5046 as soon as possible to ensure the reservations of transportation and free housing.

Spring H.I.T. League Seeks Bowlers

Milwaukee — The Spring H.I.T. League is now seeking bowlers to join them for ten weeks of bowling this summer. All events will be held at Landmark Lanes, 2220 North Farwell Avenue at 7 p.m. from May 20th through June 22nd..

The cost is \$8 per week for three games and includes a banquet, trophies for the top two teams and a fund-raiser for the H.I.T. Tournament.

Teams consist of five bowlers per team. Form your own team or let us place you with others. For further information, Join them at their organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Landmark Lanes or, call (414) 938-9726.

Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo Celebrates 4th Year

Chicago — The Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo Celebrates their fourth year with "Commitment To Love." This showcase for gay-owned or gay-supportive businesses is ready to help same-sex couples plan their wedding ceremonies and celebrations. Caterers, florists, jewelers, printers, travel agents, tuxedo rental companies and a number of area churches and religious organizations, will be available to meet with gays and lesbians to aid in planning ceremonies of all types, from traditional formal affairs to casual celebrations.

As in the past, this year's event will feature fashion shows, live music and free hors d'ouvres. Surprise packages will be provided to the first 100 people who come through the door. There is no charge to attend "Commitment To Love", but a \$5 donation at the door will be collected and everyone making a donation will be entered in a raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Horizons.

"Commitment To Love" will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 3 to 6 p.m. at Circuit, 3641 North Halstead. For more information, call (773) 784-1714.

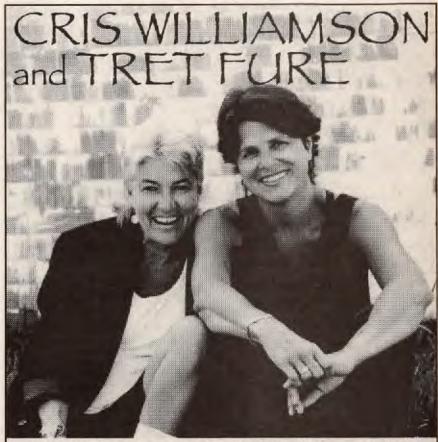
CWAN Workshop: Creating a Safer Community For Sexual Minority Youth

Wausau — A half-day workshop will be offered Saturday, April 19, 1997 in the E.A.C.H. Theater of the North Central Health Care Facilities. The workshop will target youth-serving professionals who want to learn about and discuss the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

Keynote speakers are Denise Jess

and Jennifer Paige Hendler. Ms. Hendler is an educational consultant who specializes in community-building, conflict resolution, diversity issues, multicultural education and media literacy. Ms. Paige Hendler is a graduate student in the School of Social Work in field placement with Wisconsin Educators for Social Responsibility. The workshop will also include a panel presentation of individuals from Wisconsin who will share their experiences as gay adolescents.

This training is sponsored by the Central Wisconsin AIDS Network, UW-Marathon Campus, Wausau Family Practice Center and New Beginnings Counseling Center. The registration fee is \$25. To register or for more information, call Peggy Kurth at (715) 848-9060.



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A Literary Coffeehouse at PrideFest '97

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Throughout Saturday and Sunday a variety of Author Appearances, Writing Workshops, Poetry Readings and other events will be hosted. For all the latest news on who will be appearing at The Afterwords/Wisconsin Light Literary Coffeehouse, please call (414) 963-9089, or visit the Afterwords website at www.afterwords.com

Miller-PrideFest Announces Fourth Annual Volleyball Tournament

Milwaukee — The fourth annual Miller-PrideFest Volleyball Tournament will be held at Urban Park, along Milwaukee's lakefront on Saturday, June 7, 1997. Men's, Women's, mixed, pick-up and organized teams are welcome to participate in this popular outdoor (grass) event that is again presented by Milwaukee GAMMA. There will be both a competitive and social division with the morning devoted to interdivision round-robin play and the afternoon to elimination play. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends about 6:00 p.m.

Trophies, medals and prizes will be awarded each division. All players will receive a T-shirt and free admission to PrideFest on that Saturday. Gay and lesbian teams from throughout the upper-Midwest and Canada are expected to attend.

Team managers may register by mailing a roster (Please include shirt sizes), team name (address and telephone number), and a check for \$60 (payable to PrideFest) and division preference to Miller-PrideFest, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. For further information call Pat at (414) 873-7043.

Local Ceremony To Honor The Memory Of Those Who Have Died Of AIDS

Milwaukee — On May 4, the 14th annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will mobilize people from 290 cities worldwide. In Milwaukee, the event is being hosted by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Harbor Lights Room in the O'Donnell Park Pavilion, 909 E. Michigan Street. This year's ceremony, themed "Telling Stories — Celebrating the Lives" is being held a few weeks earlier than past years.

The ceremony will include the recitation of names of those who have died in the last year, the reading of remembrances, musical selections and the lighting of candles by participants.

"The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony is a celebration of life that honors those who have died with AIDS and offers support for people living directly or indirectly with HIV and AIDS," said Father Mike Hammer of the Catholic AIDS Ministry and master of ceremony for the local event. "The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony also reminds the community to get involved in the fight against AIDS."

Quilts will be displayed, and a reception will follow the ceremony, which 150 people attended last year. Those attending are encouraged to bring a photograph of a loved one who died with AIDS to be displayed during the candle lighting. Attendees will also receive a special, living memorial gift courtesy of the Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association and the Milwaukee County Funeral Directors Association.

Stories Needed

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is collecting personal stories which will be shared to remember those who have died and reflect experiences, hope and messages of courage. Stories are welcome from relatives and friends of someone who has died with AIDS, health care providers, caregivers and social workers. Text (100-150 words) must be submitted by April 25 to Gary Dennison at MAP, P.O. Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0487.

The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony is free and open to the public. For information or to volunteer at the event, call (414) 225-1523.

Other organizations participating in planning the event include Sinai Samaritan Medical Center/Positive Health Clinic; Catholic AIDS Ministry; Children's Hospital of



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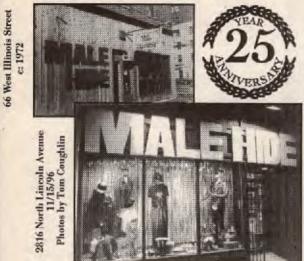
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Animal Lovers Apply At MAP

Milwaukee — Be a friend to someone's best friend through Pers Are Wonderful Support (PAWS), a pet care assistance program offered through the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for individuals infected with HIV disease or AIDS.

Volunteer opportunities include assisting with daily pet chores such as litter box cleaning, dog-walking, feedings, veterinary transportation, foster care and possible permanent placement of pets if necessary.

As a PAWS volunteer, you will have the ability to enable those too weak to care for their pet the option of maintaining a vital asset in their quality of life. A pet may be the most important source of attention and love an individual with HIV or AIDS receives, and with your help, they will not have to fear losing their companions.

"This is a great opportunity for people who love animals and want to make a contribution," said Gary Dennison, PAWS coordinator at MAP. "Animals provide the kind of unconditional love and support that many individuals with HIV or AIDS want, but they are worried that they will not always be able to care for their pets. PAWS helps make many of those concerns disappear."

Use the PAWS program at MAP to help you empower someone with HIV or AIDS to find a reason to look forward to tomorrow. For more information on how you can be of service, call 414-225-1541.

1997 Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Boy Contest

Milwaukee — The 1997 Boy Contest will be held at the 1100 Club on Friday, April 25th starting at 10 p.m. Contestants may register up until 9 p.m. the night of the contest. A pre-contest cocktail get-together will be held at the South Water Street docks from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets for all weekend activities may be obtained at the 1100 Club or the South Water Street Docks, as well as from any Castaway or Argonaut member. Tickets to the individual contests may be purchased at the door for a donation of \$7.

The 1997 Mr. Wisconsin Daddy Contest will be held at the 1100 Club on Saturday, April 26th starting at 10 p.m. Contestants may register up until 9 p.m. the night of the contest. There will be an auction at the 1100 Club from 2 to 4 p.m. and the Contest Banquet will be held at the M&M Club starting at 6 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$20 and may be purchased the 1100 Club or the South Water Street Docks, as well as from any Castaway or Argonaut member.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin Gives \$9,500 in Grants

Green Bay — Rainbow Over Wisconsin, Inc. recently distributed \$9,500 in grants to the following organizations in Northeastern Wisconsin: Center Project, Inc., Fox Valley AIDS Project, Inc., East Central Wisconsin Wellness, Synergy, Positive Voice, GLEEDA, PFLAG Fox Cities/Green Bay, Argonautsof Wisconsin, and Rainbow Alliance at St. Norbert College

Any gay, lesbian or bisexual organization needing financial assistance for the upcoming year is asked to make your need known in writing. Please send information to: Rainbow Over Wisconsin, 702 East Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911.

GLBT Speaker's Series at the University Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Milwaukee — Carmen Murguia, local Latina activist and performer, will be sharing someof her life experiences and original poetry including a reading from her collection, "The Voices Inside: Mi Alma, Mi Cuerpo y Mi Espiritu." Her work has appeared in "Voices Seen", A.R.T.E.'s "Contar Historias", and Zink Magazine, and she is currently the Public Affairs Specialist for 9to5, National Association of Working Women.

The program will begin at 7:00 PM in Room E280 of the UWM Student Union located at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. All GLBT Speakers Series programs arefree of charge and open to the public. Sponsored by the UWM Office of Student Life, and UWM Women's Resource Center, and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Community at UWM. For more information on these events, contact the GLBC at 229-6555, email glbc@csd.uwm.edu, or snail mail to Union Box 251, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413.

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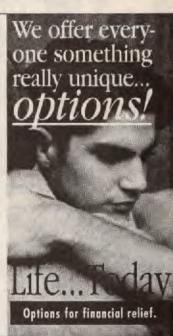
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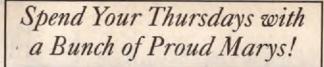


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Special Report

AIDS, Protease Inhibitors & the Workplace New Drugs Creating a Quantum Shift in the Epidemic

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

The AIDS epidemic, of course, is far from over. In March, California marked a grim milestone with the 100,000th HIV infection - a figure that is more than the total number of HIV infections in the entire continent of South America and eight times more than the total infections reported in all of Canada.

But in the past year or so the epidemic has made an abrupt and not entirely smooth quantum shift that is leaving AIDS agencies - and many of those stricken with the disease -

unprepared for the changes taking place as thousands of people once so ill they couldn't do their own housework are now, because of new drugs, increasingly thinking about returning to work.

In early March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta announced that nationwide the number of AIDS-related deaths had dropped 12 percent in the first half of 1996 compared with the same period the previous year. The declining death toll is credited in large part to improved treatment AIDS patients had begun receiving even before the new protease inhibitors came into widespread use about a year ago.

Then, as city health officials around the country began to finish compiling local statistics, city after city started reporting sharply declining numbers of AIDS patients who were being treated in local hospitals — and dramatically reduced times for those who were seeking inpatient care were remaining hospitalized.

In Chicago, for example, health officials say that the four city hospitals with the largest AIDS caseloads have had at least a 16 percent decline in the number of AIDS patients recently.

New York authorities reported even more dramatic changes. In 1996, the death rate plummeted nearly 30 percent over the previous year, along with a drop in the number of AIDS patients in city hospitals on any given day of about the same proportion. In fact, the shift there has been so dramatic that public health officials say the declining number of AIDS patients in city facilities may actually force some hospitals, nursing homes and hospices in the city to lay off staff or even shut their doors.

According to national news reports, AIDS hospices around the country are also closing down, with closures reported in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California already and others elsewhere considering shut-downs due to few patients.

Earlier this year, the AIDS Foundation of San Diego closed down. At least in part the foundation's demise was a result of mismanagement that led it deep into debt after the agency in 1994 purchased a \$1.2 million building with sub-

stantial mortgage payments at a time when AIDS experts were already saying the epidemic was transforming from an active killer disease into a chronic manageable illness. In hindsight — if not apparently with adequate foresight — it's easy to see that such a major capital investment at a time when the epidemic was dramatically changing was a significant error in judgment.

At the beginning of April, the AIDS Community Project of Tampa Bay in Florida, where a 25 percent drop in the number of AIDS-related deaths was recorded last year, announced it was also closing its doors later this year, in large part because of the transition in the epidemic brought on by new drug therapies that are keeping many more people alive longer.

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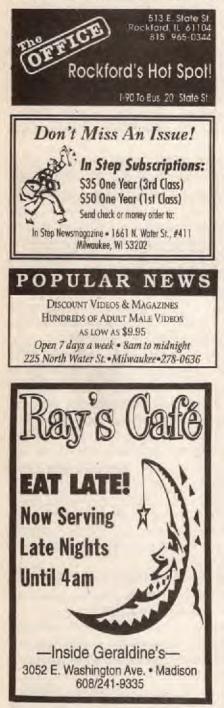
that," said Kathleen Farrell, the project's executive director. "But it creates a financial hardship for the organizations that serve them."

Because people with HIV are living longer, Farrell said, fewer donations are coming from the families, friends and estates of people who have died from AIDS.

At the same time, the number of new HIV infections being reported in the U.S. is expected to remain fairly constant at about 60,000 annually, federal health experts say.

While clearly not all patients taking the new protease inhibitor drug cocktails are dramatically helped in fighting the infection, the majority appear to improve so significantly that many people with AIDS who spent much of their time preparing to die as their health deteriorated are now trying to figure out what to do with their new-found lease on life.

In an effort to deal with this new development, AIDS agencies from New York to California have begun holding workshops and training seminars for people with AIDS on returning to the



American workforce at a time when the answers to most of the questions this raises are still largely unknown.

More than 10,000 people with AIDS in California alone get Social Security disability benefits, and other Many of them feel they could go back to work, but there's a tremendous amount of fear," said Jesse McGuinn, a consultant with the state Assembly's appropriations committee. "One of the hopes is that if you can provide transi-

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-KATHLEEN FARRELL

hard-hit areas of the country — New York, Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, Texas — have comparable numbers. And while the new protease inhibitors are making it possible for many of these people to now consider, returning to work, many are worried that if they take a job, they risk losing their disability status - and with it the government health-insurance benefits that made it possible for them to get better in the first place.

"We have a system that says if you are well enough to go to work, you lose your benefits - period," said Debra Rose of California's LIFE Lobby, which lobbies for 60 gay rights and AIDS organizations statewide.

Sophia Kwong of the AIDS Project Los Angeles, which works with more than 6,000 patients, says the dilemma is that without the disability benefits most patients won't be able to pay for the expensive new protease inhibitors, and that raises the prospect of becoming ill again.

"What's the purpose of going back to work," Kwongs asks, "if they can't get the treatments that made them feel better in the first place?"

In California, AIDS advocates are trying to craft a state bill for the legislature that would extend state MediCal benefits to infected individuals even if they become well enough to return to work. But with budget-conscious lawmakers, that may not be an easy task to accomplish.

"This is a population that has been a complete drain on the public system. tional medical support for these folks, they can become contributing members of the work force and society."

In California and in other states, the price of going back to work can be very high indeed AIDS advocates say. Anyone who returns to work within a year of getting their disability status risks losing all health benefits, cash payments and being asked to pay back everything they've gotten.

And that isn't the only problem: Low-income patients can lose their SSI payments immediately if they get a job. And when patients begin earning too much to qualify for SSI, they also lose the free MediCal coverage - the state's health insurance program - and must start paying a "share of cost" that can eat away much of their new earnings.

People on Social Security Disability Insurance have a little longer to test the waters. During the first year, recipients continue getting all their cash payments and Medicare regardless of their earnings. But after that first year, a patient's disability status can be reviewed, and reclassified to non-disabled. If that were to happen, and the patient became ill again after a period of being well, the Social Security Administration requires a completely new application for benefits - a long, complicated process many patients say is hard to complete when ill.

Questions of what AIDS patients returning to work can expect is so new in fact that there are no official policies in place to answer them. "The whole thing is up in the air right now," said Bill Schutze of the Social Security Administration's regional office in San Francisco.

Many AIDS patients who are showing marked improvements in their health because of the new protease inhibitors nevertheless say they won't return to work for a variety of reasons — in addition to fears they will jeopardize their access to health care.

Despite significant improvements in how Americans view AIDS, many patients still know that the stigma associated with the disease is real and strong. Others also worry about the gaps in their resumes and how prospective employers will look at several years of no work.

And while the health improvements being shown in many patients taking the protease inhibitors is often startling and dramatic, health experts still don't know whether the new drugs will continue to work in the long run or not. So many AIDS patients also worry that their illness will mean they won't be able to perform well on the job, and worried that a new job will stress their systems and make them ill again.

In spite of the many concerns, however, people with AIDS are returning to work. In fact, job counseling is quickly becoming one of the more important services some AIDS organizations are beginning to offer. In San Francisco one group — Positive Resource — has been set up specifically to do employment counseling for people with HIV/AIDS.

But people with AIDS aren't the only ones with concerns about the shift the epidemic has made and people returning to work. Employers, who are legally forbidden from discrimination based on health status, nevertheless have questions and concerns about returning workers who, a year or so ago, may have been nearer to death than to a new job.

Some of the issues employers are concerned about are parallel to those that patients ready to return to work are also raising, including: Will employees with AIDS who have already been disabled by the illness add to their firm's insurance costs? Will such employees be dependable or be frequently out with recurring illnesses? And will these workers re-entering the workforce be here a year from now or become unable to work if the benefits of the new drug prove to be short lived.

The difference between the employers and the prospective employees, says Mark Misrol of Positive Resource, is that businesses so far are avoiding the issue. "There's a real need for the business community to become engaged in this," says Misrol. "There's an awful lot of incredibly talented people out there that the business world could use. We need to develop a way to bring these people back in."

Time, in fact, may help resolve a number of these issues.

The protease inhibitors have been in

use now for slightly more than a year, and it is only a matter of time before scientists will be able to determine whether their use actually eliminates HIV from the body or not.

If the new drugs are as effective in entirely controlling — or even eradicating — HIV as everyone hopes, concerns about AIDS patients returning to work should lessen considerably or disappear, among both returning workers and their employers. And people with the disease returning to work should be of no greater concern than diabetics or other workers with manageable illnesses.









- Pictured are Molly Havner and Jeremy S. Holm as Kathering and Petruchio and/or vice versa!

UWM Professional Theatre Training Program will Present "The Taming of the Shrew"

Milwaukee - The Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the School of Fine Arts, will present William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," April 17-May 3 at the UWM Fine Arts Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. This is the first fullystaged production by new Professional Theatre Training Program's Director, James DePaul. Tickets for "Taming of the Shrew" are available at the Fine Arts Box Office in the theatre lobby or by call (414) 229-4308.

William Shakespeare's play "The Taming of the Shrew" is

a droll look at the battle of the sexes. The prominent and pulchritudinous Bianca despairs of ever knowing the joys of married life because of her father's stipulation that she may not wed until her fiery and argumentative older sister, Katherina, takes a husband. The wily Petruchio, aware of Katherina's huge dowry as well as her scorching tongue, takes up the challenge of wooing her. The result is a fast-paced war of wits as the two adversaries thrust and parry their way to the altar.

Director, James DePaul expresses, "Our approach to 'Taming of the Shrew' is a celebration of theatricality. In this dynamic, explosive world, the actors will be working with gymnastics, Commedia del Arte; circus techniques and modern dance. Music will support and punctuate the frantic and mad world of Katherina and Petruchio."

The production will feature the juxtaposition of postmodern and classical elements including original costumes that feature bold primary colors, a day-glo orange stage floor, a set which features several tons of exposed scaffolding where stage hands, technicians and dressers are part of the action, non-traditional casting and other surprises.

A&E Celebrates Chivalry, Truth, Honor and Romance When it Presents "Ivanhoe"

New York - The award-winning team of A&E and the BBC have coalesced conjointly to bring another of the world's greatest stories to television, when A&E presents the North American premiere of Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe." Following in the footsteps of the immensely noteworthy "Pride and Prejudice," A&E is committed to bringing the greatest literary adaptations to a new audience, and this A&E/BBC co-production is continuing the tradition. "Ivanhoe" is the timeless legend of love and valor, complete with Richard the Lionheart, Robin Hood, knights in armor, the flower of chivalry, intrigue, passion, betrayal and combat. This epic six-hour miniseries airs as follow: Part One: Sunday, April 20 at 7 p.m; Part Two: Monday, April 21 at 8 p.m; and Part Three: Tuesday, April 22 at 8 p.m. "Ivanhoe" is closed captioned.

"Ivanhoe" stars Steven Waddington (The Last of the Mohicans) in the title role as Ivanhoe; Christopher Lee por-



- Steven Waddington as Ivanhee. Photo by Mark Bourdillan

trays the sinister Grand Master of the Templars Lucas De Beaumanoir; Ciaran Hinds (Persuasion) is the scheming Knight Templar Sir Brian Bois-Guilbert; Susan Lynch (The Secret of Roan Inish) is the sensual Jewish healer Rebecca; and Victoria Smurfit is Rowena, the beautiful Saxon lover of Ivanhoe. Also featured in the miniseries are: Aden Gillett (House of Eliott) as Robin of Locksley; Ralph Brown as Prince John; Rory Edwards (Interview with A Vampire) as King Richard; James Cosmo (Braveheart) as Cedric of Rotherwood; Ronald Pickup (A Dry White Season) as Waldemar Fitzhurse; and Sian Phillips as Queen Eleanor.

"Ivanhoe" is situated in 12th century England, and apprises the dark history of Coeur de Lion's return to fight against factions loyal to the treacherous Prince John. Sir Walter Scott's lordly adventure of gallant honor, romance, knightly tournaments and bloody battles charts the escapades of the young Saxon knight Wilfred of Ivanhoe, and his conflicted feelings for the beautiful but unattainable Jewish healer Rebecca and his childhood sweetheart, the Saxon heiress Rowena. Colorfully depicting life in the age of the Third Crusade, the novel explores the admirable idealism of chivalry along with its often cruel and unyielding consequences. But at its heart, "Ivanhoe" is a story of courage, duty and romantic love.

Parson Dance Company Returns to Pabst Theater

Milwaukee — David Parsons's sensational, young dance company will return to the Pab'st Theatre on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. featuring both new work and established repertoire. Tickets may be purchased at the Pabst Theater Box Office or by Phone Charge at (414) 286-3663.

Founded in 1987, the Parsons Dance Company consists of eight dancers, four women and four men; it includes the founder and choreographer David Parsons. Parsons, who has often been called the 'golden boy of modern dance,' was a high school athlete who discovered dance as both an athletic and aesthetic experience when he joined the Missouri Dance Theatre in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri. Following high school, Parsons moved to New York City where he studied at the Alvin Ailey Dance School before joining the Paul Taylor Dance Company as an understudy, and pumping gas at night to pay his rent. It wasn't long before Paul Taylor promoted the talented young dancer to a lead in the company and began creating works for Parsons, both in the Taylor Company, and beginning in 1987 with his own company. Parsons's dancing and choreography are marked by the incredible athletic demands he makes upon himself and his dancers.





- The Parsons Dance Company, Photo by Lois Greenfield Companies Inc. Design: Studio Paul Koelman.

To date, Parsons has created more than 41 dances and continues to be a prolific choreographer. His signature piece, "Caught" has become a classic of the dance world and continues to startle and amaze audiences worldwide.

In recent years, a strong connection has formed between the Parsons Dance Company and Milwaukee. In addition to the three performances at the Pabst, two Milwaukee dance companies have Parsons works in their repertoire: The Milwaukee Ballet performs "Bachiana; and Milwaukee Dance Theater, "Sleep Study" and "Three Courtesies." In addition, the Parsons company has given performances for Milwaukee schools and conducted master classes for dance majors at UWM.



Rick Moody Will Read From His New Novel "Purple America"

Shorewood — Author Rick Moody will read from his new novel, "Purple America" at Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Moody is depicted as "an anthropologist of desolate landscapes," who tells the story of a hard drinking man summoned home to care for his aging mother. He must learn to face the ghosts of his past, the reality of his present and the choices of his future. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

If Hex Raitliffe, the main character in Rick Moody's novel "Purple America," is a hero, then "heroes are five-anddime, and the world is as crowded with them as it is with stray pets, worn tires and missing keys." Often compared to John Updike, John Cheever and Philip Roth, Rick Moody tackles modern life issues with the power of his carefully crafted words. Moody's protagonist, Hex, returns home to deal with an aging, quadroplegic mother. She has been abandoned by Hex's stepfather who has his own problems at work: a dilapidated nuclear power plant. The return home recalls Hex's own painful adolescence, and confrontation with his alcoholism. Rick Moody's work often centers around dysfunctional families and addictive behavior. In "Purple America," he exposes both to close scrutiny with intriguing results.

Moody's first novel, "Garden State," won the Pushcart Prize. A film of his second novel, "The Ice Storm," premiered in March starring Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. His third novel is titled "The Ring of Brightest Angels Around Heaven." His fiction and essays have appeared in the New Yorker, Esquire, the Paris Review, Harper's, Grand Street, Details and The New York Times. Moody resides in Brooklyn.

Oshkosh Opera House Foundation Presents Dallas Brass

Oshkosh — The Oshkosh Opera House Foundation is proud to present Dallas Brass at the Grand Opera House, downtown Oshkosh, as part of the Oshkosh Opera House Foundation's 1996-1997 Touring Artist Series. Dallas Brass will perform Friday, April 18 at 8 p.m. and will be welcomed by WNAM AM 1280. Tickets for Dallas Brass are on sale and available from all Ticketmaster locations including the Grand Opera House box office. For more information call (414) 424-2350.

Dallas Brass offers a sovereign opportunity to quench the thirst for family entertainment. The Washington Post calls them "A first rate ensemble," a title that is hardly surprising when one considers their extent and precision of their repertoire. From classical to Broadway and jazz, from Bach to Benny Goodman and Sousa-Dallas Brass is elegant, rousing, and a whole lot of jest.

The six-member Dallas Brass has expeditiously developed

- Author Rick Moody. Photo by Marion Ettlinger.



a glowing reputation for innovation, style, and sterling musical artistry. By adding the dimension of drums and a wide range of percussion instruments to the traditional brass quintet, the ensemble performs a surprising variety of musical styles. Their engaging narration, creative lighting, and choreography expand the boundaries of the traditional concert format. Leading Dallas Brass is Michael Levine, the ensemble's Director and trombonist. Originally from Minneapolis, Levine formed Dallas Brass in 1982, and serves as the group's Master of Ceremonies and Artistic Director.

At present, Dallas Brass includes no native Texans, however Levine says, "the success of the group has a great deal to do with it beginning in Dallas, and although we don't play there much anymore, we still feel we represent Dallas wherever we go."

George Goundie Memorial Scholarship Exhibition at Union Art Gallery

Milwaukee - The Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, resplendently presents "A Collection of Friends: George Goundie Memorial Scholarship Exhibition." Professor Goundie was a Professor of Sculpture in the Department of Art,

and one of the founding members of the School of Fine Arts. He served on a wide variety of Arts councils, and exhibited extensively in major regional and national exhibitions. For information regarding the exhibition and events held in the Union Art Gallery, call (414) 229-6310.

This exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Professor Emeritus George Goundie. Artwork in the exhibition has been donated by professional artists. All exhibited items will be available for purchase through a silent auction held concurrent with the show dates. All proceeds will benefit the "George Goundie Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Emerson String Ouartet Will Perform at The University of Chicago

Chicago - Commemorating Franz Schubert's Bicentennial, the Emerson String Quarter's all-Shubert concert will close the 1996-1997 Chamber Music Series at The University of Chicago's Mandel Hall, 1131 E. 57th Street, on Friday, April 18, 1997 at 8 p.m. Emerson String Quartet will feature Schubert's Allegro in C minor "Quartettsazt," among other classical works. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Professional Concert Series Office at (773) 702-8068.

The first chamber ensemble ever to win the Grammy Award for Best Classical Album (followed by two Grammy Awards for Best Chamber Music performance), the Emerson String Quartet, with Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer (violins), Lawrence Dutton (viola), and David Finckel (cello), continues to travel the globe performing over one hundred concerts each year. The quartet appears regularly on virtually every major chamber music series and at festivals world-wide. A steady stream of recordings emerging under its exclusive long-term contract with Deutsche Grammophon, as well as its consistent re-engagements in the musical capitals of the United States, Europe and the Far East, further confirm the Emerson's status as one of the preeminent ensembles in the world today.

The Emerson String Quartet took its name from the great American poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson in the U.S. Bicentennial year. All four members have performed many benefit concerts for causes ranging from



nuclear disarmament to the fight against AIDS, world hunger and children's diseases.

Jason Rohlf's Recent Paintings Will Be On Exhibit at Michael H. Lord Gallery

Milwaukee — Jason Rohlf's recent paintings will be on exhibition on Friday, April 18 at Michael H. Lord Gallery. The opening will coincide with the Spring Gallery Night, and begins at 5:30 p.m. and continues until 9:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

Jason Rohlf continues to delve into his interest, and derive inspiration from shaman masks of the Eskimo. The use of masks marries Rohlf's interest in the natural and mystical world, and the calm balance that is created when the two co-exist.

Rohlf's employs a complex use of colors and glazes which are applied in layers, building form and atmosphere. The surfaces of the painting are then reworked by scratching or drawing into the wet paint. This exposes the colors that lie underneath, creating a rich textural surface. Rohlf uses found wood which he then constructs into frames encasing the work, allowing the painting and frame to function as a unified work of art.

Jason Rohlf received his training at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has exhibited widely, and his work can be found in collections through the country. Rohlf's painting "Simply" was the featured work at last years Art for AIDS benefit auction.

James Finn Garner Will Read From His New Novel "Apocalypse Wow: A Memoir for the End of Time"

Mequon — James Finn Garner is concerned he is not prepared for the end of the Millennium. Are you? Garner, humorist and author of the best-selling "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories," researched this "Year 2000 thing," and will give his fans the hilarious results when he reads from his new book "Apocalypse Wow: A Memoir for the End of Time" at the Schwartz Bookshop in Mequon on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 241-6220.

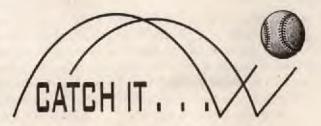
Before revealing the results of James Finn Garner's research into the real meaning of the end of the millennium thing, aptly titled "Apocalypse Wow: A Memoir for the End of Time," he asks his readers to take a "Doomsday Final Exam: Test-Your-End-Of-Time IQ," but if you are con-



Author James Finn Garner. Photo by Dennis Sheehan.

cerned about your score, "go on Jeopardy," he declares. "We're talking about the apocalypse here!" With that, satirist and keen social observer, Garner, launches into how, and when the world is going to end, and the influences of UFO conspiracies, numerological calculations, harmonic convergences and Sonny Bono. James Finn Garner takes his research, and education responsibilities seriously which explains why he ordered 25 fortune cookies at a Chinese restaurant telling the waiter they were for scientific purposes. The result is his critical study of aleuromancy: the art of prophetic baking. Executing a successful transition into the 21st century will require intense preparation. "Apocalypse Wow" won't help, but it will dispense a decade of laughter.

James Finn Garner, a writer and performer, lives in Chicago. His previous books include "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories," "Once Upon a More Enlightened Time," "Politically Correct Holiday Stories," and "Kabbalah: What Did You Mean By That, Bubbe?" His work also appears in the *Chicago Tribune* and Chicago Public Radio.



Billie Jean King

By Yvonne Zipter of the In Step Staff

Billie Jean King. Martina Navratilova. Chris Evert. Evonne Goolagong. Zina Garrison Jackson. Tracy Austin. Pam Shriver. Rosie Casals. Virginia Wade. Wendy Turnbull. When you read this list of the participants in the latest Virginia Slims tennis event, you realize that the

name of the event is in no way an exaggeration: The Legends Tour. The tour, which has already been to Tampa, Florida, will make its way to Chicago's Navy Pier April 26-27 before heading to Pittsburgh, Nashville, Dallas, and Delray Beach, Florida. Team Navratilova will face off against Team Event here in Chicago. The proceeds of the event here will benefit the National AIDS Fund and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. The lineup of stars one will see, the \$25 or \$50 for a reserved seat will be money well spent.

There is also a grass roots component to the tour, in which women aged 21 or older within a 200-mile radius of each Legends tour site can compete in doubles competitions. Winners of these competitions can

advance to a regional tournament, and then to a national championship, where they will be on court with Rosie Casals and Wendy Turnbull. The championship is scheduled to be held in December the weekend of the Delray Beach, Florida, Legends Tour stop.

Recently, at the Mid-Town Tennis Club in Chicago, I had an opportunity to talk with Billie Jean King about the Legends Tour, women's tennis generally, and increased athletic opportunities for girls and women.

YZ: The women who are involved in the Legends Tour really are tennis legends. Do you feel you helped lay a trail for some of the younger women on the tour?

BJK: Yes. But there are really nine of us [who helped lay that trail], who signed a one-dollar contract with Gladys Heldman [founder, editor, and publisher of Tennis World magazine] in 1970 for the very first Virginia Slims Tournament. That's really the birth of women's professional tennis. Of those nine, Rosie [Casals] and I are the only two still playing. When we signed that one-dollar contract, it was a very historic moment in the history of women's tennis.

That was really *the* beginning of what we know now as a career where women play for \$38 million dollars. That is really, without any question, the first generation of professionals—what I consider first generation would be Chris Evert, Jimmy Connors, because they really came into tennis

when there was prize money, as young people. The first year, in 1970, when I was 27 years old, I call us the transition pros. We were amateurs before that, and we went through a lot of politics and very difficult, very scary times. Those two [Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors] are really, what I consider first-generation professionals. They were really able to turn professional when they wanted to—not trying to *create* a professional opportunity. Huge difference.

YZ: You said you went through some scary times, do you mean scary financially?

BJK: Every way. Financially, we had no money. We were suspended from our national organizations—USTA [U.S. Tennis Association] suspended all of us [in the original nine] that were Americans. The

Australians suspended the Australians. The moment we took that \$1 — we have a photo that's quite famous, actually, with the nine of holding up a one-dollar bill with Gladys Heldman—and that moment, they basically said, "You're out of there. You're not considered any part of any governing body anymore." In the first year, we couldn't get Chris to play on our tour, we couldn't get Margaret Court, we couldn't get Virginia Wade or Evonne Goolagong — they all said no, because they wanted to stay with the establishment and play it safe.

It was a very difficult time for all of us who were willing to take that step to create opportunities. We talked about that [opportunities for future generations] a lot. We certainly had a very clear vision ... that was possible. Obviously, in the United States, for women, it was the best opportunity to get started there. You also had the women's movement, Title IX started in 1972, you had all kinds of things happening in those very tumultuous, hectic moments in the early seventies, which were very exciting. At the same time, for us personally, it was very scary. I was 27, and I still didn't have any money.



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In 1967, I when was the world winner of amateur tennis, of so-called amateur tennis—we weren't amateurs, but we were called amateurs—I think I made \$4,000. I knew what I wanted, and what I could envision, but the reality at that time was that we had very little. We were very happy to be playing tennis, we loved tennis, but...

YZ: So it wasn't exactly a glamorous life.

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BJK: Well, it's still not a glamorous life.

YZ: True, but people can at least afford a few more luxuries.

BJK: The top ones. But not the journeywomen and the journeymen. People only hear about the top ones. They don't hear about the other ones. If you want to even be on the tour today, you probably have to have about \$50,000 a year.

YZ: That's really dedication then, for the players who aren't at the top.

BJK: Yes, you have to persevere if you really want to make it. But for some, they'll stay at [a rank of] 130 in the world forever, and they'll have a decent life. They like the life: they get to see different countries, they get to go out for dinner at night; they probably play 30 matches a year because they lose first round or second round every week. I don't think a lot of them work hard enough.

When you are around the ones who really are the best, like Martina, Chris, Monica [Seles], or [Stephie] Graff, and you see their work ethic and their intensity when they practice, all you have to do is see it once, and then go watch the others. Then you know some of the reason why [the great ones are great] - though obviously, you also have to be born with enough potential. But the reason they get the most out of what they have is because of their work ethic. They're so highly self-motivated and highly self-critical. That's what makes them so great. But that's also what creates an imbalance when you're at that position in your life [at the top of the tennis world]. You can really only get balance in your life, I think, after you're finished professionally.

YZ: You can't pay enough attention to your personal life....

BJK: It's hard, because your whole day is about your body. And your mind. Being intact. Because your body and mind are one, there's no question. But you certainly nurture it all day. We were so tired all the time. By the time we played our matches, I don't know how good we could have been. Because we worked so hard off the court. We were doing interviews, doing 6 a.m. radio, I was up till 2 a.m. — I probably averaged about three or four hours of

"If you want to even be on the tour today, you probably have to have about \$50,000 a year"

sleep for three or four years. I'm just getting caught up now! This is the first year I really took some time off, and I find myself sleeping 10, 12 hours. Now I don't have to get up in the morning. It's amazing how much chronic stress I probably went through, and didn't really appreciate what we went through.

YZ: I was thinking about the seniors PGA tour and wondering if, based on the popularity of the women involved in this Legends Tour, you could envision anything similar for women's tennis.

BJK: That's what we really are doing already, basically. It's really a celebration of women. And our accomplishments. But we're very competitive. We still feel *exactly* like we did when we were younger. So the spirit is exactly the same. The bodies aren't, but the spirit is. It's amazing: we're still very tough.

YZ: I know that you have a love of team sports, not only because you were a founder of Team Tennis but there was also the professional women's softball league in the late seventies—what were you feeling this last summer with all that was going on at the Olympics with women's sports?

BJK: I just said, "Finally." I've been waiting forever for this opportunity to see this finally start to happen. It's still in its embryonic stages, but it's really because of Title IX and all the money spent in girls' and women's sports since 1972. It's our twenty-fifth anniversary of Title IX June 23rd of this year. We still have a long way to go. The good news is we get about \$180 million in scholarships now, but that's only half what the boys get. Our next plan at the Women's Sports Foundation, which I founded in 1974—

YZ: I was going to ask if you were still involved with that.

BJK: Yes, I just went on the board. I didn't really get to be part of it, because I was still playing in the seventies, but I'm back on the board. Our next plan is to get the Office of Civil Rights, which is part of the Department of Education, to start enforcing Title IX. Because what happens is, they'll go to a school, and they [the school] will go, "Oh, we're not in compliance yet, but we will be." [And the Office of Civil Rights] goes, "Okay," slap, slap. I think we're going to start trying to figure out how to have some retroactive fines for schools that aren't up to steam on that. So that's the next plan with the Women's Sports Foundation. This is just personal (it's up to the group: the trustees really have to decide), but I really want us to be like the Ford Foundation, like an endowment program that goes out and raises moneys and puts it right back to grassroots, to girls and women to have the opportunity to be in sports and fitness. We can be advocates in some ways, but I really want us to raise a lot of money in that area, instead of trying to be everything to everybody. I don't think you can. And women's sports definitely is different now than it was 25 years ago when we started the foundation. We really have a chance to do some wonderful things because people are now all on the bandwagon finally. I waited a long time for women's team sports to be validated. Now coed's the next thing.

YZ: How do you think the new women's pro teams—the two basketball leagues and the fast-pitch softball league scheduled to start this summer—how do you think they will fare? Will they do better than past attempts at pro women's leagues?

BJK: Oh yeah, they'll do better. First

of all, the past ones, didn't do the league right. Basketball has a better chance.

YZ: I had read recently that Madonna said of Elizabeth Taylor, "I adore her and her movies, but it's the work she's done



the past 12 years on AIDS that makes her a star." And I was thinking about all the charitable work you do and wondering if you want that to be considered part of your legacy along with the tennis.

BJK: Oh, definitely. Probably a lot more. I don't ever think of myself as tennis. Tennis just happened to be my medium of expression, but it was to carry us: it was women's sports, it was girls and women, it was people-to get their awareness up. And to understand that sports is a part of life. But [my message] was way beyond sports. It was about self-esteem, and about going for it, and believing in yourself, no matter what your gender. And that girls deserve equal opportunity as much as boys. That's very important. And what's happened is that the men we have now having daughters are really first generation women's movement fathers. And that's another reason that things are really starting to happen much faster. They think it's normal for girls to have equal opportunity. They don't realize that when they were 8, 9, 10, 11 years old, that they lived through this part of the women's movement and how much they were affected by it. But men still are in higher positions-there are still a lot more men CEOs. It's starting to finally change. Did you see that research they did on Fortune 500 women executives? Eighty percent said they were tomboys, and proud of it. And they really felt that's the reason they were able to be a top Fortune 500 executive. That's what I'm talking about: to at least know you have choices.





OUTINGS: Travels in the Midwest

by Donald M. Aucutt

y partner, John and I stopped just inside Mineral Point for a malt (his chocolate, mine strawberry), and then doubled back on Wisconsin 151 to drive in the scenic way, past the legendary Pendarvis House, and the moody dark windowed Cruise Inn (a gay bar?) on Commerce Street in the downtown area.

Our destination was the Cothren House, a bed and breakfast, which in brochure form, promised lots of style. As we pulled up, manager Bob Loughrey was out the door, and down the steps to greet us. We liked that. Later, we learned that Bob has 15 years of hotel experience, and was once a concierge; we should have known.

Inside the Cothren, we met Bob's partner and partowner, Rob Merett (Bob's from Dallas and Rob's from



The Cothren House

Chicago, they met somewhere in the sunny Caribbean); we talked, looked around, and lapsed into (internalized) oohs and aahs at the sights. They were excellent sights. There were beautiful things in beautiful rooms.

The main building, with its two-foot thick limestone walls, dates to the 1850s; next door is an even older guest house, also of stone. Nearby is an 1835 log cabin that was moved on to the property. Guest rooms in all three buildings are amenity-full. "Esther's Room" has a four-poster bed, "Cordellia's" has a balcony, the cabin has a huge fireplace and a big brass key. The walls are appropriately papered—note the French wallpaper in the entrance hall. The floors are aged pine, and there are antiques all around. Bob pointed out some chairs from the late 1700s.

Certainly, any gay or lesbian couple — or even a single person — will find comfort at the Cothren House. Bob and Rob are pamperers. "Breakfast, for example, is served on Antique china," said Bob. Seated in the candle-lit formal dining room, guests dip tiny silver spoons into antique salt cellars to season their food. The breakfast menu says, "Mangia my darlings" and contains selections like "Chicken and Spinach Quiche," or "Apples Stuffed with Sausage and Brie." At the time we stopped, one couple had returned for their 14th time. The Cothren House is a "great place for having a romantic weekend," said Bob. Service like this tends to bring people back.

Bob explained that visitors to Cothren House will find a "very gay-friendly town." He explained that Mineral Point (population about 2,500), has more gay men per capita than any other city in Wisconsin (a demographic not further checked by me). Gay-owned businesses (ask Bob) dot the High Street. One that will soon arrive is Gundry & Gray Purveyors Extraordinnaire. A deli and specialty foods store, Loughrey and Merett plan to open in May. And, oh yes, The Cruise Inn is NOT a gay bar. Too bad—with that name. Maybe it will be some day.

"As far as other attractions, I pull out little maps and show visitors where to go," said Bob. He listed for us what his guests like in order: Pendarvis House, the American Players Theater in Spring Green, biking on the 47-mile Cheese County Trail along the Pecatonica River, Architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesen, local artists, antiquing and The House on the Rock. Then, he added, there are the Southwestern Wisconsin hills, and two bookstores with owners who like to talk a lot: There is Dean Connors at Foundry Books, and Jim Bull at Paper Mountain Books.

Of these attractions, Taliesen was the best for me. With its original architectural collection, it is a wonder, and is designated as an international landmark. But Pendarvis House is the jewel. It has been a Wisconsin historical site since 1970, and is the source of current interest in Mineral Point. Beginning in 1935, Robert Neal and Edgar Hellum rehabilitated the rundown-stone-log cottages, and house, lived in them, and opened a much-praised restaurant they called Pendarvis House. Neal died in 1983; Hellum, in his 90s still lives in Mineral Point. (I hope to interview him).

Back to the Cothren House: We walked the Cothren grounds — two acres of them — with Bob and Rob. The grassy stretch from the house to the gazebo is fine. Soon, 750 daffodil bulbs will be in bloom; I'll have to return for that. There's a brick paved patio that is used during the summer for "Wine and Cheese" on Saturday nights. Clothing optional? Of course not — I shouldn't have asked.

"I love it," said Bob about the Cothren. "After being in the hotel business for so long, I feel there's a relationship I build with my guests. It's one-onone. We pride ourselves on our service here." Then we took the scenic route out.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Ed Grover

Toward Amnesia

Sarah Van Arsdale Riverhead Books ISBN: 1-57322-577-0 \$11.00

In her first novel, Sarah Van Arsdale has written a haunting, poetic story of loss and love. The narrator is a young marine biologist from Durham, North Carolina, who searches for ways to forget all the memories that sweep over her at every turn since the break-up with her lesbian lover of five years,

After trying one more time for a reconciliation, and not being successful, she flees the scene and starts her journey of disassociation. She goes back to the house she shared with her former lover, puts all the familiar items in boxes, seals them and puts everything in the artic. She packs a few things that will not remind her of "Libby" (but she has kept out a blue cotton sweater), and drives away from life as she has knows it without a word to anyone.

The new car is sold and an old red Chevy is acquired. The bank account is emptied and the money stuffed into her suitcases. She changes her name and heads North. Somewhere along the way she stops at a library and looks up the description of Amnesia in a medical reference book. She tears the page from the book and stuffs it in the back pocket of her shorts, thinking that "Libby would have been horrified, then thrilled because it was sudden, sudden and shocking ... [for] me to do such a reckless thing."

At a stop for gas somewhere in Pennsylvania, a map with "USA and CANADA" spelled out in red letters is purchased using a phony French accent. An island is spotted on the map: "It wasn't very big—just a tiny fleck of white floating in the center of an egg-shaped lake, so far north I couldn't say if it was in the United States or Canada, the lake itself rivering into the Atlantic." She is on her way . . . "Towards Amnesia".

This book is filled with poetry and references to nature; and, as one reviewer says: "Sarah Van Arsdale leads us to the end of the paved road and beyond, toward what still endures of the American wilderness. . . . Written with the soul of a naturalist, *Toward Amnesia* recovers what never should be forgotten-the redemptive powers of the wild."

She arrives at the island, finds a cottage for rent and settles in. She shops for food and finds her cart being filled with all too familiar food. She leaves the cart in the aisle and takes a cart that someone else has filled; she checks out with a stranger's purchases. She then starts to write with her left hand, drink her coffee black and has her long hair cut off.

Each night she enters the lake and lets the icy water purge her memories. But she still remembers, and she has to re-enforce the oblivion she seeks. A job is found working under water repairing boats and while she is under the water she remembers a dive with a colleague who suffered "oxygen narcosis" and the memory loss that was caused by the incident. The cold water becomes an intangible symbol of her cleansing and her remembrance.

Always, she remembers Libby and the times they spent on the beach looking at the constellations. She spends her nights watching the stars. "Above me, the black sky was littered with stars, looking clearer, more precise than I'd ever seen them. The constellations seemed huge, a giant Orion chasing a mammoth Taurus across the dome . . . " She thinks about the telescope her father bought her as a child, and the fact that he had left his family and disappeared, much as she had just done.

Throughout the narrative we are told of nature's things marching toward extinction; animals and wild flowers that will soon be no more. She buys a canoe and paddles about the lake and sees (maybe) an animal that is supposed to not be on the island—an animal that is heading toward extinction, much as she is heading toward amnesia.

Her realization that she, like this wild animal was alive and free and, as she reminds herself "happy to be right where I was, with my past just as it was, and my present, present," is her final discovery. With that knowledge she starts her journey back from amnesia. This is a book to keep and re-read. I would like to think that gay men, as well as lesbians, could identify with the feelings of loss expressed in this novel and learn much from reading this tale.

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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Oklahomo

Yes, there are gay people in Oklahoma City, and I've met all three of them. Ok, well, probably there are more, but when you're used to big city blatant, it's hard to remember the comfort of the closet. When you're in Oklahoma City, it's hard not to.

I have come to this town for a month on a writing assignment that keeps me occupied fifteen, sixteen, maybe seventeen hours a day with no week ends off for any kind of behavior, and this is my last week here. So it's kind of like the last fifty miles of a cross country trip. No matter how close the end of the journey actually is, it always



seems like one hour more too far.

But don't get me wrong. I love Oklahoma. The people here are still nice. Let me rephrase that. They ARE, of course, nice. But they're also still polite. Something that has perhaps slipped out of the syllabus for bossier cites than Oklahoma City cares to become. People in traffic not only let you butt in, but they figure that you've been sitting in the Walmart driveway long enough, and they wave you out without grazing your bumper, or giving you one finger salutes.

I was driving across the city a few weeks ago, and out into a more rural, more farmy location for some commercial production that will eventually grow into a television advertising campaign, humming, what else? O-O-klahoma where the wind comes sweeping down your neck. And I found out a couple of statistically projectable things about this fine city. I rolled down the window to let go of the dead stub end of my Benson & Hedges DeLuxe Ultra Light menthols (No lectures please about why I'm smoking again, thank you) and watched the object deny Newton's concept of things heavier than air falling toward the earth. Hmmm. Maybe there's a reason for that wind song?

The next thing I noticed was that there are more Baptist and Fundie churches here than there are Burger Kings. Though I didn't see any drive through windows. (Here's your order of body of Christ. Would you like that with fries?) (And while we're on the subject, no religious tolerance lectures either, please.) As I was counting woodshack, tin roof steeples, I happened to glance at the car directly in front of me, occassionally a good thing to do while you are operating heavy machinery like a road grader, or, oh, say, a rented Chevrolet, and read the vanity plate, clearly a misnomer in this case. It said "I AM HOLY"

So the disappearance of rainbow flags, not to mention rainbow people, was hardly surprising. Where God is Good, triangle folks tend to seek social storm cellars and heavy denial for protection.

Now, I have to tell you that the three gay people I did meet here are, what can I say, nice. And polite. And well they should be. They all come from here. And random acts of smash and seize aren't the golden rule. But easy to spot. I think the fundies jam the gaydar.

The second day in the office I wore my way cool new denim jacket with the big blue and gold equal sign and Human Rights Campaign embroidered on the back, and, well it WAS cold in the office, kept it on most of the day. One person from the art department (whatta surprise - although the bigger surprise should have been that it was only one.) smiled knowingly and said, "nice jacket." Aha. My first live gay Oklahoman. The second one I met, I haven't met yet. She's the writer for the Gaily Oklahoman (The big metro paper here is the Daily Oklahoman, get it?) And though we meant to hitch up our carts to the same watering hole, we've managed to play musical meetings for nearly a month. But I know she's real. And it was a local call.

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Friday, April 18th is Spring Gallery Night in Milwaukee. The evening of gallery hopping begins at 6 p.m. and you can walk or drive to all the

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Suzanne Westenhoefer is appearing at the Barrymore theater in Madison on Saturday, April 18th at 8 p.m. Comedy comes out of the closet in this all new show. Tickets \$16 advance, \$18 at the door. For more information call (608) 241-8633.



Ellen Comes Out on Wednesday, April 30th. Don't miss it on Channel

12 (Milwaukee). Several of the bars are having Ellen parties: Triangle (Milwoukee): Ellen's: Coming Out Party! Scooter's (Eau Claire): Ellen's: Coming Out Party!

Recommended Coble TV Viewing (Milwaukee): A&E premiers Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe on Sunday, April 20 at 8 p.m. on Channel 22. On Sundays at 6 p.m. on Bravo, Channel 50, with repeats on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. be sure to catch Expose's The Look, which lets us in on all the dirt on the fashion world, Lauren Huttan narrates.

Sunday, April 27th is the SAGE/Milwoukee Annual Meeting. It's at 1 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room of the Park East Hotel. Reservations are \$12 each and only for members and their guests. To reserve call (414)271-0378.

The Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Boy contest will take place on Friday and Saturday of this month at the 1100 Club. On Friday, April 26, there will be a pre-contest cacktail get-together at the South Water Street Docks at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the "Boy" contest at the 1100 Club starting at 10 p.m., with There is a 6 p.m. banquet at the M&M Club on the evening of Saturday, April 26, which will be followed by the "Mr. Wisconsin Daddy" contest starting at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at the clubs or from any Castaway or Argonaut member.

The Possum Queen b Contest will start the end of April. The official dates of the 1997 Possum Queen Compaign will be from Friday, April 25, 1997 through Friday, June 6, 1997. The final Possum Queen celebration will be held on the the first evening of PrideFest on the Miller stage. Get ready to have some fun with this one.

For all of you who are wondering what the new LGBT Community Center's name will be, there is a meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at 3 p.m. at the UWM Union, room E-240. For more information coll: (414) 483-4710.

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- I heard these boots were really walkin' all over Za's Turnabout Party!







- I thought I scrubbed the stage clean, but I missed a spat! / Photo George Fried



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Green Bay

et's talk about **Green Bay** for a minute or two. I usually make it to **Green Bay** a few times a year. I try to hit all of the clubs for a least a drink or two and always have a blast. Remember the time I went there, **Greg** at **Za's** was

pouring upside-down margaritas? I met this really cute guy there who had zip interest in me. Oh well, I still had a great time.

Lots of things been goin' on up there lately. For instance: Za's threw a **Turnabout Party** March 28th. That's right, the bartenders traded places with various people including

local performers. I do have a list of Zo's staff that gave up their boy cloths for an evening of sequins, heels, and lipstick. this list includes: Aaron, Brad, Carl(also known as Cunswalla Alotta), Chad, Greg, Michael, Rick, Shawn, and of course Mark and Ken.

Just over \$1,200.00 was raised through the cover charge, tips from the performers, and the bartenders as well. The money raised that evening was donated to **Rainbow Over Wisconsin** that will distribute the proceeds to various groups like **Positive Voice**, **GLEEDA**, **Center Project**, and other groups in the area.

Before I go any further I would like to send out a big fat birthday kiss to **Solly** and **Sue** from **Soss** in **Green Bay**! Yup the two girls celebrated another birthday, April 11th. Hopefully the next time I stop in there you two won't be working your other job, and I can see you!

Brandy's II has been trying something a little different. It's called the Cartoon Club. Now, I know they had one of these parties April 5th, at 8:00 a.m. but when will the next one be? I just might show up in my PJ's and join them.

There was a lot of speculation about Napalese Lounge after Malcom passed away but I think it's been proven that the place is still a great place to meet up with some new people as well as your old friends.

I'm well over-due for my trip to **Green Bay**. As soon as I know I don't have to work on a Saturday I'm packin' up my tits and headin' north. Back here in Milwaukee ...

Easter seems so long ago but it was just after last deadline. The only party I was aware of was the one at **Mama Roux**. The fun began at 4:00 when the party officially started. I



stopped in for some photographs but not too many people had **Easter Bonnets** on. I would have stayed longer but I had **Easter** plans with my friend **Dan**.

Triangle threw another Lights Out Party March 28th. These parties can really be alot of fun. All the bar lights including the video

monitors, were shut off. That means you had to feel your way





(Winner Joel Black on the right/Photo Jamie

South Water Street Docks is the captain of that particular party Sunday nights. Stop in and check it out.

around, and that's not

a bad way to get

Triangle, Rob is

going to try a Show

Tunes Night. Rumor

has it that it will be on

Thursday nights, and if

it works well they

might try it on Sunday

shirt off and enjoy half

price cocktails with

your buddies? Spike at

Wanna take your

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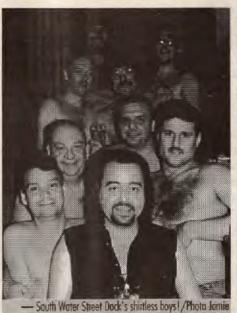
around!

The **Heaven** party on Friday, April 4, at **Serb Hall** ended up with only light attendance. Which is a shame considering all advertising and promotion put into the event. Let's hope Milwaukee will get another chance to support and party at a circut-style event again.

Club 219 held the Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus Pageant Sunday, March 30th. Attendance was a little on the shy side (no ad????) but the show turned out great.



There were two contestants competing for the title. After lots of hard work, and some really good talent you will see **Joey Black** donning the tiara for 1997.



Vie has a new, very cute stripper added to the already cute Saturday night line-up and his name just happens to be Jamie. If it's the girls you want to see, you will have to stop in on Friday nights for that show.

C'est La

Saturday April 5th was the 7th Annual

Follies Girls Show at Club 94. I was under the weather that night so I called *In Step* correspondent George Friedl, and asked him to cover the event for me so here's what we have. This was billed as the 7th annual Follies Girls Show, but Samantha announced at the start that she and Anita Little have known each other for 9 years. There was a small but very enthusiastic crowd, and the girls kept the show moving along so that we would have time to party before the bar closed early for day light savings time change.

My friend Chris and I are planning a night out in Chicago, and I will definitely stop to say hi to everyone at Club 94.

As you may have noticed, the beginning of this column didn't start out with the usual what's been happening in my life kind of crap. Well that's just it, it's been kinda crappy lately. I've been going through a break up, and things just suck lately. So much that I am actually in therapy to try to get through some of the issues in my life. These issues are things that time can heal as long as I work them through.

Thanks to my friends for being there for me, I have leaned on them pretty heavily lately, and I hope you know how much I appreciated a strong shoulder.

Finally as I look out my front window, I know spring IS on it's way. I can see the snow melting and the green grass sneaking through. Until next issue, clean out the old closet, and as always **slower traffic keep right**.

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Mondays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors!

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! S4.

LoCoge (Milwoukee): 'Shake A Drink.'

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

Club 94 (Kenosho): Closed.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$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.).

Moma 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 Tappers1

Tuesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Drinks Pitchers!

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

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

LoCoge (Milwaukee): Beer Bust with Joan, 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 (Milwoukee): 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.

Člub 94 (Kenosha): 7 p.m. until close, \$1.25 Roil Drinks , \$5.50 Beer Bust!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers S4, Pizza's S4.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Pints of Miller Lite, \$1.751

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

South Water St. Dacks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.) Pull IABS, 9 p.m. until dose!

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. Margorita Pitchers \$3.50; all day. Imports \$1 off: 8 p.m to clase.

The Boll Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$4 or \$0.80 Glasses of Beer.

Scooter's (Eou Claire): Men's Night: Free Pool & Dorts, 2-4-1 tap beer, 9 p.m. to clase.

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 Toppers, \$2.50 Pitchers All Night!

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

Manaeuvres (Madison): All Rail Drinks, \$21

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 (Milwoukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 24-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.50 Cans/Bottles of Miller Products.

South Water St. Dacks (Milwaukee): Double Bubble it all Day!! 2-4-1 Cocktails, open to close!

Thursdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): 56 Rail Drinks Bust!

M&M Club (Milwoukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors D'oeuvres from 5 p.m. until closing.

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

Just Us (Milwoukee): Food Service: 6-8 p.m. 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.50 Roll Drinks drinks 8 p.m. to close

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

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

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

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close \$1.75 Roil 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 Toppers, \$2.7 crown and \$2 Captains!

Fridays:

M&M Club (Milwoukee): All you can eat Fish Fry with other great specials!

Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 5-10 p.m. 2-4-1: 4-8 pm. After Midnight Specials!

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): \$1 Domestic Bottles 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): \$.50 off all Whiskey Drinks!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Imported Beer, \$2 from 3 p.m. until close. Six

Shorties in a Bucket for 55.

Scooters (Eou Claire): \$1 Rail Shots1 8 p.m. to close.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Leather Night1 - Bottle beer \$1.50, Tappers \$0.75.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ - Cris!

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

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): 10 p.m. until close, DJ-Jeff's Party!

Saturdays:

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 'until 6 p.m., S0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound!

Scooters (Eau Cloire): \$1 Roil Shots! 8 p.m. to close.

Club 94 (Kenosho): 10 p.m. until close, DJ-Jim's Porty!

The Trading Company: \$1 Shot Specials, 11 p.m. to close.

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

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Porty! DJ - Jerry!

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

Manaeuvres (Modison): Rolling Rock bottles, \$2.

Bar Events

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, April 18

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

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

Saturday, April 19

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Party!

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment)

Just Us (Milwoukee); 7:30 p.m. Every Saturday:

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

Monday, April 21

Thursday, April 24

Saturday, April 26

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

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(414) 271-2565.

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Friday, April 18

Thursday, April 17

Wednesday, April 16

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry: Marge Rock, Tim

Boock, and Jeffrey Miller (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. to

9 p.m. "Psycho-Social Issues," For more informo-

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(Milwoukee): HIV testing from 6:30 to 8:30

p.m. For more information call

GAMMA: Dining Out (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Dining

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Saturday, April 19

MIL-M-AIDS: Bowling (Milwaukee): 1 p.m. The biannual 9-pin event between Milwaukee and Madison will be held at the Red Carpet Lanes. For more information call (414) 328-3636 or (414) 482-1964.

LOC: Game Night (Milwaukee): Lesbians of Color will begin a monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month. For more information call (414) 463-7787 or (414) 873-4942.

Sunday, April 20

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

University of Wisconsin: Same-sex Marriage (Madison): 7:30 p.m. A panel of two same-sex couples (ane male and one female) and several clergy will discuss the issues. Pres House located on Library Mall.

Monday, April 21

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

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

Tuesday, April 22

University of Wisconsin: Lessons in Intimacy (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Part of the Out and About Series, this co-ed workshop will discuss sexuality and sex at the Memorial Union. Check Today in the Union for room number.

Wednesday, April 23

OUTreach: UWM (Milwaukee): HIV testing at UWM Health Fair/Student Union Concourse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

OUTreach: Boot Camp (Milwaukee): HIV testing at the Boot Camp from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144

Saturday, April 26

Dyke Dance: Neighborhood House - 29 Mills St.

(Madison): 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. Open to all warren. \$5 at the door, \$4 at A Room of One's Own bookstore. For more information call the United (608) 255-8582.

Out and About Dance: Memorial Union Great Hall (Madison): 8 p.m. - 12:45 a.m., Celebrate being gay and being out with your friends. DJ and cash bar, S3 at the door.

Tuesday, April 29

ElderWatch: Northeast Area Training Program (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee County Dept on Aging, with Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc. trains community members to identify at-risk elderly. For more information call (414) 289-5797 or (414) 291-7500 ext. 242.

Wednesday, April 30

UWM Reception/Dinner: Gala Tribute to Teaching (Milwaukee): 5:30 p.m. Five prominent people with Milwaukee area fies honor "Teachers who made a difference." For more information call (414) 229-4452.

Film/TV

Wednesday, April 16

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

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

The 19th Annual Latin American Film Series: UWM (Milwaukee): All films begin at 7 p.m. and are free. For more information call (414) 229-5986.

Friday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 24

In The Life: As American As Apple Pie Episode: redefining the American Experience (Milwaukee) 11 p.m. Channel 10 (WMVS) will air this program which contains a segment shot in Dodge County, Wisconsin. Included is an interview with Will Fellows.

Friday, April 25



The University of Chicago: DOC Films (Chicago): Movies are shown in Ida Noyes Holl's Max Palevsky Cinema, 1212 E, 59th Street. Admission is S3 Sunday through Thursday, S4 Friday and Saturday; quarterly passes are available for \$22. Call (773) 7D2-8575 for 24-hour film and ticket information.

Saturday, April 26

Madison Gay Video Club: Mavies (Madison): 8 p.m. "111 Love You Forever...Tanight" (dir. Edgar Bravo, 1992), "Idol In The Sky" (dir. Taylor Hudson, 1996). For more Information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Gallery

Wednesday, April 16

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

David Barnett Gallery: "Renee McGinnis Paintings" (Milwaukee): Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call (414) 271-5058.

Thursday, April 17

Gallery 218: "Spring Membership Exhibition" (Milwoukee): Local artists are exhibiting pointing, pastels, photography, as well as steel, metol, and wood objects. Location: 218 South 2nd Street. For more information call (414) 277-7800.

Friday, April 18

Grava Gallery: Artists Reception (Milwaukee): 6 -9 p.m. Interior Artists. For more information call (414) 277-8228.

Brady East STD(BESTD) Clinic Gallery: "Wally Pate" (Milwaukee): The show entitled "And When I Dream: Gallery hours: Manday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

Milwoukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD): Memory Trace (Milwaukee): 5-9 p.m. Pointings, Drawings, Sculpture and Photography. For more information coll (414) 344-5480.

Valenti Art & Design Gallery: "Images from Elsewhere" (Milwaukee): 5 - 8 p.m. Paintings by Valerie J. Christell and sculpture by Mark Winter.For mare information or for viewings by appointment (414) 774-4361.

Michael H, Lord Gallery: Jason Rohlf: Recent Paintings (Milwaukee): 5:30 - 9 p.m. Show runs through May 18, 1997. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

Live Music

Wednesday, April 16

University of WI-Milwaukee: Soundscaping Concert (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center. For more information call (414) 229-4452.

Friday, April 18

Auduban Court Books: Live Music (Milwoukee): 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. John Fashager plays jozz piano. For more information call (414) 351-2563-#12.

Monreal's Cafe Florida: Jazz (Milwaukee): Jazz vocalist Jerry Grillo with Jack Grassel on Guitar. For more information call (414) 221-9444.

Saturday, April 19

Audubon Court Books: live Music (Milwaukee): 7:30-11:30 p.m. Dave Kenney plays jazz plana. For more information call (414) 351-2563#12.

Sunday, April 27

Woodland Pattern Book Center: Alternating Currents Live (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. An evening of music for percussion with David Revel, For more information call (414) 263-5001.

Friday, April 25

Monreal's Cafe Florida: Jazz (Milwaukee); Jazz vocalist Jerry Grillo with Jock Grassel on Guitor. For more information call (414) 221-9444.

Theatre/Dance/ Performing Arts

Thursday, April 17

University of WI- Milwaukee: "Taming of the Shrew" (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. April 17 through May 3. For more information call (414) 229-4308.

Friday, April 18

Melanec"s Wheelhouse: "Lend Me A Tenor" (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show. From April 8th through June 21. For reservations and information call (414) 264-6060.



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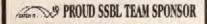
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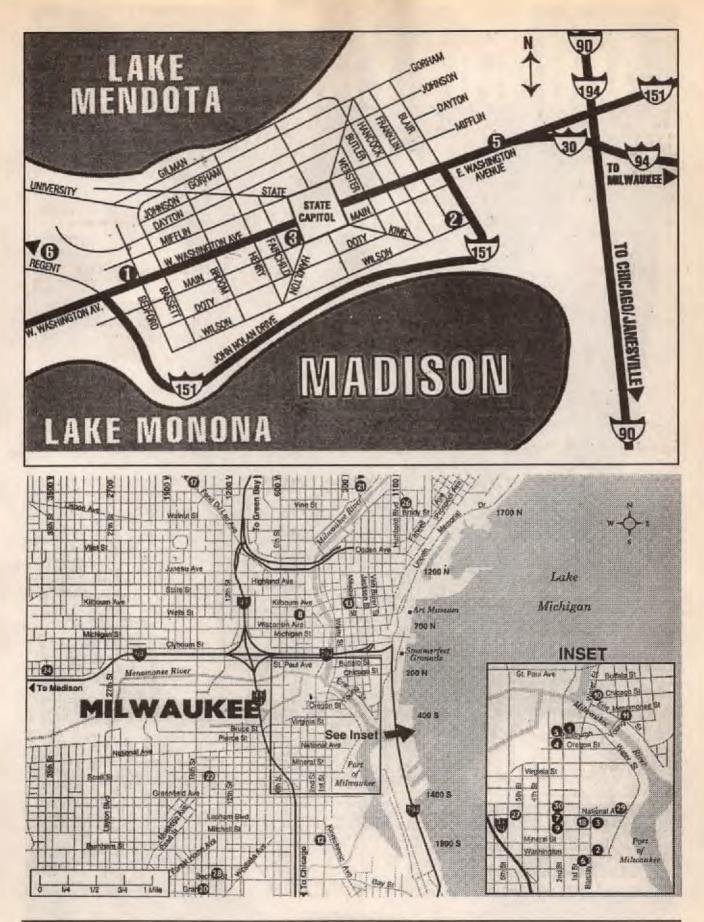
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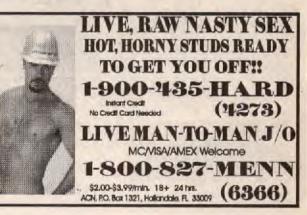
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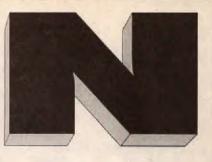
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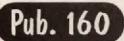
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BOBBING FOR APPLETON I'm new in town and want to meet hot guys for erotic times. Let's get logether and enjoy each other's bady. I'm a maculine, 24 year old, White male, 5'10, 170lbs, with a good build. I'm clean and discreet. (Appleton) #12778

BRING ON THE EATS I'm on 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 enjay being arally serviced while kicked back in a chair and on all fours. I also like bavling, darts, movies, and socializing. (East Tray) #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 file 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 sparts fan. I love football, Nascar racing, camping, and the outdoors. Discretion is a must. (Eau Claire) **#30044**

I LOVE WORK BOOTS # seems to be hard to find what I'm looking for. 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 mest fetish free friends to mess around with. (Eau Claire) **⇒29754**

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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 homy, anything goes. (Eau Claire) **#7099**

I LIKE BIG ONES This Bi, White male is looking for discreet, early moming, encounters with very well endowed top men. I'm 5'9, 180lbs, and very hot and tight. You should be between 40 and 50 and have a place to go. 1 need it hot and hard, and often. (Fax 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, 1.68lbs. I want to meet guys interested in having goad times. (Janesville) #29432

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

COUNTRY CROONER IF you're sincere about a lifetime commitment, and don't mindlave 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 laver. You must be interested in relacating to lacrosse for a country life. (LaCrosse) #23456

BROWN HANKY

ACCESSORIES I'm a 50 year old, White male, accasianal crassdresser, into brown hanky scenes and massage. I like to give and receive. I work nights so days are the best time to hook up with me, but I can be flexible. (Madison) =17781

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MUSCULAR This slim, muscular, White male with long hair and bady 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 Bland 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 buthole 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 Bland hair, Blue eyes, and good looks. I don't have much experience and need a patient, nice guy to help me get assimilated. Tike the outdoors, working out, running, rollerblading, biking, music, and much more. (Madison) =28609

BE A SPORT This shy, 37 year ald, 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 While 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 hait times. I'm open to all possibilities after that. Focial and body hair are big plusses. (Madison) **#11130**

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

REAL LIFE, REAL LOVE This educated professional longs for male companion who is relationship oriented, as I am. I'm a 49 year old, White male, 5%, 168lbs, with interests in travel, the theater, art, antiques, humor, and conversation. Are you ready to get down to the business of real living? (Milwaukee) #30713

A SUCKER FOR SKINHEADS This versatile, Black male, 38, 57, wants to meet a well endowed, versatile top, of any race, for fun. I'm stocky and very orally tolented. I'm especially interested in bearded, hairy guys with shaved heads. (Milwaukee)

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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 frant of the television. I like well built, African Americans, Hispanics, and White males. (Milwaukee) **=30584**

I'M HOLDING BACK I'm a 25 year old, bay 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. (Milwoukee) #11433

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Would you like to meet me? (Milwaukee) =29662

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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

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

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

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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 con't wail to hear from you. (Milwaukee) =11132

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 hat battoms 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. 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 gentleman who enjoys good nipple work. I loved to have mine worked on for hours and I'd like to return the favor for you. Mine are at attention just at the thought. (Milwaukee) 27442

FIT THE BILL? I'm a 35 year old, Bi, White male, looking for other Bi guys who meet the following criteria: height over 6ft, weight over 200lbs, sexual tops. Simple as that. Let's play. (Milwaukee) =27218

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

THE WRITTEN WORD in town I'm rather new, but I've come to look for you. This attractive, Gay, White male, 18, 5'5, 130lbs, with Brown hair, and Blue eyes, seeks other Gay, White males, between 18 and 28, for friendship. I enjoy books, music, theater, poetry, and snuggling with a specially chosen someone. My arms await. Maybe that someone is you. (Milwaukee) =27257

HOW ABOUT A TEST DRIVE? I'm in the market for a young, boyish, guy who'd like an older man to take care of him. You should be a submissive bottom, and willing to accept all the lave I have to offer. The compensations are tremendous, and, if we're both happy, this could turn into a full time gig. (Milwoukee)

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

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

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

SLINKY KINKY I'm a very attractive, Bi, White male in search of very kinky, dominant males, 18 to 25. I'm oft, 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, rallerbloding, and conversation. I'm curious to see what we can stir up. (Wausau) #11717

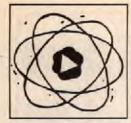
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CENTRAL WISCONSIN CURIOUS I'm curious and inexperienced but I'm ready to share some good, safe, fun with the right guy. I'm an attractive, 28 year old, White male, 6'2, 185lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. Let's make friends on the phone and let it flow from there. =15189

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

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

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by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

"M a gay male who has been out for about six years," a reader wrote me recently, "but I also have a six-yearold son. His mother knows I am gay, but she will not allow him to spend the summers with me, and my lover. The reason being that my lover and I will not sleep in separate bedrooms. She is afraid that it will influence him in some way. What do you recommend for us to help her through this?"

The writer doesn't say exactly what the mother is con-

cerned about, but most likely it's the possibility that the boy will grow up gay. This raises an interesting question: are the children of gay or lesbian parents more than usually likely to become gay or lesbian themselves - either because of the example set by their parents, or because they've inherited "gay genes"?

Let me say right off: if the answer to this question turned out to be yes, I'd be the first to celebrate. Go forth and multiply, because the world needs more queers. But many people see it differently. In child custody, and adoption cases,

for example, gay or lesbian parents or would-be parents are often at a serious disadvantage, in part because of the fear that the child will be influenced towards homosexuality themselves. So what are the facts of the matter?

In a 1995 study from Northwestern University, researchers investigated the sexual orientation of 82 adult men whose biological fathers were gay or bisexual. It turned out that 91% of the sons were heterosexual, and 9% were gay or bisexual. Thus, the main conclusion was that the great majority of the sons of gay men become heterosexual. That 9% figure may be somewhat higher than the general rate of homosexuality and bisexuality in the population - perhaps as a result of some genetic or role-modeling influence, or perhaps because the sons felt more-than-usually comfortable admitting to being gay - but this effect, if it exists at all, is a small one.

Among these 82 men, some had spend their entire childhood with their fathers, while others had had little contact with them. The researchers examined whether there was any relationship between how much contact a boy had with his

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gay father, and the likelihood that he would become a gay man himself. They found that there was no such relationship. Thus role-modeling by a gay father seems not to be a significant factor in determining a boy's ultimate sexual orientation.

There have been several studies of the daughters of lesbian or bisexual women. One study, by Angela Pattatucci and Dean Hamer of the National Cancer Institute, reported that about one third of these girls became lesbian or bisexual themselves - significantly higher than the comparison group

of women whose mothers were heterosexual. However, this study was a small one, and relied primarily on interviews with the mothers rather than with the daughters. Other studies have come up with lower figures, although they have generally been compatible with the idea that there is a modestly increased rate of homosexuality among the daughters of lesbian and bisexual women. The studies do not make clear whether this apparently increased rate is due to "gay genes," role-modeling, or to an increased

openness on the part of the daughters about their sexuality.

Opposite-sex children (sons of lesbians, daughters of gay men) seem to have little increased likelihood of becoming gay or lesbian themselves, although the numbers of children studied have generally been small. In the Pattatucci and Hamer study, for example, not one of the twelve sons of lesbian or bisexual mothers became gay or bisexual.

All in all, the research studies suggest that having gay parents has little influence on a child's ultimate sexual orientation. In addition, most studies have reported that these children are as well-adjusted as other children. The worst thing they may have to put up with is a certain amount of teasing from their peers. Finally, these children tend to be less homophobic, and more tolerant than other people. If they are gay themselves they are more readily accepting of their sexuality. Most of us would consider these as positive benefits of a gay upbringing.

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