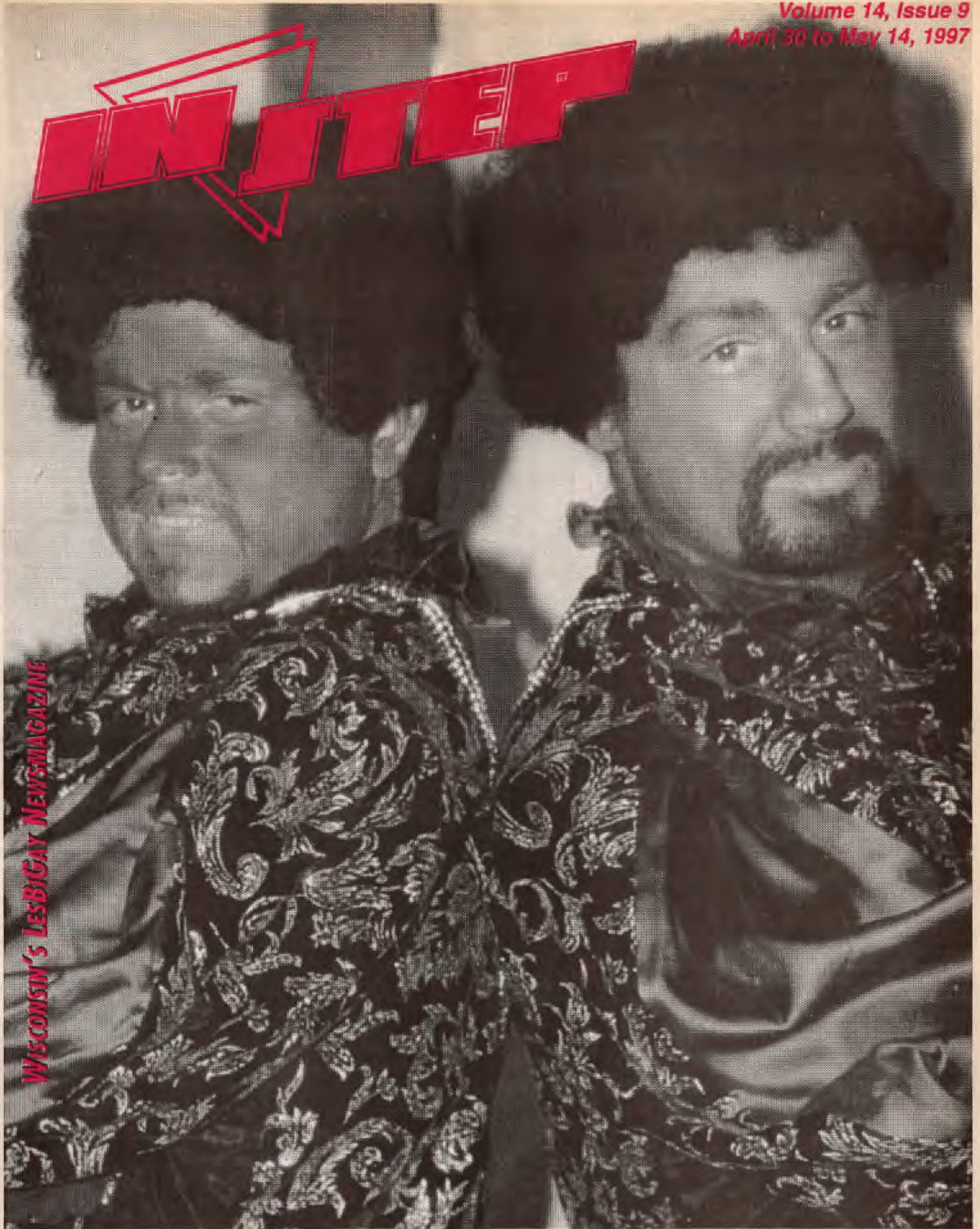


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 John Cullinan (right) and Robert Fuchs starring in the Melanac's Wheelhouse production of "Lend Me a Tenor." Playing now through June 21st. Photo by George Cabal.

In Defense of Keepin' In Step

To the Editor—

I am compelled to write in response to the critical remarks levelled at the nightlife writer, Mr. Jamie Taylor.

In the company I keep, it is agreed that "Keepin' In Step" is the first thing to read when the new *In Step* hits the street. Mr. Taylor has given Milwaukee not only a nightlife column, but a literary blossoming.

Mr. Taylor has elevated the genre of the nightlife column above mere gossip and "goings on" to a rich portrait of one man's life. Why focus on the pathetic little squabbles humans invariably get into as they piss their lives away in some gay bar?

Perhaps Mr. Taylor's critic would be happier withholding his name in Chicago? Some enlightened gay souls know the value of drinking Dr. Pepper on the porch and watching the storms roll in.

Hans Baerl
Milwaukee

To the Editor—

I am writing in response to the critical letter about Jamie's "Keepin' In Step" column. I feel it is this bitchy, petty, superficial thinking that actively destroys the integrity of not only the gay community but of our entire civilization. It saddens me that the wondrous details, insights, and poetry of Jamie's writing are lost on this soul who seems to care only about the goings on at the bars and special events in the community.

Reverend Hanu M. Pox
St. Francis

My Workplace Was Plastered With Anti-Gay Slurs

To the Editor—

Today at the beginning of the shift, I noticed a very derogatory anti-gay letter posted in the supervisor's office area. I asked my substitute supervisor to remove the letter which she did. A few hours later, not only was the same letter plastered all over the entire shop area and office area, but it was magnified many times also. When I came upon three supervisors sitting together I asked them to remove the letter as I found it to be very offensive. They said they did not know who posted it. After further requests I was ultimately told "We'll see what we can do." I saw them remove *one* letter. But when I went back in the shop area again they were still plastered all over.

The posting was a letter to the editor of a local paper from a Chrysler employee which stated in part:

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I have never once posted anything at work on this issue. The very obvious reluctance of supervision to remove the offending letter reflects the callousness and contempt for gays/lesbians/bi/trans persons at Chrysler.

Isn't it heart warming to know that the same people who build Chryslers think that you are a "DEVIANT?" Well my vehicle buying dollars are going to "deviate" elsewhere. Even though I am a Chrysler employee of almost 11 years. My next vehicle will NOT be a Chrysler.

Ron G. Woods
Campaign For Equal Rights
at Chrysler

Pineapple Blight Spreads to Wisconsin

To the Editor—

It started in Washington with Bob Dole. He returned a campaign contribution given to him by the Log Cabin Club gay Republicans.

Next, Representative Mark Neumann's act had rotten fruit thrown at it by Ralph Ovadal of Wisconsin Christians United, because the congressman had obliged the Log Cabin Club by pledging not to discriminate by sexual orientation when hiring staff for his office.

Now the blight has spread on to Madison. On the April 28 edition of "In Focus," Marv Munyon, leader of the Madison-based Family Research Institute, said that Republican legislators are scurrying around their offices, frantically digging through their files to see whether they had unwittingly accepted contributions from the Log Cabin Club.

Perhaps the Log Cabin treasury will shortly had a pleasant surprise in the form of a surplus due to returned campaign contributions.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Baldwin's Call to Support Opposition of AB104

To the Editor—

Over the last year I have written to you or spoken with many of you regarding same sex marriage and anti-same sex marriage legislation. We as a community have worked hard, organized well, and clearly sent a message to our opponents. We need to continue to send that message.

On May 13th, the Assembly will be debating on the floor the Serratti anti-same sex marriage bill; AB 104.

Very simply, we need a strong presence in opposition to the bill, here, that day. I ask each of you to do what you can, to spread the word, be organized, and bring people here to Madison for the rally Monday evening May 12th, and to sit in the galleries the day of the floor debate Tuesday, May 13th.

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you. The courage and dedication that I have seen from our community have been a heartening experience.

Tammy Baldwin
State Representative,
78th Assembly District

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State Activists Prepare for AB104 Assembly Vote

by John Quinlan of
In Step's Madison Bureau

Madison — With less than two weeks remaining before the May 13th vote on AB 104, activists from throughout the state are distributing mailings, planning lobbying activities, and coming together at rallies to protest what they believe is an inherently unnecessary and mean-spirited bill.

Now, more than ever, is the time to make our voices heard, activists say. Letters to the editor and calls to local media outlets will allow us to tell our stories and keep the issue visible. Direct contacts with legislators will also be crucial, and a concentrated week of lobbying activities is planned for the week of May 5th. You can identify your legislator and/or leave a message for them by calling the Legislative Hotline at (608) 266-9960 or (800) 362-9472.

Contact Action Wisconsin at (608) 242-9781 for more information on lobby week activities. Those lobbying their legislators are also encouraged to use the voicemail menu to report on their appointments and other contacts with legislators, and to record their observations about those meetings. It's especially important to identify undecided legislators, they say.

A series of rallies and other gatherings are planned throughout the state. For more information on specific events, contact Action Wisconsin or The United at (608) 255-8582.

People from throughout the state are invited to attend a large rally at the State Capitol on Monday evening, May 12th from 7 to 9 p.m., on the evening preceding the vote. The rally will feature a speak-out opportunity for those who have been denied a voice in the process, and a candlelight vigil. While extensive publicity is occurring, word of mouth is what gets people out to these events, organizers say, and they encourage opponents of AB 104 to call on co-workers, family members, and friends to attend as well.

Over 300 people traveled to Wausau on March 10th to speak out against AB 104, a bill prohibiting same sex marriage in Wisconsin. It is a bill which proponents claim helps to strengthen the traditional family, but, which, opponents say, only serves to weaken all families by scapegoating a few. In what is decidedly an uphill battle in the state Assembly, supporters of LGBT rights remain vigilant, and hope to use the testimony of those who traveled to Wausau as a powerful tool in educating legislators and the general public about our lives. Regardless of the outcome of the vote on May 13th,

the LGBT-supportive community has come together in Wisconsin in a way unparalleled in recent history, and there is hope that the momentum can continue to build powerful alliances that transcend the politics of the moment.

In addition to the Action Wisconsin voicemail information line, you can also call counselors at The United for information on the full range of events and contact numbers at (608) 255-8582.

Milwaukee Rally Set for May 5

State Representative Barb Notestein will speak at a rally against Assembly Bill 104 (AB-104).

The "Wisconsin Won't Discriminate" rally is being held Monday, May 5, 1997 at 12 noon in front of the State Office Building on 7th & Wells.

AB104 is titled "The Anti-Same Sex Marriage Bill" which would explicitly prohibit the recognition of same gender marriages in Wisconsin.

Clearly, passage of AB104 is unnecessary. Wisconsin's laws do not allow for same sex couples to get married and those laws have worked well for us for the past 150 years.

The debate on AB104, scheduled for six hours on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, will be divisive, hate filled, and passage of the bill will lead to discrimination against one group of Wisconsinites.

Mark Street, Community Election Coalition chair, stated "We urge every fair minded Wisconsin resident to contact their state legislator to register their opposition to this bill.

AB104 Rallies

MILWAUKEE

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Monday, May 12
State Capitol Building

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Tuesday, May 13
State Capitol Building

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Group Notes

This section details organization meetings and events of interest to the community. Fax, mail or e-mail a press release along with the name of a contact person and phone number. Deadlines are 5pm Wednesday for the following Wednesday's issue. Information cannot be taken over the phone.

Letters

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

The Arts

Information for coverage in In Step's arts section are due by 5pm Wednesday for the following Wednesday's issue. Information cannot be taken over the phone. We encourage the submission of photos.

The Calendar

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munity groups and arts organizations are encouraged to submit listings. Deadlines are 5pm Wed. for the following Wednesday's issue. Information cannot be taken over the phone.



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Let them know that Wisconsin won't discriminate."

For more information on the rally, please call Andy Bagnall at (414) 225-1502.

ACLU of Wisconsin Denounces Vote to Prohibit Same Gender Marriage

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Assembly's Committee on Children and Families has voted (6-3) to recommend passage of a bill that would prohibit same gender civil marriages in Wisconsin and refuse to recognize same gender marriages that may occur in other states. The ACLU of Wisconsin denounced the vote as a shameless capitulation to the radical religious right.

"Same gender marriage is not currently legal in Wisconsin, so one has to wonder why the legislature would even take up the issue. The answer lies in the influence of the radical religious right's efforts to impose their bigoted views on all of us. This is evident from the only public hearing held on the bill. The committee held its hearing in Wausau on Monday and heard from a parade on religiously motivated and intolerant speakers in favor of the bill. The committee has rejected the ACLU of Wisconsin's call for additional public hearings," said Christopher Ahmury, ACLU of Wisconsin executive director.

"Most Wisconsinites don't see this as even a minor issue, but the Republicans on the committee and in the Assembly leadership, for whatever reason, are willing to put this bill on a fast track. Democrats who are uncertain about the bill, should not be confused by the distorted information coming out of one inconclusive hearing. The ACLU of Wisconsin is worried that the bill may now receive a vote as early as next Tuesday by the entire Assembly without the benefit of an opportunity for all the members of the Assembly to hear from constituents on all sides of the issue," Ahmury added.

"The ACLU of Wisconsin believes that the prohibition of something not currently allowed is not only foolish public policy, but is also an unconstitutional attack on the right of lesbians and gay men to equal protection under the law. This law is in on way necessary to protect the free exercise of religion, nor the legal benefits now currently available to married heterosexual couples. The likelihood that homosexual couples legally married in other states will move to Wisconsin anything soon is non-challenge. The Committee has turned its back on one group of citizens in an apparent effort to placate a group of zealots," Ahmury concluded.

Wisconsin Public Television Viewers Reject Sen. Fitzgerald's Anti-Gay Ideas 3-1

Madison — Wisconsin Senator Scott Fitzgerald's April 2 proposal to pull the the gay and lesbian-themed variety show "In The Life" from Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) was rejected overwhelmingly not once but twice by those who matter most: the network's viewers.

According to Paul Milkowski of WPT supportive calls for the five year-old program ran "six to seven times" higher than opposing calls following Fitzgerald's appearance on the Jonathan Green talk show on Milwaukee's WTMJ-FM. Following the Juneau Republican's prime time appearance on the WPT magazine show "Weekend" and the late night airing of the controversial "In the Life" episode, phone calls ran 38-14 for the program. Neither poll added written comments received by U. S. and e.mail which ran even higher in favor of "In

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MAP Increases Number of Cooperative Therapies Offered

Milwaukee, — In an effort to continually provide a full array of quality services, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Health Services Department has expanded its Cooperative Therapies Program to include two new health enhancing services — music therapy and Shamanic energy work.

The two newest Cooperative Therapies, like the others offered through MAP, are services which promote quality of life and focus on pain and stress management for individuals with HIV and AIDS helping to reduce the strain on their immune system.

A certified music therapist provides services to consumers at the Wisconsin House, a housing facility funded and run by MAP for individuals with HIV or AIDS. The music therapist also works in conjunction with the massage therapist and acupuncturist at MAP.

"I use music as a tool in music therapy," said Kelly

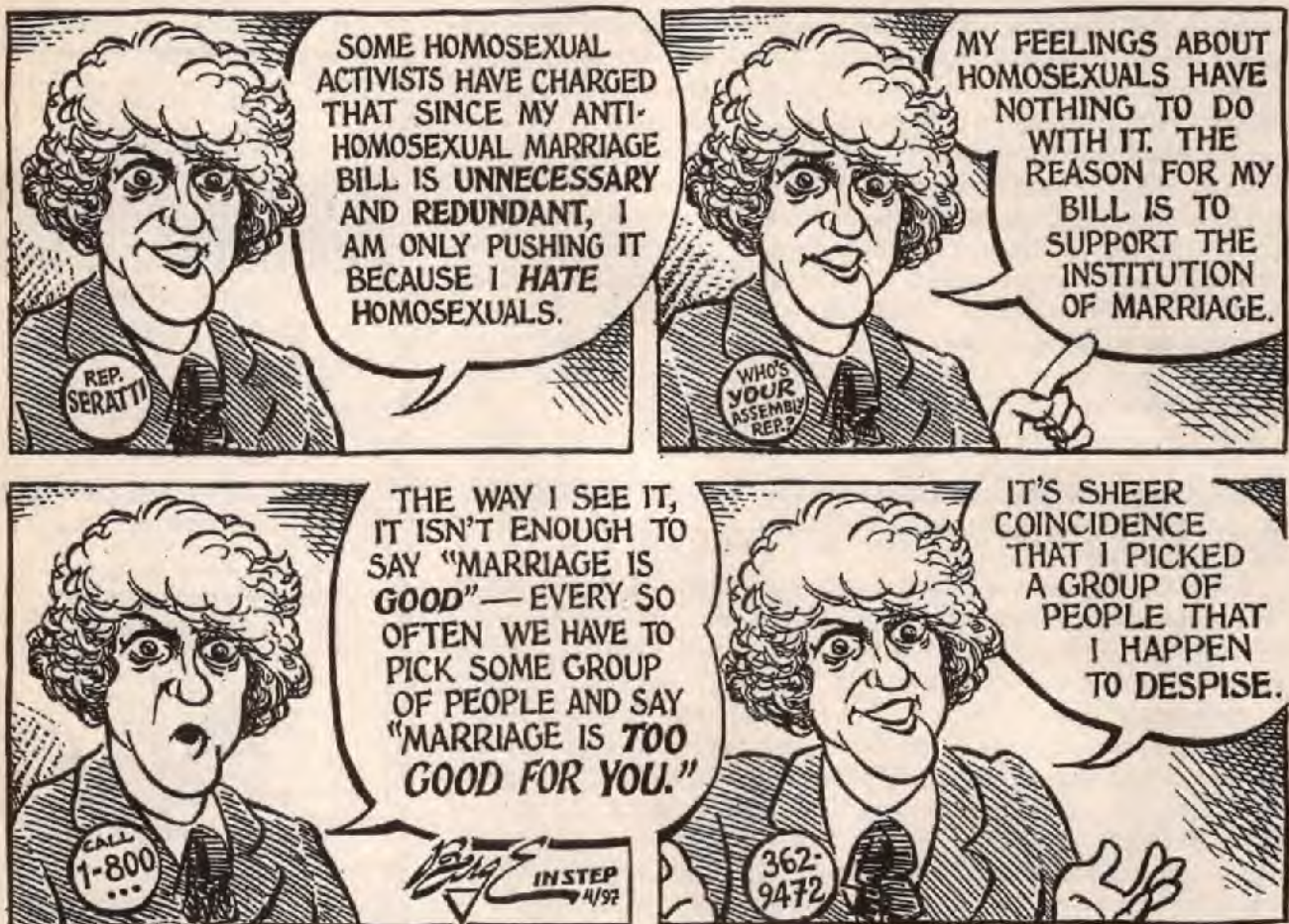
Bartyczak, RMT-BC (Registered Music Therapist-Board Certified). "Since I first began visiting the Wisconsin House and working with MAP, the reception from individuals has been great."

Music Therapy involves both listening for relaxation and participation in creating music. Bartyczak has several rhythmic instruments from different cultures to develop the interaction in groups or on an individual level.

Shamanic energy work classes are held at MAP with Healer Patrick Price who also teaches nature and Native American Spirituality at two local colleges. The classes involve breath work, sound, stones, imaging, meditation and journey work.

"I try to help individuals get to a place of centeredness or serenity," said Price. "This energy work is to help people release stress and strengthen their own energy fields."

In 1996, there were over 1,000 cooperative therapy appointments made through MAP's Health Services Department. "Once considered 'alternatives' to Western medicine, cooperative therapies are now complementing Western medicine," said Maggi Cage, Ph.D., director of Health Services at MAP. "There are hospitals across the



nation using cooperative therapies with HIV and AIDS patients to help reduce pain and stress. And all of our cooperative therapists are licensed and regulated by the state of Wisconsin."

Other Cooperative Therapies offered through MAP's Health Services Department are acupuncture, chiropractic care, massage therapy, guided imagery, Soma-Synthesis therapy, nutritional counseling, Qi Gong, Tai Ji Quan, meditation, support groups and more. For more information on any of these services or to make an appointment, please call 414-225-1571.

Gay Youth Milwaukee to Attend National Summit on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth

Milwaukee — Gay Youth Milwaukee members: Talia Schank, Antwan Tillis, James Pekrul, Nikki Hass, Gracie Limbach, James Winters and Koren Hoard will join two hundred youth and adult experts from across the country meeting in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 27 through Tuesday, April 29, 1997 to discuss the critical issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, and to educate members of congress about their lives. Participants in the National Youth Advocacy Coalition's (NYAC) First Annual Summit will come together as a part of the only national summit to focus entirely on the mental and physical health needs and advocacy trends for LGBT Youth.

Gay Youth Milwaukee (GYM) is a participating member of NYAC and has one of its members, Talia Schank serving as one of NYAC's National Steering Committee Youth members. GYM assisted in hosting NYAC's First Midwest Regional meeting in Milwaukee last November at which some 40 youth and adults attended from 6 states. GYM members who will be attending the national summit matched travel scholarships with their own fundraising in order to attend this ground-breaking summit.

NYAC is the only national organization solely focused on advocacy, education, and information affecting the Lives of LGBT youth.

ARCW's "Make a Promise" Raises Record Amount for AIDS

Milwaukee — A record amount of money, nearly \$145,000, was raised at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) 11th annual Make a Promise Dinner & Auction on March 22.

Donations from corporate sponsors like Seagull Enterprises, United Airlines and Miller Brewing Company, event ticket sales, and bids on over 350 auction items, comprised the money raised at the event.

"There was a nine percent increase in net income from the 1996 event, which would not have been possible without the generous donations and strong support from the community," said Marge Beil, special events director at ARCW. "We also had 75 volunteers who helped make the 1997 Make a Promise Dinner & Auction the success it was."

All proceeds from the Make a Promise Dinner & Auction will benefit AIDS care, prevention and research through ARCW.

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Clinton Backs Measure Outlawing Job Bias Against Gays

Washington, DC (AP) — President Clinton renewed his support last week for a bill that would outlaw employment discrimination against homosexuals, saying such bias must be eliminated "in our country and in our hearts."

During a closed half-hour White House meeting with the bill's sponsors, gay and civil rights advocates, Clinton said he intends to lobby hard for passage of the bill, which would bar firing or discriminating against an employee on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Individuals should not be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work," Clinton said in a statement. "This is wrong."

Conservative groups say they will fight the legislation, arguing that it unfairly forces employers to have inappropriate, on-the-job discussions about sexuality and gives homosexuals an advantage in hiring.

"What this would do is to force sexual politics into every workplace in America," said Kristi Hamrick, spokeswoman for the Family Research Council, a private family issues think tank. "It's just a very dangerous step to take, and a very

unnecessary one."

The legislation bars employers from using a worker's sexual orientation as a factor in decisions on hiring or firing, promotion or compensation. The Senate rejected the bill in September on a 50-49 vote. The House never voted on it, and its sponsors plan to reintroduce it soon.

The bill exempts small businesses, the military, religious organizations and schools or educational institutions run by religious groups. Clinton said the exemptions improve the bill's chances of passage, because it "respects the deeply held religious beliefs of many Americans."

"I support it and I urge all Americans to do so," Clinton said. "It is about our ongoing fight against bigotry and intolerance, in our country and in our hearts."

Currently, gay workers in 41 states could be fired or denied jobs or a promotion because of their sexuality, and most cannot seek relief in state or federal courts. Nine states have laws or other rules that extend to homosexuals job protections similar to those offered on the basis of age, race, religion or gender.

Virginia Motor Vehicle Agency Revokes '2 Dykes' License Plate

Alexandria, VA (AP) — For nearly two years, Alice Deighan and her companion drove their Jeep Cherokee bearing the license tag "2 DYKES" with few problems. Once, someone shouted obscenities at the two women, and Ms. Deighan received a hate letter at work. But this month, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles canceled the plate after a motorist complained.

The women received a form letter saying "this license plate was issued to you in error because it can be interpreted in a way which would make it obscene, profane or vulgar."

Ms. Deighan, 34, and Scout, her 31-year-old partner who changed her legal name to the single word, disagree.

"It's not the word that was offensive," Ms. Deighan, who works at the Environmental Protection Agency, said Monday. "Someone is offended by lesbians."

"What they are objecting to is us proclaiming that we are lesbians," said Scout, a consultant for nonprofit groups that work with AIDS



patients. Rhonda Buckner, president of the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, said the problem isn't the word but how it's used.

"If I use the word 'dyke,' I don't mean it derogatorily," she said. "If I'm on the street and someone calls me a dyke, I'm offended. If those two women want that on their car, they are not being offensive to themselves."

But Cathy Renna, a spokeswoman for the

Washington office of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said it's a complex issue without a right or wrong answer.

"I can understand the (DMV's) motivation behind the decision," she said. "I don't totally agree with it, but I understand it."

"License plate issuance is not an exact science," acknowledged DMV spokeswoman Jeanne Chenault.

But she said a word committee of about a dozen DMV employees who scrutinize potentially offensive tags agreed that the plate could be viewed as "socially disparaging or insensitive."

"Who are we insulting, ourselves?" Ms. Deighan asked. "... It's weird for people who aren't in the group to decide what is offensive."

The two women said they are considering a court challenge. In the meantime, however, they have applied for a different plate: "LESBIAN."

Three of the bill's sponsors, Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said they are optimistic that Clinton, whose lobbying brought the bill close to Senate passage in the last Congress, would be able to help push it through this year.

"I am confident this bill will become law," said Frank, who is gay. However, he added, "I wouldn't want to bet the farm that it happens this year."

A June 1996 poll by The Associated Press indicated that 85 percent of Americans favor equal rights for homosexuals in job opportunities, while 10 percent are oppose. The poll involved 1,019 adults and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

A poll released last week by the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay political organization, suggested that 68 percent of voters support the jobs legislation. The survey of 1,000 adults, conducted April 8-10, had a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points.

Company Offers First Life Insurance Policies to People with AIDS/HIV

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Chicago, IL — Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Co. in Illinois has become what is believed to be the first life insurance firm in this country to offer life insurance policies to people with HIV.

While AIDS activists generally praised the insurance company's decision, some activists raised questions about the policy's costs and stringent criteria for acceptance. The policies cost \$300 a month, which is about five times more than policies for people with less serious illnesses.

In addition, applicants for the policies must also have been in treatment for at least nine months before applying for the insurance; must have T-cell counts above 400, and must not have had an average viral load above 5,000 in the previous year. The company says it will not accept applications from patients who have full-blown AIDS, or those who contracted the disease through drug use or blood transfusions.

Guarantee Trust officials said they will be offering the life insurance policies on an experimental basis for a 90-day period to see whether there's enough interest to continue offering them.

Other leading insurance companies — including Illinois firms State Farm Insurance and Allstate, and Milwaukee's Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. — said they had no plans to follow Guarantee Trust's lead, however.

Gay Buddhists to Meet with Dalai Lama

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — When the Dalai Lama of Tibet speaks at a conference on nonviolence in San Francisco in June, one of the groups he will meet with will be several gay and lesbian Buddhists who say statements in the religious leader's recent book *Beyond Dogma* are contradictory and biased.

The Dalai Lama, considered by many as the living incarnation of the Buddha, has made statements in the past indicating same-sex relationships didn't present any religious or spiritual problems.

But in his new book, the Dalai Lama interprets ancient Buddhist texts, and says

Also on the Newswire...

Banned Condom Science Fair Project to Go to AIDS Group

Palm Springs, CA — A teenager who was barred from presenting her condom-testing project at a science fair will take it to an area AIDS advocacy group. The Desert AIDS Project in Palm Springs says Shari Lo's presentation demonstrates talent, and deals with a timely and topical issue. Lo is a sophomore at Coachella Valley (Calif.) High School, and won a sweepstakes trophy at last month's district science fair. Her project subjected six different condoms to heat, cold and puncture tests. But after the county education office voiced concern over the project, the superintendent barred it. The superintendent says it clashed with the district's sex education policy of promoting abstinence only.

Rainbow Flag Riles Church Members

Sylacauga, AL — The central Alabama town of Sylacauga became the unlikely site of a brief gay rights controversy when members of a local fundamentalist church objected that rainbow-striped flags the Sylacauga Business Association had put along city streets for an upcoming arts festival were symbols of the gay rights movement. City officials said they thought it was "odd" that the church members first thought of the flag as a symbol of the gay rights movement since the rainbow plays such a prominent role in the biblical story of Noah and God's promise not to inundate the earth with rain again. But in the end the city decided to take the flags down "so the controversy would stop."

Americans Less Concerned About HIV Now Poll Indicates

New York, NY — Concern about the AIDS epidemic has dropped by about half in the past

that "homosexuality, whether it is between men or between women, is not improper in itself. What is improper is the use of organs already defined as inappropriate for sexual contact." This, the Dalai Lama says, means only the body's "organs created for sexual intercourse and nothing else."

Members of the Gay Buddhist Fellowship have arranged for seven of its members to have a meeting with the Dalai Lama during his visit to try to

clarify his comments, the first such meeting the Buddhist leader has ever held.

The gay Buddhists say they expect not only that the Dalai Lama will clarify his comments to their satisfaction, but also that they hope the religious leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner will issue a statement on the human rights of gays and lesbians around the world.

Serial Killer Plays Macabre Game With Belgian Police

Mons, Belgium (AP) — First, a mutilated torso of a transsexual prostitute on the banks of the river Hate. A month later, nine trash bags of body parts near the river Fear. Two days later, a torso found on Anxiety Lane.

In a macabre game of hide-and-seek, an apparent serial killer has been dumping his victims - or parts of them - at locations with appropriately grim names. The murders - five so far - happen on weekends.

On April 12, police found a severed head on Deposit Street. Last weekend, police found three bags of body parts on Saint Symphorien Street, named for a beheaded martyr whose bones are enshrined in a Mons church.

"The locations all have a special name, so it is important to know whether there is some message, some sign," said Mons prosecutor Didier Van Reusel. "It leaves us with a puzzle."

Only the victim killed April 12 has been identified: a 21-year-old homeless alcoholic. This week, police arrested someone who knew her as their first suspect. But as the weekend approached, they were worried.

"This has never happened in Belgium," Van Reusel said. "We have now reached the heights of horror."

The serial murders in Mons, 60 miles south of Brussels, have only increased the climate of anxiety from the recent discovery of a string of child

sex killings. Five victims of pedophiles have been found over the past year; more than a half-dozen children are missing.

Just 25 miles east of Mons, investigators are digging up an abandoned mine site, fearing the missing children might be found buried there. "You have to protect yourselves - not go out at night," said Marie-Anne Wattiez, whose neighborhood is near where police have found bags of body parts.

Aside from where the killer leaves his victims, police had two other clues. The bags are always knotted the same way. And the bodies are dismembered with "remarkable precision," said chief investigating magistrate Pierre Honore.

Police believe the killer must have been trained as a doctor or a butcher, and they suspect he may have a 9-to-5 job because the killings happen on weekends.

North Dakota Enacts HIV Confinement Law

Bismark, ND — North Dakota has become the first state to enact legislation that would allow individuals suspected of being infected with HIV to be detailed without benefit of trial and forcibly tested for the virus.

Under the terms of the new legislation, which Gov. Edward Schafer quickly signed into law, emergency workers, health care workers or patients who believe someone has "significantly" exposed them to blood can get a court order to confine the individual for up to five days while a judge considers mandatory HIV testing for the person.

The ACLU says it is considering a legal challenge to the law, which it says serves no public health policy function and violates constitutional guarantees of due process.

Kerry Lobel of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said, "This is one of the most chilling and dangerous laws enacted this year. It flies in the face of

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Montana Supreme Court Hears Sodomy Challenge Suit

Helena, MT — Montana's supreme court has heard arguments from both sides in a case that is expected to determine the fate of the state's homosexual sodomy laws, known as "deviate sexual conduct" and one of the fiercest in the U.S. with felony penalties of up to 10 years in prison and fines up to \$50,000.

The 1993 case, *Gryczan vs. State of Montana*, was filed by six gay men and lesbians in the state challenging the law, even though none of them had been charged under the measure. A lower state court has already declared the law unconstitutional.

Asst. Attorney General Clay Smith based most of his argument for the anti-sodomy law on assertions that the six plaintiffs in the case weren't even entitled to bring their suit, arguing that they have not been threatened or injured by the state law. He also argued - to the clear displeasure of some of the justices - that the legislature, not the courts, should decide the issue.

But attorneys representing the plaintiffs argued that they were indeed harmed by the state law, whether it was enforced or not, because it has the effect of branding them as criminals and encourages discrimination and hatred.

The attorneys also argued that if sex is protected by the state constitution's privacy rights provisions, how can such privacy rights be extended to one group - heterosexuals - but not to homosexuals.

The court did not immediately rule on the case, but is expected to issue its decision soon.

N.C. House OKs Military Recruiter Measure Aimed at Law School

Raleigh, NC — North Carolina lawmakers resoundingly approved a proposed measure to force the University of North Carolina's law school to allow military recruiters access.

The state House of Representatives quickly voted 94-19 for the measure and sent it to the state Senate.

UNC's law school currently refuses to allow military recruiters from the Judge Adjutant General's office use of its facilities to recruit graduating law students because of the Pentagon's anti-gay policies.

Collegians Recognized for Volunteer AIDS Work

Washington, DC — Included in this year's winners of the All-USA Two-Year College Academic Team, recognizing achievement in the nation's junior colleges, were four students honored for their AIDS volunteer work.

Among those recognized were Texas students Adam Daley of Tyler Junior College and Sergio Herrera of San Antonio College, Melissa Neal from Michigan's Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and Jennifer Rios of the Kansas City (Kan.) Community College.

Daley works on organizing HIV/AIDS education programs aimed at younger people; Herrera does volunteer physical therapy work for people with HIV infec-

tion. The polls found that only about 10 percent of those surveyed indicated they were "very concerned" about exposure to HIV, about half the number who answered the same question in a similar 1991 Harris poll.

Boy George Sued Over Claims of Gay Affair

London — Kirk Brandon, who formerly appeared with the bands Spear of Destiny and Theatre of Hate, is suing gay pop singer Boy George and publisher Sidgwick & Jackson, charging George's 1995 autobiography "Take It Like A Man" is a "total lie" in saying the two had a sexual relationship. Brandon, 40, testified in court that he is not homosexual, and that he and George, whose real name is George O'Dowd, had never had sex together despite the autobiography's assertions to the contrary. Brandon said he believed that George's claims were a result of "his obsession for me [that] turned into something bitter, some might call it evil, a grudge."

Public Interest Group Raps AIDS Studies

Washington, DC — The medical watchdog group, Public Citizen Health Research Group, is charging that the U.S. government is sponsoring some nine AIDS-related research programs in developing nations that violate accepted medical ethical standards. The studies, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health, will give some groups of pregnant women AZT or other anti-AIDS drugs while giving control groups of expectant mothers medically useless placebos. This, the Public Citizens Health Research Group says, is like the infamous federally sponsored Tuskegee experiments in which African-Americans who had syphilis were intentionally not treated so scientists could see what happened in advanced stages of the infection.

AIDS Death Declared a Homicide

West Palm Beach, FL — Elmer Hutto, a 92-year-old man from West Palm Beach, Fla., who

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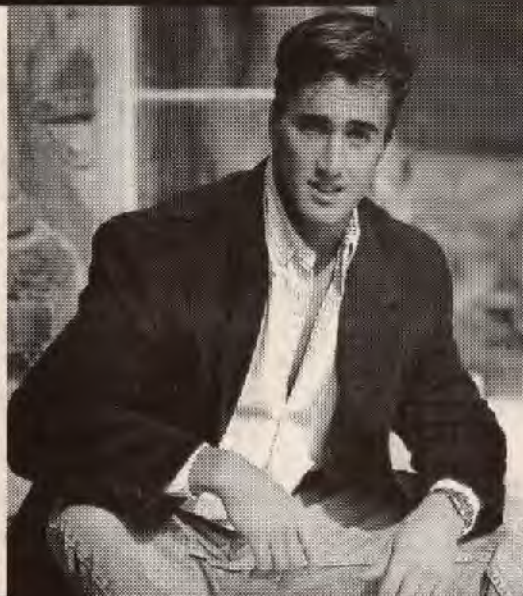
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tions; Neal is doing volunteer work in a bilingual AIDS awareness program; and Rios organized an AIDS memorial on campus and works with a local AIDS education program.

Scientist's Group Recognizes Developers of Protease Inhibitors

Washington, DC — Intellectual Property Owners, a science and technology lobbying group, has given its national "Inventor of the Year" award to nine U.S. scientists for their role in developing protease inhibitors that have shown such dramatic effects in fighting HIV infection.

The nine scientists work for Chicago's Abbott Laboratories, which developed Norvir, and Merck Pharmaceutical in West Point, Pa., developers of Crixivan, and the award credits the researchers as "among the most creative people in America."

Aussie MPs Object to Gay Games Bid

Sydney, Australia — The Australian tourism ministry is coming under fire from Labor Party members of Parliament for a \$75,000 government grant to a local gay sports group that is making a bid to bring the Gay Games to Sydney in the year 2002.

A motion by Labor MP Bob Harrison calling on the tourism ministry to rescind the grant failed to win approval of the party caucus, but it did get the support of 7 Labor MPs.

But the tourism ministry defended its grant to the local gay sporting organization and noted that its own research indicated gay and lesbians tourists attending the giant Sydney Mardi Gras celebration spend almost four times what the ordinary tourist does. Ministry officials said if Sydney is successful in its bid for Gay Games VI it would pump some \$200 million to the economy.

Michigan Anti-Partners Law Declared Illegal

Lansing, MI — Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled that a measure approved by state legislature last year that would cut funds for state colleges and universities that offer domestic partner benefits to faculty and staff is unconstitutional.

Kelley's formal opinion, which has the weight of law unless successfully challenged in court, said the measure "violates university autonomy," which is guaranteed in the state constitution.

At the same time, however, Kelley ruled that an almost

identical law concerning community colleges in Michigan is legal because the state constitution gives the legislature full control over the state's junior and community college system.

Hawaii Lawmakers Want Constitutional Amendment to Control Marriage

Honolulu, HI — In an eleventh-hour move, Hawaii lawmakers worked behind closed doors down to the deadline to hammer out a final agreement on what to do about same-sex marriages in the state, and eventually agreed on a proposal that would ban such marriages through a constitutional amendment while allowing gay and lesbian couples employed by the state some limited benefits that married spouses enjoy.

The simple constitutional amendment proposal, which voters would have to approve, states: "The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples" and will appear on the November 1998 state ballot.

State workers in same-sex relationships would be given medical benefits under the compromise worked out between state House and Senate negotiators, but federal, county and private sector employees would not be covered.

Whatever the outcome of the proposed constitutional amendment, it is still far from certain what the final outcome of the years-long battle over gay and lesbian marriages in Hawaii is likely to be.

Among other things, the state supreme court is expected to rule on a pending case well before the voters decide on the proposed amendment.

And if voters approve the amendment, it could still be challenged in state courts in light of the state constitution's equal rights and due process provisions.

Gay Students Want University Applications to Include Sexual Orientation

San Diego, CA — Gay and lesbian students at San Diego State University proposed including sexual orientation on admission applications so that incoming students would have the option of indicating their orientation as part of the school's efforts to achieve a diverse campus.

The proposal was put forward by the campus Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Union, but was not included in the SDSU senate as part of its 1998-1999 academic enrollment proposals when several senators said they had not had time to consider the implications of such a question.

Among other things, some senators said they were concerned about the basic accuracy of any such information being given since many students might not be willing to acknowledge their sexual orientation on school application forms.

Other senators objected that no one had any idea what would be an appropriate mix of students based on sexual orientation at the school, even if they had relatively accurate information from incoming students.

Gay and lesbian students at the school said they weren't surprised or discouraged at not having their proposal adopted on their first try and that they would continue to work toward getting it accepted.

was declared the first person to have contracted HIV from a human bite in 1995, has died of AIDS and his death has been officially declared a homicide. According to police records, Hutto was bitten by Naomi Morrison, an HIV-positive prostitute, on Aug. 24, 1994, during a robbery attempt. Authorities are considering whether or not to file murder charges against the prostitute in connection with Hutto's death.

Study: Needle-Swap Programs Don't Add to Community's Problems

Chicago, IL — According to a study just published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, needle-exchange programs don't increase the number of used hypodermic needles in the communities where they operate. The study was based on a needle-exchange program operated in Baltimore. Johns Hopkins University researchers reported that the Baltimore needle-swap program had a 97.2 percent return rate for hypodermic needles during its first two months of operation.

Study: HIV Becoming More 'Aggressive'

LONDON (Apr. 24) — Research just published in the *British Medical Journal* suggests that HIV, the virus generally believed to cause AIDS, has become more aggressive in recent years. Researchers at the University of Turin in Italy studied 285 patients infected with the virus between 1985 and 1995, and found that patients infected after 1989 had a greater likelihood of their immune system failing, and being diagnosed with full-blown AIDS sooner than those infected in the five years earlier. The study involved 208 men and 87 women, between 17 and 61 year of age. The routes of exposure involved 163 who were drug injectors, 64 male homosexuals and 56 exposed through heterosexual sex. The researchers found that age, sex, social background, or the manner of infection made no difference to their findings.

MAP's HIV Health Clinic Expands Evening Hours

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Health Services Department has expanded its hours.

"Our expansion of the service hours for MAP's HIV Health Clinic is in response to the needs of our consumers," said Neil Albrecht, deputy director of programs for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, MAP's parent organization. "We regularly survey our consumers to make sure our programs are meeting their needs. We heard several requests for more flexible hours of service, and are now meeting those requests."

The need to expand its hours was evident because many people with HIV or AIDS are still working thanks to new drug therapies that are improving the quality and longevity of life. Therefore, as a health and social service provider, MAP's HIV Health Clinic wanted to better accommodate consumer's needs without conflicting with their employment.

"There are many barriers out there, such as a lack of transportation, child care problems or conflicting hours of service that can prevent a person from accessing critically needed health care," said Albrecht. "Our goal is to overcome those barriers to ensure our services are accessible. We provide transportation, and other supportive services as well as flexible clinic hours to achieve this goal."

The expanded hours are now Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Previously, they had been 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As usual, Fridays are available for emergency appointments only.

Earlier this year, MAP also expanded its Social and Support Services hours until 9 p.m. Now consumers can access more programs and services all in one visit.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at MAP's HIV Health Clinic, call 414-225-1571.

Cream City Chorus Holds Annual Meeting

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th. Among the issues discussed were direction and goals of the chorus, and the bi-annual election of Vice-President and Treasurer. Following a decision by Bahtyah Jones not to seek re-election to her of Vice-President, majority vote installed Debbie Lang to the position. Debbie has already proven her dedication to the chorus through her efforts in the area of fund-raising marketing.

Debbie is welcome to the board by Treasurer, Kris Mixdorf, who retained his position after running unopposed. President Matthew Pamperin and Secretary Chuck Ellingson do not come up for re-election until next year. Emory Churness, Chorus Publicist for the last three years, announced his intention to step down from the position at the end of the Spring Season to pursue different interests within the organization.

The chorus is currently seeking inquiries from those interested in either the office of Musical Director or Publicist. These positions will be filled beginning the Fall 1997 season.

WALN to Host Relationship Presentation

Waukesha — Waukesha Area Lesbian Network (WALN) is hosting a free presentation for the lesbian community on Sunday, May 4th from 4-6 p.m. Jane Otto, psychotherapist with Safe Harbor Counseling will present material including social aspects of sexuality, losing the spark, and monogamy. The group meets at the Maple Avenue Mennonite Church in Waukesha.

WALN is a newly formed support network for women. It is a non-profit, volunteer based organization. WALN offers its members monthly programming, discussion meeting, quarterly mailings, and an opportunity to socialize and network with other lesbian in Waukesha and outlying areas.

Lesbians living in Waukesha county have often felt a double burden; physical distance from lesbian culture and community available in Milwaukee and Madison, and the challenge of local communities that are less than supportive of lesbian families.

As individuals, our response to the social and political climate of our conservative communities may reinforce alienation. Our communities tell us we don't exist or don't have a place. Internalization of homophobia can fuel a sense of isolation and feeling of powerlessness.

WALN offers lesbians the chance to build and participate in a community that is accessible, safe and supportive. Members who have completed support group training rotate leadership responsibilities in facilitating discussions. Members can participate on political, membership, or educational issues, or to simply receive a mailing to keep them advised of activities that WALN is involved in.

WALN now has 103 women on its database. It is an organization that welcomes diversity along the spectrum of sexual identity. At this time, members are asked to donate \$15 per year to cover administrative costs; students or low-income members donate less.

WALN is coordinated by Carolyn Ruck, ACSW, CICSW, a psychotherapist practicing at Stress Management and Mental Health Clinics in Waukesha. For more information call (414) 297-9412 or Write to: P.O. Box 432, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Johnson Wax Gives SEWAP \$5,000 Grant

Racine — The Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) was recently granted funding by the SC Johnson Wax Fund, Inc., which selectively accepts proposals for funding.

SC Johnson Wax generously agreed to support the Health Information Providers program, a program sponsored by SEWAP, with a grant of \$5,000.

"We are grateful for the partnership SC Johnson Wax has started with

SEWAP in the education of adolescents about HIV and AIDS," said Michael Obinger, director of SEWAP. "The responsibilities they have accepted as a corporate citizen in the fight against AIDS are admirable."

The funding will be used to help decrease the costs of the Health Information Providers in the Racine/Kenosha area. This program provides valuable teen peer monitoring, a costly endeavor that makes funding and outside financial support essential.

For more information, call (414) 657-6644.

UW Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues Report to be Discussed

Madison — A report from the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be presented to the public Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Committee members will discuss the report in the Great Hall of Memorial Union. Included in the report are 18 recommendations on such topics as university housing, health insurance

coverage, curriculum, hiring equity and student mentoring.

The 10-member committee, which has met for the past two years, includes faculty, staff and students. The chair is Richard Keeling, director of University Health Services and professor of medicine.

Chicago's Gerber/Hart Library To Bring "In Your Face" Programming

Chicago — Byron Stewart, Gerber/Hart's new Vice President of Programming is looking forward to bringing you exciting, informative, "In Your Face" programming!

In June of 1996, Stewart coordinated the library's first African-American original poetry open-mic. Over seventy people were in attendance to hear fifteen poets speak candidly about their experiences as black gay men. During African-American History month in 1997, Stewart produced "Mirrored Images," a series of presentations by community activists expressing their reflections on our community's historical past, and their thoughts on its future. The proceeds from this very suc-



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cal past, and their thoughts on its future. The proceeds from this very successful event went to the video taping of the event for the Geber/Hart's archives.

In the future, Stewart would like to develop more programming that will provide exposure, entertainment, and education on a variety of topics of interest in the Les/bi/gay/tran community.

Charles Clifton is currently a graduate student at the University of Chicago, working towards a Ph.D. in the history department. In addition to graduate studies, Clifton is a staff member of Test Positive Aware Network, and a columnist for *BLACKlines*.

In association with the Gerber/Hart Library, Clifton is working on a dissertation project entitled "In The Life: A History of Chicago's Black Gays and Lesbians." In addition to using the resources available at the library and archives, Clifton is hoping to gather the letters, diaries, and personal effects that our members may be saving. Even more importantly, Clifton wishes to meet, and discuss his intentions with those of you who might be interested in sharing your experiences, stories and histories.

Look forward to up-coming events, and "In Your Face" informative events at Gerber/Hart this year! If you would like to contact Byron Stewart with some ideas about programming, or contact Charles Clifton, about African American history or archives, e-mail (Stewart) at realread@uic.edu or Clifton, at cclifton@midway.uc.edu.

Reeling '97: The 17th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival

Chicago — Chicago Filmmakers seeks short and feature-length films, and videos for Reeling '97: The 17th Chicago

Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, to be held November 7-16, 1997, at the 750-seat Music Box Theater and the 200-seat Kino-Eye Cinema in Chicago.

Reeling is the second oldest festival in the world dedicated to screening work by and/or about lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgenders. Chicago Filmmakers, organizer and sponsor of the Festival, is a 23 year old non-profit media arts center with a year-round exhibition program of independent film and video.

Reeling '97 offers great exposure as well as potential follow-up theatrical engagements at our host theater, The Music Box, the premiere cinema in Chicago for American independent and foreign feature films. Cash prizes totaling a minimum of \$3,000 are awarded for best documentary, narrative, and experimental/animation work. The official deadline for Festival entries is July 1, 1997. All formats, genres and lengths are accepted. The entry fee is \$20 for 60 min. & up; \$15 for under 60 min.; with a \$5 discount for preview tapes which need not be returned. For an entry form and guidelines, please contact us at: Reeling '97 c/o Chicago Filmmakers, 1543 West Division Street, Chicago, IL 60622. (773) 384-5533 voice, (773) 384-5532 or email: reeling@chicagofilmmakers.org. Entry forms may also be downloaded from our web page: <http://www.chicagofilmmakers.org/reeling>.

The Literary Coffeehouse at PrideFest '97

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An important component missing last year was plenty of hot coffee, and new for 1997, The Literary Coffeehouse will be offering a menu of coffee, coffee drinks, and other refreshing beverages plus a choice of biscotti, muffins, and other freshly baked treats.

Whether this year's festival is blessed with warm, and sunny weather, or heaven forbid, like last year's winter-like conditions, all those attending PrideFest '97 will find The Literary Coffeehouse to be the perfect place to hang out, have coffee, check out all of the latest Gay & Lesbian fiction and non-fiction titles, and experience unique and exciting programs offered by both local, and nationally known authors.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday, The Literary Coffeehouse will feature a schedule featuring a variety of author appearances, writing workshops, poetry readings, and host of other literary events. For more information please call (414) 963-9089 or visit the AfterWords website at www.afterwords.com.

Madison Repertory Theatre receives \$100,000 NEA Grant

Madison — Madison Repertory Theatre has received a grant of \$100,000 under the National Endowment for the Arts' Planning Program. Planning and Stabilization grants totaling \$10.5 million were given to 125 arts organizations representing all disciplines. With these funds, the Endowment assists groups in reaching artistic goals, delivering efficient public service and preparing for future challenges. The Rep will use the grant, which must be matched one to one, to investigate its options for growth and to build long-term financial stability.

In announcing the grants, NEA chair Jane Alexander said, "Through the breadth of these projects, the Arts Endowment is investing in the vitality of our communities, the creativity of our young people, and the cultural legacy of our nation."

"At a time when the NEA is operating at severely reduced levels, this amounts to extraordinary recognition for the Rep," according to Morrie Warshawski, the St. Louis consultant who assisted the Rep in developing a strategic plan last year under the auspices of the NEA's Advancement Program. "Of the dozens of arts groups I've worked with, I found the Rep to be one of the very best," says Warshawski. "In addi-

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"This grant energizes our board of directors and challenges us as we're about to embark upon an important fund raising campaign for corporate donations," says president Tod Linstroth. "It is a rare opportunity that will help secure our future."

According to Rep managing director Vicki Stewart, "The grant has generated incredible excitement among the staff and board. We especially thank the many subscribers and contributors whose loyalty and enthusiasm for the Rep has sustained the theater."

Braddock Receives Award

Milwaukee — Brother Stephen Braddock was recognized on April 15th for outstanding community services by the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award Committee.

Braddock was acknowledged for his work with St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. President Clinton recognized Braddock with a letter which read, in part, "I commend you for your deep concern about our future, and for your exemplary commitment to improving our world."

In May, Braddock will also receive an "Alumni Award for Professional Distinction" from Cardinal Stritch College.

Eau Claire's Second Annual White Party AIDS Benefit

Eau Claire — The Second Annual White Party will be held at the Trading Company on Sunday, May 25 starting at 6 p.m. with cocktails and gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches and pastas prepared by Tony Draganowski. Musical entertainment will be provided by jazz vocalist Tammy McCormack. Tammy is the live Entertainment Manager of Camp Snoopy in the Mall of America. At 8 p.m. the featured entertainers for the evening will take the stage. "Fourshadow," a male a capella vocal quartet from Minneapolis will perform pop hits by the Nylons and Flirtations as well as original pieces, top 40 hits and TV theme songs. The group features Bruce Haasl who lived in Eau Claire a few years back.

At 9 p.m. the dancing and partying begin in earnest as Mistress of Ceremonies DuWanna Moore takes the stage. From 9 p.m. to closing a variety of performers will take the stage between dance sets. Performers include Angelica Dante, Eileen Dover, Diva, Morgan Chancellor, Ashley Andrews, a special appearance by Indiana and more.

Throughout the night there will be door prizes given away and auctioned off including stays at the Hotel

Amsterdam, tickets to Dudley Riggs and art work from Laurie Bieze.

Tickets go on sale at The Trading Company on May 1 and are limited to 125. Prices are the same as last year, \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Last year we sold almost all of the tickets available, don't wait to the last minute to get yours. We donated \$1000 to NOWAP last year, please plan to attend and help us reach our goal of donating at least \$1500 this year.

Afterwords Bookstore Launches "Give Back" Program

Milwaukee — Ten-percent takes on a whole new meaning with the introduction of Afterwords's 10 Percent Club, the new "community give back" program at Afterwords Bookstore & Espresso Bar. For a \$10 yearly fee, participating customers will receive five-percent off any purchase while an additional five-percent will be donated to the local gay, lesbian or AIDS-related organization of the customer's choosing.

In addition to the five-percent discount and community organization donation, members of the Afterwords's 10 Percent Club will receive a distinctive Afterwords book bag plus special mailings throughout the year and exclusive "members only" sales.

The "community give back" program begins March 21, 1997. It is Afterwords's way of thanking its customers for their patronage, and thanking "the community organizations" for their ongoing efforts.

"We wanted to do something for all of our loyal customers," said Carl Szatmary, Afterwords owner. "We hope that our 10 Percent Club will benefit both our customer, and also our community."

Customers will have the choice of the many and varied community organization in the Milwaukee area.

Afterwords many state-wide customers will be given the opportunity to choose organizations from their communities as well.

Since opening on July 9, 1993, Afterwords has specialized in gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender literature, in addition to offering a wide range of magazines, newspapers, cards, t-shirts, music cassettes and compact discs, video and an assortment of other

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Exploding the Myth of the "Gay Gene"

by Arlene Zarembka
of the In Step Staff

Before the Gay community jumps on an anti-abortion bandwagon propelled by hysteria over suggestions by people like James Watson (one of the co-discoverers of DNA) and Quentin Crisp (a Gay author) that women ought to consider aborting "gay" fetuses, let's be clear about genes and behavior.

In reality, genes simply do not have the mythic properties so often ascribed to them. As Ruth Hubbard, a Harvard University Professor of Biology, points out in *Exploding the Gene Myth* (1993), a gene is simply one segment of the DNA strand that specifies the sequence of the amino acids that comprises one protein. For a being to have even a relatively simple trait (e.g. height) requires the interaction of a variety of proteins, as well as other factors, both inside and outside of the living being. Therefore, a gene, by itself, does not produce a trait; a gene, at most, is simply one of the many factors that interact to produce a particular trait. Genes and the environment (internal or external) interact, often in a complex fashion, to produce the final trait.

Then what about the "gay gene" we have all heard about? Contrary to the popular press's misconception, there have been no studies identifying a "gay gene." What there have been are studies by Simon LeVay on the size of a certain nucleus in the hypothalamus in the brains of deceased men (and a few deceased women), studies of twins, and studies of one part of the X chromosome by Dean Hamer and his colleagues. None of these studies identified a "gay gene" (or even several "gay genes").

LeVay's study was not about genes at all (and, moreover, his methodology has been severely criticized by other scientists— see William Byne, "The Biological Evidence Challenged," in the May, 1994 issue of the *Scientific American*).

The twin studies and Hamer's research are more directly related to the question of whether there is a "gay gene." Neither type of study, however, has established any

"gay genes."

The twin studies show that in about half the cases, the identical twin of a Gay man will also be Gay. Because identical twins have identical genes, it would be easy to leap to the conclusion that this means that being Gay is genetic. That conclusion is not, however, warranted.

First, it should be noted that about half the identical twins of Gay men are *not* Gay. If homosexuality were solely genetic, then one would expect all identical twins to have the same sexual orientation. Second, although the rate of homosexuality in the fraternal twins of Gay men should not be any higher than the rate in non-twin brothers of Gay men (because fraternal twin do *not* have identical genes, and have no more genetic similarity with each other than they do with

any other siblings), the twin studies show a much higher percent of fraternal twins of Gay men to be Gay than of non-twin brothers. Moreover, the rate of homosexuality in even the adoptive brothers of Gay men is higher than the rate of male homosexuality in the population as a whole. These findings with fraternal twins and between Gay and adoptive brothers indicate that social and environmental factors play a significant role in the determination of homosexuality.

Dean Hamer's studies are the ones that come closest to studying genes. He studied a particular region of the X chromosome (Xq28). Since women have two X chromosomes, while men have only one, mothers pass only one of their two X chromosomes on to their male children. The random chance of two brothers having the same copy of Xq28 is 50%.

Hamer found that two Gay brothers had the same copy of their mother's Xq28 region at a statistically significant rate higher than 50%. While that might seem to indicate some connection between the Xq28 region and homosexuality, Hamer also found that some of the Gay brothers in his studies did *not* have identical copies of their mother's Xq28 region.

Moreover, as Byne explains in his *Scientific American* cri-



tique, what Hamer's study showed was that, "Each member of the 33 concordant pairs (i.e. pairs of gay brothers who share the same copy of Xq28) shared his Xq28 region only with his brother — not with any of the other 32 pairs. No single, specific Xq28 sequence (a putative 'gay gene') was identified in all 66 men."

Hamer himself was quoted by the *Washington Blade* in its February 28 issue as stating emphatically that there is no test to identify a "Gay gene" in a fetus and never will be, and that sexual orientation is "much more complicated than that."

Yet, based on popular press hype (and the wishful thinking of many in the Gay community), the culture is already beginning to assume that there is a "gay gene" that is responsible for an individual's homosexual orientation. (Witness the recent play and now cable TV movie, "The Twilight of the Gods," which centers on the question of whether a pregnant woman whose fetus has "the gay gene" will abort her fetus for that reason.)

The factors influencing the expression of our sexuality are far too multi-faceted ever to be reduced to a purely genetic explanation. I suspect that some who, in the future, abort their "Gay fetuses" because some supposed "genetic" test indicates that their fetus has the "gay gene" will be in for a big surprise. They may well find themselves having to come to terms with a homosexual child (whom they didn't abort because they were told the fetus didn't have the "gay gene"). I expect that Gay men and Lesbians will have the last laugh. We haven't been stamped out yet, and I don't think we ever will be.

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The Arts

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UWM's New Generation Benefit Concert is "All In the Family"

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Music in the School of Fine Arts, presents the last New Generation Concert of the season, "A Family Affair," May 4, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. A benefit for the Leonard Sorkin International Institute of Chamber Music, the concert features series founder, cellist, Wolfgang Laufer and violinist Efim Boico of the Fine Arts Quartet. Joining them are special guests concert violinist Miriam Fried, her husband, Indiana University Professor of Music violist Paul Biss, and their son, 17 year old pianist, Jonathan Biss.

The one hour concert opens with Mozart's "Piano Quartet in G Minor," (K. 478) continues with Chopin's, "Ballade" for piano, and concludes with "Dvorak's Piano

Quintet in A Major, Op. 81." A post-concert reception will be held in the Recital Hall Lobby featuring complimentary cider and chocolates for children and champagne for adults. The New Generation concert series was begun in the fall of 1996 and is designed to introduce young people to chamber music.

Tickets are \$14/adults, \$7/Children, and are available at the Fine Arts Box Office at 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd., or by calling (414) 229-4308.

Woodland Pattern Book Center Presents Marilyn Chin

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern is delighted to welcome poet Marilyn Chin, who will read on Saturday, May 3, 8 p.m., with poet B.J. Buhrow. Marilyn Chin was born in Hong Kong and reared in Portland, Oregon. She studied ancient Chinese literature at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and received her M.F.A. in poetry from the Writer's Workshop at the University of Iowa. She now lives in San Diego, where she serves on the faculty of San Diego State University. She is the author of "The Phoenix Gone," "The Terrace Empty," and "Dwarf Bamboo." She is the recipient of numerous awards including the National Endowment for the Arts Writing Fellowship.

In an interview with Bill Moyers in "The Language of Live," Chin says, "Somebody once accused me of being a leftist radical feminist, West Coast, Pacific Rim, socialist, neo-classical, Chinese-American poet. And I say, 'Oh yes, I am all of those things...' I don't believe in static identities... Just as I think it's impossible to keep Chineseness pure, I think it's also impossible to keep whiteness pure. I think everything must merge, and I'm willing to have it merge with me, in my poetry."

"Marilyn Chin's poems depict the Asian American struggle with assimilation and describe the resulting alienation or acceptance with astonishing honesty and clarity. And admirable achievement." Ai remarks. "Marilyn Mei Ling Chin draws on ancient cultural sources and at the same time reflects something wholly Western, urban, and contempo-



—Marilyn Chin

rary-so that we have here two kinds of sophistication combined, in proportions uniquely determined by her strong personal sensibility. The results are strong with an authentic and captivating strangeness, beauty, and offbeat wit." Denise Levertov expresses.

Milwaukee poet B.J. Burhrow is the author of "House Fire," the winner of "New Rivers Press 1990 Minnesota Voices Project". She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Marquette University Law School. She currently works as an attorney at Quarles and Brady.

"In these gem-like, many-faceted poems, B.J. Burhrow evokes-with a luminous sexuality, a voluptuous clarity-the bright promise and ominous threat that reside in the seemingly mundane and commonplace. Mortality, lawlessness, beauty, love, and risk, roil beneath the calm, taut surfaces of her compelling and haunting lyrics." Ron Wallace remarks.

Patrick Farrell's Fifth One-Man Show at Chosy Gallery, Madison

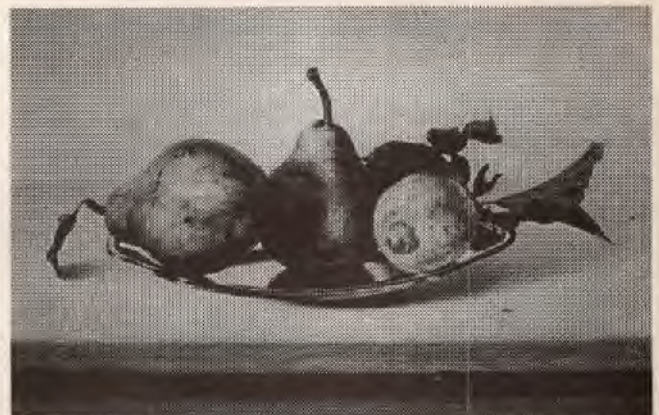
Madison — The Grace Chosy Gallery of Madison will introduce a one-man show of Patrick Farrell's work, May 9th at the gallery's new location, 1825 Monroe Street. The gallery, established in 1979, will display Farrell's popular still-

life and landscape oil paintings for this fifth solo show. An opening reception for Farrell is planned. This event will be held Friday evening, May 9th in conjunction with "Gallery Walk," 5 to 9 p.m. Farrell will be at the gallery to greet visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. that evening. The exhibition runs through May 31st.

Included in the exhibition of new paintings is Farrell's signature style of incorporating fruit with pottery and silver, and landscape oil paintings. Farrell debut with Grace Chosy Gallery in 1993 with the "Outer-Ledge" series, which include the blending of his still-life and landscapes.

The popularity of Patrick Farrell's "Magic Realism" still-life and landscape oil paintings continues to attract attention from national galleries across the country. Within the past year Farrell has been contacted by a number of leading galleries, and has accepted their invitation to be represented by them. He currently is exhibiting with the following galleries: J.J. Brooking Gallery, San Francisco; Cincinnati, Ohio's Miller Gallery; State Street Gallery, Sarasota, and Atermann & Morris Galleries, Dallas.

Farrell's representative in the Far East Imavasion Gallery of Taipei will this year exhibit oil paintings at a number of important international art fairs. This spring is "Tresors'97" at the Singapore International Convention & Exhibition



—Golden Pears and Lemon on Silver Tray by Patrick Farrell.

Center. Later in the Year Farrell's painting will be shown in Taipei Art Fair International at the Taipei World Trade Centre. For more information call Grace Chosy Gallery (608) 255-1211.

Author John Lee to Give Workshop and Book Signing

Milwaukee — Best-selling author, John Lee, will offer a mini-workshop and autograph his new book, "The Flying Boy, Book III: Stepping into the Mystery," Friday, May 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee. The workshop and book signing is free and open to the public.



Lee's final book of "The Flying Boy," trilogy, "Stepping into the Mystery," explores why relationships fail, and how we can improve the likelihood of their success. Lee also identifies why a relationship of 50-50 responsibility does not work, and what does. Learning one's own "rhythm of closeness," the "five mothers" we all have-how to deal with them,

how to be really present to those we love, and to life itself.

Lee is an internationally known speaker, teacher, author, and leader in the personal growth movement. Lee came to prominence a decade ago with his book "The Flying Boy: Healing the Wounded Man."

Twenty-Two Dancers Offer "Their Side"

Milwaukee — Twenty-two Milwaukee-area dancers are set to perform in an unprecedented concert at the UWM Mitchell Hall Chamber Theater May 1st-4th. The concert, entitled "Our Side," is an evening-length dance piece which



explores human identity through the stories, and life experiences of twenty-two emerging artists in search of a voice.

Organizing this concert are Sarah Wilbur, Jet Moore, and Andrea Hill, all of whom are recent graduates of the UWM Dance Program. All of the choreographers and dancers involved in "Our Side" are strongly committed to creating new and exciting dance in the city of Milwaukee. "It has been at least ten years since a dance collective as emerged in this city, and this concert is a definite bridge for UW-trained

dancers to come into their own as artists." Sarah Wilbur, Artistic Director.

Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained at the Fine Arts Box Office at UWM at 414-229-4308. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Novelist Julia Watts Will Read From Her New Novel "Wildwood Flowers"

Milwaukee — Julia Watts author of "Wildwood Flowers" will be reading and signing copies of her new novel on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Afterwords.

"Wildwood Flowers" is a hilarious and heartwarming tale of lesbian culture and culture shock. The resiliency of true love and the extraordinarily maddening gab between "coming out" and "being out." When Bev's lover, Andie, receives an assistant professorship at a Christian-affiliated college, Bev does her best to be the supportive partner. She isn't too thrilled about the prospect of moving from Boston's lesbian ghetto to the small southern town of Morgan, Kentucky. When the local welcome-wagon arrives at their doorstep, Bev is shocked when Andie tells them that they are cousins. Faced with the prospects of being set up with all of the most eligible men in Morgan, Bev must put her foot down!

Watts currently resides in Knoxville, Tennessee where she is a part-time nanny, part-time teacher, and "the-rest-of-the-time writer." For more information call Afterwords at (414) 963-9089.

UWM Film Department and Slovenian Arts Council Presents Filmmaker Andrej Zdravic's New Film "Riverglass"

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Film Department in the School of Fine Arts, along with the Slovenian Arts Council, presents the U.S. premiere of Andrej Zdravic's new film, "Riverglass," May 17th at 8 p.m. in the Mitchell Hall Cinema, Room B91, 3203 North Downer Avenue. The free screening will feature an introduction by Andrej Zdravic, the creator.

Forty minutes long and without narration, "Riverglass" was filmed at Slovenia's Soca River. It is not a documentary but rather a study of energy, colors, and rhythms. Mr. Zdravic explains, "I filmed 'Riverglass' with the camera immersed in the aerial clarity of the River Soca. The river is like a liquid lens, a looking-glass through which we perceive perhaps for the first time, the magical world of flying bub-

bles, and dancing stones. It is a baller in four seasons, a new, different kind of narrative cinema." "Riverglass" will be preceded by a five minute short by Mr. Zdravic, "Kres."

Andrej Zdravic was born in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia in 1952. He came to the United States to study film, graduating in 1980 with an M.A. from the University of New York in Buffalo. His more than twenty-five films have explored such diverse topics as volcanoes and micro-surgery, and have been featured in over a hundred one-man shows throughout North America and Europe. Zdravic's 1993 video installation, "Water Waves," at the Exploratorium Museum of Science, Art and Human Perception in San Francisco, has been seen by over two million people. Among his recent showings are retrospectives at the Centre Pompidou in Paris (1995), and at Cankarjev Dom Cultural Centre in his native Ljubljana (1996).

Barenboim to Lead the CSO in Three May Performances of "African Portraits"

Milwaukee — Music Director Barenboim will kick off his first week of spring Chicago Symphony Orchestra



—Hannibal

concerts with three special performances of Hannibal's "African Portraits" on May 8th, 9th and 10th.

Barenboim will lead the Orchestra in a subscription concert featuring the work on Thursday, May 8th at Medinah Temple, 400 N. Wabash. Furthering the CSO's goal of presenting the finest musical performances in a growing number of community venues, Barenboim will conduct two special

non-subscription performances of "African Portraits" at Christ Universal Temple Ensemble, 11901 South Ashland Avenue on Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th. More than two dozen members of the Christ Universal Temple Ensemble, one of three local choruses featured in the "African Portraits" performances, will be included among the massive musical forces. This is the second time that the

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Tickets to the "African Portraits" performances at Christ Universal Temple are \$10-\$60, and may be purchased by call (312) 294-3040. To purchase tickets or for pre-concert conversation information, call PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000.

The Florentine Opera Company Presents "Andrea Chenier"

Milwaukee — The opera "Andrea Chenier" is a tragic romance of French poet, satirist and critic of the French Revolution, Andrea Chenier, who goes to the guillotine,



—Mildred Tyree

accompanied by his beautiful and aristocratic Madeleine. "Andrea Chenier" is set to some of opera's most rapturous music, wrapped in a crucible of great dramatic power. As a contemporary of Puccini, Umberto Giordano scored a major operatic triumph when this opera premiered just one hundred years ago at Milan's La Scala Opera—it continues to thrill audiences to this day.

Splitting the demanding role of Chenier, tenors Tonio Di Paolo (May 2nd & 4th) and Paul Lyon (May 3rd) will sing this signature role made famous by many of the great tenors of our day. Florentine Opera favorite Soprano Mildred Tyree will sing the impassioned and moving role of Madeleine de Coigny. Baritone Yalun Zhang, who made his Florentine Opera debut in "Rigoletto," will sing the dramatic role of Gerard. Making their debuts with the Florentine Opera will be Catherine Cook as the Countess Di Coigny and Madelon, Kimm Julian as Pietro Fleville, Kristopher Irmiter as Mathieu, and Douglas Perry as Incredible. Other singers returning to the Florentine Opera include John Koch, Dean Marshall, Scott Sowles and David Boyd.

Performances of "Andrea Chenier" will take place in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center on Friday, May 2nd at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3rd at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 4th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets, ranging in price from \$18 to \$78 are available from the Marcus Center Box Office at (414) 273-7206.

Fest City Singers Present: An Evening Out (A Gay Cabaret)

Milwaukee — Fest City Singers will present an original musical, "An Evening Out," at Cafe Melange, May 30-31, and June 1.

The theme of the cabaret is universal: how we decide what to do when we go out for an evening, and the joys, fears, frustrations, and disappointments entailed from that choice. What fun we have when we hang out with our friends! What excitement we experience when we go out dancing, and meet Ms./Mr. Right, but what if that person isn't free? Or interested? What happens when we wake up the morning after "the big night," and that charming other no longer looks so charming to us?

Music Director for "An Evening Out" is Peggy Lozier. Artistic Director/Choreographer is Tim Hess.

Evening performance will be presented Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. An additional performance, a benefit for ARCW, will be held Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m. following the Cafe Melange brunch (optional). Tickets for all Shows are \$10. For ticket information call the Fest Line at (414) 263-SING (7464).

Boulevard Ensemble Holds Auditions For Lillian Hellman Classic Drama

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's premiere studio theatre, will hold auditions for Lillian Hellman's stirring drama "The Children's Hour" on Saturday, May 17, and Tuesday, May 20 at the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Auditions are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, and are by appointment only. Director Nancy Aldrich will be seeking actresses of varied age levels, and two actors in their twenties/thirties. Also needed for this exciting mixed media adaptation will be men and women to serve as puppeteers. All auditioning are asked to prepare one memorized monologue from appropriate material that is one minute in length, and to bring resumes/pix to the audition. This production is slated to run early September through mid-October. Please call (414) 672-6019 to schedule an audition or to obtain more information.

Hellman's "The Children's Hour" is a startling and very topical indictment of "community standards" as it tells the tale of two school teachers accused of sexual and personal indiscretion. Hellman explores the power of a single lie, and the personal ruin that ensues when a community all too read-



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ily accepts hearsay and gossip about individuals who may not neatly fit into recognized, narrow categories. Although written in the 1930's, the play remains timeless in its portrayal of hypocrisy and repression.

Ms. Aldrich, who is the founder and Artistic Director of Milwaukee's Polaris Puppet Theatre, will be contributing her unique puppetry and movement skills to create a mixed media production which will heighten the drama's disturbing vision of a child's malevolence as it collides with adults' attempt to enforce an uncompromising reality. Aldrich has directed previously at the Boulevard when she staged an invigorating and dynamic double bill of Samuel Beckett's "Act Without Words" & "Endgame" (October, 1990). Aldrich combined the Japanese Style of Bunraku puppetry (visible puppeteers clad in black manipulating life size figures) as well as more traditional puppetry styles that effectively effused Beckett's challenging ideas with a creative clarity that served to astound and entertain Milwaukee audiences. Ms. Aldrich has also directed for the Playwrights Studio Theatre, Theatre on KK, and has taught, and led many various puppetry workshops throughout the Milwaukee area. Polaris Puppet Theatre, founded in 1991, continues to produce imaginative and daring mixed media productions (Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart," Stravinsky's "The Firebrand," among many others).

This audition is being held early in order to enable those cast to work with Ms. Aldrich and to absorb the skills necessary to bring this very fresh look at an established author to the level Ensemble audience have come to expect.

Again, for an audition appointment or for further information about this production, please call (414) 672-6019.

Florentine Opera Company's Chorus Auditions

Milwaukee — The Florentine Opera Company has scheduled General Chorus auditions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday, May 12, and Friday, May 16, 1997.

Singers should prepare one aria. The Florentine Opera Company will provide an accompanist. If you interested in auditioning for the Florentine Opera Chorus, please contact: Tamara Jasinski at (414) 291-5700 to schedule an appointment.

Community Players Bring 90's Musical "Quilt" to the Grand

Oshkosh — "Quilt, A Musical Celebration," opens on the Grand Opera stage in Oshkosh on May 16th at 8PM. A cast of 28 Fox Communities' residents will present the very special production for two nights (May 16th & 17th) and a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 18th.

The musical is very much an ensemble production featuring almost all 28 members of the cast in solo numbers or cameo scenes. Two large choral numbers start and finish the show. Uniquely, the musical is primarily a string of soliloquies about loss, love, and coping with death in the 80's and 90's.

"Quilt" is a collage of stories for, from, and about the Names Project Memorial Quilt. It examines one 32 panel block of the Quilt and the stories of the people who made the panels for their loved ones: Lovers, spouses, family, and friends. Most characters appear only once or twice. The two lead characters reappear periodically and their

unfolding stories give the musical its simple story line. The cast is intentionally multi-racial and represents ages 12-70 and while not a documentary, it is based upon real people and real situations. Creative license has been used to combine, shape, or alter actual stories and events.

The leads are played by Howard Brown III and K.T. Kinsey of Oshkosh. Other Oshkosh residents in the cast are Ben Barlow, Don White, Kristin Isham, Donna Ruhl, Diane Walsh, Dana Hartel, Catie Haase, Michelle Ruhl, Kim McGuire, Daryul Dietz, Brooke Pfaff, James Clark, Stacy Harrmann, Brandon Arrowood, Jason Smith, Barb Carroll, and Cindy Hopkins. Dan Berns is directing the musical and Nate Kinzel and Mary Plier are handling Orchestra and Vocal direction respectively.

From the other Fox Communities, the musical features performances by Kathy Hilbert and Ralph Schwartz of Fond du Lac. DJ Mattson, Maria Jaensch, and Brian Babbitts are showcased from the Neenah/Menasha area. And Bob Carroll of Appleton will perform a cameo role.

Tickets for the musical are on sale at the Grand Opera House box office or by contacting 424-2350 for Ticketmaster services. The musical is comparable to a PG 13 movie rating as it deals with mature themes and contains some strong language.

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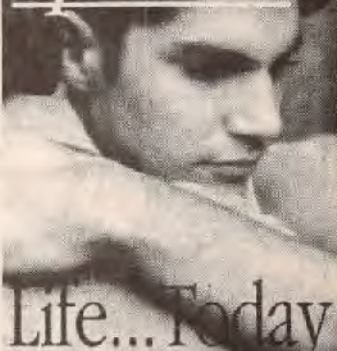
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Lesbian Love Is Surely No Catastrophe

Interview with the Director of "Love and Other Catastrophes"

by Dale Reynolds

In Step Contributing Writer

Non-lesbian screen director Emma-Kate Croghan, 25, is riding the crest of international acclaim for her debut film, "Love and Other Catastrophes," an Australian Gen-Xer comedy about a group of university students. The primary story-line is the breaking up of the relationship between two of the young women, Danni and Mai.

What is nicely remarkable is that none of the characters comment at all on the fact that it is two women who are at the focus. How refreshing — and, perhaps, a slight exaggeration from the reality of same-sex and non-academic society down-under: "While we played the lesbian relationship as sanguine about being so casually out, in real life it's not as easy. But sometimes in the arts you have an opportunity to show life and bend things to the way you'd like them to be.

From a storytelling perspective, the problems of coming out just wasn't that interesting to us—it's more progressive to not mention the 'L-word' at all. At university, in the subculture they all live in, the lesbianism wouldn't have been discussed as it's totally accepted by their crowd."

Which raises the question of how the two cultures of America and Australia differ in their tolerance of gay peoples. "When I've traveled with the film, the reaction to the sexuality in the film has been most pronounced in America. We thought [of] Australia as a hick country, but the attitude in dealing with sexuality can be fluid for us, whereas for Americans, the press come off as shocking or difficult when discussing sex. I'm surprised. We find these to be strange attitudes."

During one of the early American press junkets, a middle-aged reporter delicately asked actress Rada Mitchell, who



—(from left to right) Matt Day, Frances O'Connor, Rohda Mitchell, Matthew Dyktynski and Alice Garner in Emma-Kate Croghan's "Love and Other Catastrophes."

plays Danni, 'now, can you tell me about your character? You play a lesbian; would you have preferred to play another character in the film?'

Her face was worth a million; it said it all—about her distaste in even asking the question. Rada answered, 'Yes, it was OK with me.' But then Matt Day [who plays Michael in the film] responded to the question: 'My character's a heterosexual and we decided not

to make a big deal about it.' Everyone laughed and he was embarrassed. It was lots of cool fun. But we never experienced that [kind of questioning] anywhere else."

"Love..." is a screwball comedy in the tradition of the 1930's, a style which Croghan readily admits was influential to her development as a writer and director. "I used three films as a model: [Ernst] Lubitsch's "The Shop Around the Corner," [1940] [George] Cukor's "Holiday," [1938] and [Leo] McCarey's "The Awful Truth" [1937]. " And with the success of the film, "the attention to us has come much more quickly than we had expected." Mia [Frances O'Conner] is in love with Danni [Mitchell] but doesn't want her to move in with her as she fears commitment.

Other plotlines deal with Mia trying desperately to enroll in the crowded class of a favorite writer/teacher; Alice [Alice Garner] seeking the perfect male counterpoint, only to take up with the gorgeous Ari [Matthew Dyktynski] who is the paid stud to a variety of women; and Michael [Day], who lives with four other straight-dudes-from-Australian-hell, and who's trying to move in with Mia and Alice. It's all wonderfully realized, silly and heart-felt at the same time, when in the nature of Screwball, Omnia Vincit Amor—Love Conquers All.

While Australia is, as is every other country on earth, heterosexually-based, it also has a huge gay/lesbian/bi-sexual population — when the annual Mardi Gras party explodes in the spring, approximately 600,000 people either participate, gaze from the sidelines, or watch on television from all over the continent—a marvelous party which brings approximately US\$42 million into the Australian economy.

But gay folk tend to congregate in the major cities, Sydney, Melbourne, or Canberra, creating the same urban ghettos known so well in San Francisco, L.A., London, or Berlin, and thereby have some influence on the rapidly growing and respected Australian film

industry.

"I'm not a lesbian, although I am asked that a lot. [She lives with the producer of the film, Stavros Andonis Efthymiou, a director himself with a feature set to open in May in Australia, "True Love & Chaos".] We are a nation based on shipped-over convicts and America is a nation based on puritans and censorship."

She insists it's a myth that Australians ride sheep or wallabies for transport. "We went for the same-sex story because of a need for twists which would help make our film unique. In American films, homosexuality is made such a big issue, but we didn't want it to be an issue at all. It just happens to be two girls."

Apparently, neither of the actresses are lesbian themselves, so when it came to the big romantic smooch, they felt the need to fortify their courage with vodka before the shoot. "Well, we made the film, first and foremost, for ourselves and we wanted it to be natural. I think in Australia we have more leeway on individual sexuality on film. In American cinema, you can kill as many people as you want, but that you don't have [on-screen] sex seems to be the order of the day; you can get away with violence [rather] than showing even heterosexual sex. And full-frontal male nudity is out of the question in this country is my understanding."

Everyone in the film worked on deferred payment—not uncommon in low-low-budget independent filming. And as they were all film-school grads, the two-week script-write and the seventeen-day shoot went by smoothly and professionally. Croghan insists the story is not autobiographical, but "I wanted it to be classically structured; reality and age-based on the actors. The good part of such a quick write/shoot was that there was no time to think ourselves out of an action: we thought it, then shot it. And the actors were good enough to do it." With a two-week script, you automatically have problems, so improvising around the script became an option: "We knew we didn't have to stick that

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closely to the script, but the story structure is what didn't change. Looking back at it now, I would have liked to have had the actors improvise more on-camera, but we didn't have the money to buy enough film stock to allow it. But the actors did have a lot of input into changes."

The film did well throughout Australia, but before it opened, they'd gotten their funding through the regular channels of family and friends. Then the Australian Film Commission came into the picture after the producers assembled a rough-cut (without music or color-correction) and advanced the money to finish and perfect the picture.

"We weren't kids from the suburbs who'd never seen a camera before—we'd been to film school. We sold it to distributors who took it to [the] Cannes [Film Festival]. Fox Searchlight Pictures saw it at a screening in Paris and bought it before we played Cannes, which meant we arrived with a huge American distributor attached, which then generated interest everywhere else."

To the broader question on why Australian films are getting such strong American attention, she says, "We were influenced growing up on American films—they were the films which most filled the screens; after all, America is the largest producer of English-language films in the world, so you can't help but just go and see them. But we are also the first generation of film-makers exposed to all countries' film work through video."

The attractive director concedes her willingness to relocate to Hollywood if they should come asking, but "only if the projects I'm offered are good. I'm not interested in the money as such. It depends—the bottom line for a director is that you can only make so many films in your lifetime and I don't want to end up making somebody else's film and I want to make my own."

As with many smaller films, they ended up shooting it guerilla-style: without official permits and running up a lot of overtime (not paid until they sold the film). "I was confident in the

ideas and in the structure [of the piece] although the dialogue was a bit of a worry for us; we were working so fast, with not much time. But it all got into the can by the end of the day. I had no self-doubt while we were doing it; I just went with it. We knew when things weren't working and we fixed them at the moment. That's the best you can do."

The lass has a couple of new ideas she's working on now: another romantic comedy; a sci-fi adventure; a thriller; and one with "she-fellas," an exploration of a woman bank robber: "Don't forget, we started out as a penal colony and our relationship to criminality is interesting—cultural and psychological. One of our biggest heroes is Ned Kelly, a man who robbed people."

Croghan is a first-generation Australian. Her Irish parents emigrated to the continent during the 1960's after a couple of years spent in England. "They were called '£10 immigrants' in that they paid £10 each for their fare, with the promise of a new world and an education for their children. I'm that child—the only one they had.

Making this film has changed my life in ways I actually didn't anticipate or want, including strange people coming up to my door and ringing the bell. I want to keep on writing and directing films, which is very difficult here. If I could 'go back' to before we got picked up for distribution, I'd have written my second script before we released this one. Now that there's all this interest, I don't have a script ready for them!"

Their company is called Amateur Films and in her opinion, "Love and Other Catastrophes" is "an unprofessional film which did well. And now it'll be slightly easier to raise the funds for the next film. I'm a Gen-Xer, and while we want to think we're all as individualistic as can be, I'm still a product of that environment. There's a big 'mate' scene here, where men bond and women are close to each other. But I live in the inner-city of Melbourne, where the young men are cool—and very young gay men have a great time meeting each

other. It took most of [my generation] until their 20's to come out, but now the younger ones are coming out earlier to their families, as well as to their mates. It's very cool."

"Love and Other Catastrophes" opens May 2 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

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Life's a Drag

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"I don't think grapes were ever intended to be made into jelly..."



OUTINGS: Travels in the Midwest

by Donald M. Aucutt

Chase on the Hill

What I read about Michael Chase was that good conversation was available at this B&B, the "Chase on the Hill." So, we stopped by to listen. "Chase on the Hill" is easy to locate; it's in the country next to Highway 26 between Milton and Fort Atkinson (35 miles southeast of Madison).

We noticed how neat and airy the house old was. One of the rooms, now Michael's office, dates to 1846; this square space was the original log farmhouse. The rest of the house, with four rooms for guests, is turn-of-the-century. Then we felt how relaxed it was. A Kenny G compact disc played. The sun beamed onto the big table in the living room. There was a friendly dog.

"I decided 18 years ago that I was going to run a B&B," said Michael. Five years ago, he began searching for a place in rural Wisconsin. "This was the first house that I looked at."

Originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Michael lived in Chicago before moving here. He worked as an actor. "I did okay. I made a living which is not easy to do." For three years, he appeared in "Sheer Madness," which has been running in Chicago for 16 years. Moving north did not mean giving up theater. Michael directs plays in nearby communities, and he is the theater critic for Madison's *Capital Times*.

Chase's guests split about equally between gay and lesbian and straight. "Everyone gets along fine," said Michael. About three-quarters are from Chicago. "For them it's the wilderness." Word of mouth brings people. In May, Michael will host "Women Over 50 Who Are Lesbians." "Well that really points up the diversity," said John, my partner. "The gays are all ages," said Michael, there are a lot of young male couples."

We chit-charted around the big table. Michael pointed out antiques and collectibles. We had already seen the chili-and chicken-and-egg-shaped lights in the kitchen. Upstairs, we discovered some framed sheet music for a song called "Beautiful Wisconsin" (a big hit once?). The music downstairs changed to Keith Jarrett plating Handel. Michael had recently traveled to Italy where he and his partner visited Florence and Venice. "It was so romantic," he said, "we had Easter dinner on the Lido." Michael's partner arrived from Chicago bearing two new bouquets of flowers. Introductions were made all 'round.

The big table is where guests gather for breakfast. "I always serve a full country breakfast at 9 o'clock," said Michael. "Many times, that's the first time the guests all meet each other." When we serve eggs, the eggs are fresh, very fresh, because they're from the B&B's own chickens." Five of the chickens are Leghorns. "They're very funny," said Michael. "They follow me around." (Besides the poultry quintet, there are a potbellied pig, a burro, four cats and three goats, variously named Joe, Otis, Fred, Barney.)

Why would I stay here, I asked? The "Chase on the Hill" brochure says the rooms are "filled with fresh air and sunshine to provide an ideal atmosphere for peace and relaxation." Michael and his partner echoed this, "Relaxation. It's very stress-free. People always say they're very comfortable immediately. People come here, and they sleep late. They come here for the place rather than the area." There are few organized events. Maybe a bonfire in the summer months. "It's fun when we have one and everyone sits around." (Well, I was certainly feeling relaxed.) "It's like going to grandmother's house," said Michael's partner.

After leaving "Chase on the Hill," John and I went into the town of Milton. We wanted antiques, and lunch. We found floors of the former in Whitford Memorial Hall on what was the campus of Milton College (closed 1982), and is now a historic district. Amidst the thousands of items, we got two of the little metal buildings John collects. Lunch was spicy at King's Wok. We drove north on 26 to Fort Atkinson and passed the Fireside Dinner Theater where "Nonsense" is playing.

A day or so later, we read Michael Chase's review of the play in the *Capital Times*. "You'd have to be a real curmudgeon not to enjoy the Fireside Dinner Theater's rollicking production of 'Nonsense,'" he wrote. Or not to enjoy him.

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SSBL Set to Kick Off Anniversary Season

Milwaukee — Nine teams will kick off the 20th anniversary season of the Saturday Soft Ball League (S.S.B.L.) Season on Saturday, May 3rd. Returning from last year are Balisteri's, The Ball Game Rangers, Club 219, In Beetween, M&M Club, Manoeuvre's of Madison, and The Triangle.

New this year are Mama's Family representing Mama Roux, and Riverwest, sponsored by Cream City Foundation. Games begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. at Sijan Fields at South Kinnickinnic and California. For more information, call the SSBL hotline at (414) 454-9204.

A large number of players and their fans attended a 20th anniversary party at the Ball Game on Saturday, April 19th. Free beer and food were provided.

Over 20 teams from around the country are expected for the 17th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament, which will be held again this year over the Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25. Teams from Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Toronto in addition to the Milwaukee teams will be participating. Watch for the next issue of In Step for more details.

Milwaukee will also be hosting another softball tournament over the Labor Day weekend. The Midwest Invitational Softball Tournament (M.I.S.T.) will feature teams from Detroit, Cleveland, and Columbus.

The tournament rotates to one of these cities each year, and this will be Milwaukee's first time to hold this event.

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OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for April 30 through May 14



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

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



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

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



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

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



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

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



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

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



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

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



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

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



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

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



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

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



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

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



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

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



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

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



OUT AND ABOUT IN MADISON

by John Quinlan

Against the backdrop of political action against AB 104, April was a month when the Madison community came together again and again to celebrate its social and spiritual connections.

Hundreds of us gathered at a stylish affair at Olbrich Gardens on April 11th to raise money for Madison's LGBT social service agency, The United. This event — with its eclectic mix of live music, fine wine and food — has become a favorite for many, because it gives us the chance to meet and mingle like in a comfortable setting like no other.

After going through some rough transitional times, The United is becoming more and more fiscally sound at a time when it has also developed a large and committed volunteer base, thanks to the leadership of Executive Director DeEtte Tomlinson, Volunteer Coordinator Monica Serrano, and a diverse and experienced board of directors. As needs continue to grow by leaps and bounds, financial support is always welcomed, however, and efforts are underway to expand the agency's speaker's bureau.

One additional request: Tomlinson is looking for a community member to donate subscriptions to the daily newspapers so that volunteers can compile an archive of articles about our community. For more information, contact The United at (608) 255-8582.

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) hosted a "Gay Issues and Children Conference" on April 19 at First Unitarian Society that drew people in from all over this part of the state. While many assume that it might be easy to be a gay youth or have gay or lesbian parents in a progressive community like Madison, conference participants made it clear that we still have a long way to go here. One encouraging sign on this front: the recent election of Ruth Robarts to the Madison school board, someone who has a long track record of advocating for our rights in this area.

The UW-Madison's Out and About Activities were an enormous success this year, featuring over two weeks of outstanding programming, including appearances by national movement leader Urvashi Vaid, renowned poet Adrienne Rich, and Farm Boys author Will Fellows. Hundreds attended the festivities, which included the ever-popular Ten Percent Society dances.

All of these different realms came together at a "Good Guys, Bad Guys" awards ceremony on April 20 organized by self-described "troublemaker and instigator" David Runyon. Local

activist Rita Wlodarczyk presided at a ceremony where good guy awards were handed out by newly-elected Madison mayor Sue Bauman and Capital Times editorial writer John Nichols.

Among those receiving accolades was David Wilcox (former UW Ten Percent Society president) for his successful efforts to obtain insurance benefits for domestic partners on the UW campus. In accepting his award, Wilcox addressed Madison Mayor Bauman and a representative from the county in vowing to continue the fight on those levels as well. Rep. Tammy Baldwin received special recognition for her work in support of the political action group, Action Wisconsin. Accepting her award was Action's Dan Ross.

Ald. Mike Verveer was honored for his work on the city council in his efforts to secure TIF funding for the Hotel Washington, in attempts to restore reason to the debate surrounding sex in Madison parks, and in securing funding for Madison's AIDS Support Network.

The teaching staff at Hawthorne Elementary School was honored for their perseverance in advocating for a display on gay and lesbian families in the school's library, by photographer Gigi Kaeser, which eventually toured nationally.

"Good guys" received a stylish clear plastic prism imprinted with their names, the year 1996 and "Political Effectiveness." "Bad guy" award winners, however (none of whom attended) had a more ignominious fate — receipt of a piece of highly polished cowpie.

Runyon designated four such bad guys — Federal Judge Malcom J. Shabazz, for his highly criticized initial ruling in the harassment case filed by Ashland gay youth Jamie Nabozny; Madison Superintendent of School Cheryl Wilhoite, for what Runyon describes as her waffling and lack of commitment to the plight of gay and lesbian youth, despite requirements under state law; AFSCME, for an endorsement process that Runyon believes was blatantly unfair to openly gay county executive candidate Dick Wagner; and to the national American Family Association, for its recent efforts to get sponsors to broadcast the "coming out" episode of "Ellen."

Bad guys beware — next year's awards are just around the corner. As is typical in Madison, it was a month when the political and the social blended together in an exciting month of activity. Have an event you'd like to publicize, a story to tell, someone whose accomplishments you'd like to recognize? Let us know by contacting us at (414) 278-7840 or (608) 283-3218.



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Logan Street

Have you ever gone back to the place where your memories begin? I had a chance to do just that a couple of weeks ago. I was informed by my other job, that I needed to be certified by Panasonic in order to work on Panasonic phone systems. The certification is a week long course with a pretty grueling test at the end of the course. This course was at Panasonic headquarters in **Elgin, Illinois**.

Memories of when I was four years old, begins at **606 Logan Street, Elgin, Illinois**. I thought as long as I was in **Elgin**, I would drive by the old neighborhood, and check it out. I called my dad to asked him what the address was, and how to get there. Dad's memory on how to get there was a little fuzzy. I asked someone else where Logan Street was. I'm not sure if they speak the same language down there, but three different people sent me to three different places. Even the guy at the gas station sent me to the wrong place. Time to buy a map!

An hour and a half later, I pulled up in front of the the huge house I remembered living in the late sixties. It wasn't quite as big as I remembered it, but none-the-less, it was still there.

I headed down the street to the intersection that flooded every time it rained. Mom would get so pissed when we came home, drench and all muddy, but hey, we were just tryin' to have some fun.

I visited the parking lot where I fell over on a plastic motorcycle, and split my lip open. Mom had to rush me screaming and bleeding to the hospital. Four stitches and a fat lip later, I learned that the little plastic wheels on that motorcycle were not designed to go over a sewer drain, and would get stuck in the slots. I didn't out-grow the fat lip until my late teens.

It was starting to get dark, so I headed back to the hotel, and cracked open the books. That lasted about a half hour until I got antsy. I called **Chris**, and told him to meet me in **Chicago**.

Chicago was a blast. Our first stop was **Lucky**

Horseshoe. We had a couple of drinks with **Frankie** the bartender, and headed over to **Spin**. We danced at **Spin** until it was 2:00 a.m. closing time. As some of you know, the clubs in **Chicago** are licensed to stay open later. We went over to **Man Hole**, and stayed there until we were too pooped to continue to participate. **Chris** headed back to **Milwaukee**, and I headed back to **Elgin**.

There has been lots going on in **Wisconsin** as well. I'll get you caught up!



— The winners of the Miss/Mr. Emerald City '97 / Photo Patry Casady

I told you about **Jimmy's** birthday party. I must tell you about **Tommy's**. In **Between** threw a big birthday bash for **Tommy**, lots of people came in to wish **Tommy** happy B-day and party with **Kurt**, and everyone else. I didn't hear if **Tommy** got his spanking or not, does anyone know?

The **SSBL (Saturday Softball League)** is starting another season, and **Ball Game** threw a **SSBL Season Opening** party.

Rick and **Danny** put out a nice spread (of food) for everyone to enjoy. There were raffles, drinks specials and T-shirts for sale. Thanks to **Tommy S.** for making sure I got a shirt. Hey, have you seen the new **SSBL** logo? It's pretty damn cool!

Wisconsin's first **Queer Youth Prom**, sponsored by **In Step Newsmagazine** and **Pridefest**, was held at the **Park East Hotel Ballroom**: with the exception of the minor disturbance by those same **idiots** from the far right **Christian** group that protested **Pridefest**, the prom was a hit.

There were a bunch of stunning boys and girls all prettied up for a night of socializing, dancing and even a bit of romance. I did get some pictures, however, I opened my camera with that film in it, and exposed some of the pictures, but yes I do have a few that were good.

La Cage had a Bacardi party that turned out pretty good. There were specials on all of the Bacardi products, and as usual for **La Cage**, great music and lots of dancing.

The **Mr. Gay** and **Miss Gay Emerald City US of A**

pageant was held at **Za's** in **Green Bay**. **In Step** correspondent, **Patty Casady** covered the event for us, and told me the event was a great success. For **1997**, **DeeDee Winters** will hold the title as **Miss Gay Emerald City** and **Christian Knight** will hold the **Mr. Gay Emerald City** title. Congrats to **DeeDee** and **Christian!**

Another **Lights Out** party? Yup, this time it was at **Scandals** in **Madison**. They gave out flashlights and those neon tube things. Sources tell me that it was a blast, and everyone was wondering when they would have another lights out party.

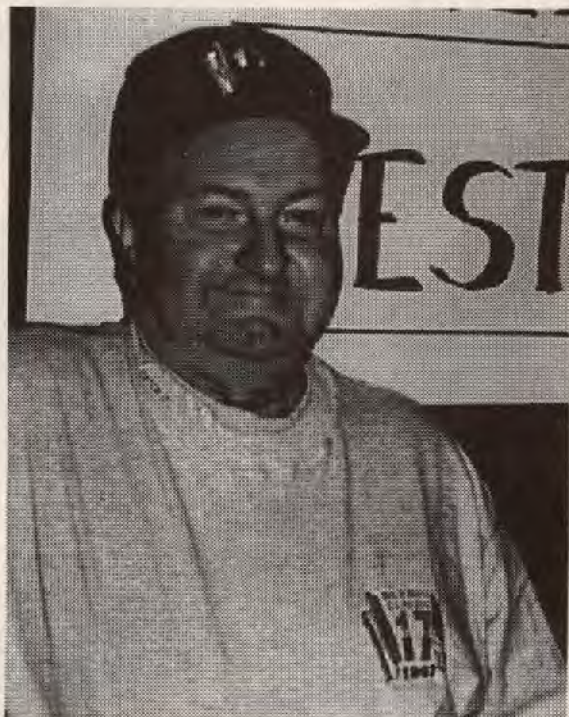
The **Wisconsin Daddy** and **Wisconsin Boy** contest was held at **1100 Club** the weekend of the 25th and 26th. There were five contestants for each contest. There were **Levi Leather** guys from all over the place to see who would be the **Daddy** and **Boy** for **1997**. The winners are: for **Daddy**, **Stacey DeSotel** and for **Boy**, **Joe Gunn**.

Well you have just been caught up. I do want to remind you that **Possum Queen** is right around the corner, keep you eyes and ears open for events and dates. I have a little inside information that indicates this should be a fun year for the **Possum Queen**.

A last thought, if anyone has seen my friend **Dan**, tell him to call me, that boy is so hard to get a hold of since he has gotten on-line. Until next issue, thanks for tuning in, and as always, slower traffic keep right



— Joe Gunn and "Daddy" Stacey DeSotel/Photo Jamie



— All smiles at the Ball Game! /Photo Jamie



— From delight! /Photo Jamie



— HIT Bowling Tournament! / Photo Gary Hawkins



— Snuggle bunnies at La Cage! / Photo Jamie



— Jeff and friends. I see some up-and-coming cover girls! / Photo Jamie



— Fresh faces behind the bar at Triangle / Photo: Cabal



— Office party!



— Prom snuggle bunnies! / Photo Jamie

**April 30th
Through May 14th**

Activities:

Saturday, May 3

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower, North Avenue at the lakefront, for a 30-40 minute run or walk followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information call (414) 332-1527.

Wednesday, May 7

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. Open Volleyball at UWM-Engelmann Gym. Bring gym clothes and \$2 for expenses. For more information (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, May 10

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at 9 a.m., at the historic water tower, North Avenue at the lakefront, for a 30-40 minute run or walk followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information call (414) 332-1527.

Sunday, May 11

GAMMA: Bike Ride (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. Spring Bike Ride. Join us for a ride along the bike path which runs from Estabrook Park to the lakefront and back. For more information (414) 342-4322.

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

Wednesday, May 14

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. Open Volleyball at UWM-Engelmann Gym. Bring gym clothes and \$2 for expenses. For more information (414) 342-4322.

Arts:

Wednesday, April 30

The University of Chicago: "Excavating the Smart Museum: (Re)viewing the Classical Greek and Roman Collections" (Chicago): Through Sunday, June 8.

The Smart Museum of Art will present an in-depth look at the Smart Museum's collection of classical Greek and Roman pieces. Featuring sculpture, ceramics, glass and metal objects dating from the 6th century B.C. to the 2nd century A.D., "Excavating the Smart Museum: (Re)viewing the Classical Greek and Roman Collections" will be shown through Sunday, June 8. For more information and related events call (773) 702-0200.

Thursday, May 1

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss The Gutenberg Elegies by Sven Birkerts. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss View With A Grain of Sand by Wislawa Szymborska. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Monday, May 5

Harry W. Schwartz: Mystery Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The mystery group will discuss Ice House by Minette Walters. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Harry W. Schwartz: History Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The history group will discuss The Creation of Patriarchy by Gerda Lerner. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Friday, May 9

Medical College of WI: "Medical Management of HIV in 1997" (Milwaukee): Barry Bernstein, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Medical College of Wisconsin. CAIR Research Conferences are held in the Conference Room of CAIR's Franklin Building, 1249 N. Franklin (at the corner of N. Prospect /Franklin and Knapp Streets, which is four doors north of the CAIR Downer Mansion bldg.) For more information call (414) 456-7731.

Saturday, May 10

Woodland Pattern Book Center: Writing Workshop (Milwaukee): 1 to 5 p.m. Writing The Short Short, An Exploration of Short Short Fiction and Prose Poetry. These short forms require an artistry all their own. Investigate definitions and possibilities with literary examples and exercises to stretch you as a writer. A workshop designed especially for poets who want to write fiction and for poetic fiction writers. Instructor: Debra Kay Vest, Ph.D., is an award-winning poet, fiction writer, and private writing coach/manuscript consultant. Workshop fee: \$40/\$35 members. For more information call (414) 263-5001.

Sunday, May 11

AfterWords Bookstore: Jereniah Brod (Milwaukee): 1 p.m. Poetry Reading by Jereniah Brod. For more information call (414) 963-9089.

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

Monday, May 12

AfterWords Bookstore: Book Club (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. The afterword's book club will discuss Was by Geoff Ryman. For more information call (414) 963-9089.

Tuesday, May 13

Harry W. Schwartz: Literature group (Mequon): 7 p.m. The literature group will discuss, Mariette in Ecstasy by Ron Hansen. For more information call (414) 241-6220.

Bar Specials

Sundays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): Liquid Brunch Sundays! \$6 Long Island Pitchers!

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

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

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

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noun to 4 p.m. - Bloody Mary's & Screw Driver's - \$2 A Mug!

The Calendar

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

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer Bust; 3 p.m. — 8 p.m., \$6.

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, & Mimosas; \$2!

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

Mondays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Mondays! \$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! \$4.

LaCage (Milwaukee): "Shake A Drink."

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.75 Rail Drinks.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. - Pull Tabs!



—Kathy Bowls a strike! Photo: Gary Hawkins

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

Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs, 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as \$.25), Beer Bust, 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for \$6.

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.).

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$0.75 Tappers!

Tuesdays:

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers, \$2.50!

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

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): "Mexican Nite": 4 p.m. until ?; Tacos \$11, 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.; Tequila 2-4-1, 4 p.m. until 2 a.m.; Corona \$1.75!

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

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

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

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

Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): "Shake A Drink" (Acres Free and Sixes Half Price) from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.) Pull TABS; 9 p.m. until close!

Wednesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$5 Super Bust!

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust!

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

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.,

Beer Bust \$4 or \$0.80 Glasses of Beer.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Open to Close. "Hump Day": Everything's A Buck!

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

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

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

Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar Rail Drinks for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$0.50 from 3-7 p.m., Beer Bust from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for \$6.

Manoeuvres (Madison): All Rail Drinks, \$2!

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottles of Beer, Rail Drinks, and Wine; \$1.50!

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

Thursdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): Showtune Thursdays! \$6 Rail Drinks Bust!

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

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

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

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. - Slammers, \$1!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rail Drinks \$1.75.

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

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

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Live Entertainment!

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 Cocktails 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tickets good until 9 p.m.). \$0.75, taps from 9 until close.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Special Ex & Ex light, \$1.75!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.00 Tappers, \$2 7 crown and \$2 Captains!

Fridays:

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

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

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): \$0.50 off all Whiskey Drinks!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Leather Night! - Bottle beer \$1.75, Tappers \$0.75.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. - Pull Tabs!

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Kamikaze Shots, \$1.50!

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., \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound!

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

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

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

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! Dj-Jerry!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Shorty Beer's, 2 for \$1.50!

Bar Events

Wednesday, April 30

Triangle (Milwaukee): Ellen's Coming Out Party!

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Ellen's Coming Out Party!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Kathy is back in the hut; and she's nuts!

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, May 2

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

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

Saturday, May 3

Club 94 (Kenosha): 10:00 p.m., Miss Gay Kenosha America Pageant!

Sunday, May 4

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Golf Outing, starts at 11 a.m., see bartender for details.

The Office (Rockford): Karaoke Night!

Monday, May 5

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

Thursday, May 8

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

Club 94 (Kenosha): Josie Lynn Show, a benefit show to send Josie to Dallas!

Community

Wednesday, April 30

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

The Counseling Center: Gay Men's General Issues Support Group (Milwaukee): Group begins in April, 1997. Join us in a supportive atmosphere to discuss issues of Sexual Identity, Coming Out, Intimacy, HIV, Relationships, and Self Esteem. \$10 per group session. For more information call (414) 271-2565.

Friday, May 2

GAMMA: Circle (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Circle, monthly social where largest number of members meet. Usually, food is provided, but BYOB. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Shoreline: Spring Round-Up (Milwaukee): May 2nd through May 4th. Is is with great excitement that Shoreline-Milwaukee extends an invitation to your group to participate in our first nationally publicized weekend event. Shoreline-Milwaukee is a Country/Western dance group that has been in existence for over five years. Shoreline's home base is Just Us at 807 S. 5th, Milwaukee, WI. For more information call (414) 562-1909.

Saturday, May 3

Bi-Definition: Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Bi-Definition, Milwaukee's Bisexual Community Organization, will hold its next social/discussion at the BESTO Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street. A one year membership and sub-

scription is just \$10. Otherwise a \$3 donation covers the cost of the individual event. For further information call (414) 483-5046 or (414) 562-4058, or write P.O. Box 07541, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

Sunday, May 4

AIDS Candlelight Memorial: Fourteenth Annual (Milwaukee): The fourteenth annual international AIDS candlelight memorial. This year held in the Harbor Lights Room in the O'Donnell Park Pavilion, 909 E. Michigan Street., Milwaukee. This year's ceremony themed, "Telling Stories- Celebrating the Lives" is hosted by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony is free and open to the public. For more information or to volunteer at the event, call (414) 225-1523.

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

Monday, May 5

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.

Tuesday, May 6

Anonymous HIV Testing: Reformation Lutheran Health Fair (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Reformation Lutheran Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by: Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD). For information call (414) 272-2144.

Wednesday, May 7

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

Milwaukee Art Museum: Black-Tie Benefit for African-American Art (Milwaukee): 6:30 p.m. Vogel/Helfoer Galleries. Black-tie benefit includes a reception, dinner, and special preview lecture on the "Explorations in the City of Light" exhibition by the curator from The Studio Museum in Harlem. Proceeds benefit MAM's African-American Art Acquisition Fund. \$250 per person. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Saturday, May 10

OUTreach: 1100 Club (Milwaukee): HIV testing at 1100 Club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by: Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) and Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Sunday, May 11

Integrity/Dignity: Eucharist and Social Hour (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Integrity/Dignity-Madison celebrates Eucharist on the second and fourth Sundays of each month September through June at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue in

Madison. Nominations for the 1997-98 Board open at this service. All events, unless otherwise indicated, are at this time and location. For more information call (608) 836-8886.

Monday, May 12

The West Allis Players: Auditions (West Allis): Monday, May 12 & Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Location: West Allis Central Auditorium, 8516 West Lincoln Ave. Director Scott Girmscheid will be casting 14 principal roles, 8 chorus roles and 4 children's chorus roles (ages 9-12 only). For more information call (414) 543-6725.

Tuesday, May 13

Legislative Bill AB 104 (Madison): The anti-same gender marriage will be debated before the State Assembly today. It is important that we fill the galleries of the State Capitol. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Film/TV

Wednesday, April 30

Herstory: Ellen's Coming Out Episode (Milwaukee): "One Hour Show": 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Channel 12. History in the making, so don't you miss it, unless you don't want to be part of herstory. It promises to be one of the best episode yet with guest stars such as Oprah Winfrey, Melissa Etheridge, k.d. Lang, Helen Hunt, and many others. "It's an episode were Ellen talks about her homosexuality."

Shake It Up: "Nothing To Hide" (Madison): 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. Public Access TV, Cable 4 WYUO, "Nothing To Hide" presents Rito W. interviewing Bobby Johnson and David Smith for 51 minutes on a new venture of Madison's Gay Lesbian Resource Center: The Thrift Shop. Following this is an expose on Saudi Arabia by Joe Linzmeier, Ph.D., gay Fullbright scholar (72 minutes).

Saturday, May 10

Madison Gay Video Club: Movies (Madison): 8 p.m. "World And Time Enough" (dir. Eric Mueller, 1994), "Cat Men Do" (Catalina, dir. Josh Eliot, 1996) Special Feature: Catalog X on Video - Part I. For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Gallery

Wednesday, April 30

Walker's Point Center for the Arts: "Indoors and Out" (Milwaukee): 1 p.m. April 4 - May 18th. An exhibition of images of Environmental Site Installations. Fragile, ephemeral, geometric structures make up the ART work of Roy F. Staab. Each is made of material that grows or that comes from near the site of the art: reeds, lines in dry and wet sand, sea weed, stones, goldenrod, rice plants. WPCA is located at 911 West National Avenue. Gallery hours are Wednesday

through Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Friday until 8 p.m.

David Barnett Gallery: "Renee McGinnis Paintings" (Milwaukee): at 1024 East State Street at Prospect Avenue. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call (414) 271-5058.

Thursday, May 1

Grova Gallery: Interior Arts (Milwaukee): "Functional Art Works," this exhibit includes the work of various artist. The collection includes Furniture, Furniture Screens, Bowls, and Pictures. Gallery hours: Tuesday — Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 277-8228.

Gallery 218: "Spring Membership Exhibition" (Milwaukee): Local artists are exhibiting painting, pastels, photography, as well as steel, metal, and wood objects. Artist include, Steve Blicher, Mike Brylski, Mike Flasch, Sally Fogelberg, Patricia Graham, Judith Hooks, Jane Knight, Gail Krause, Edward Locher, Michael Merrit Mangan, Geoffrey Pearson, Philo, ROAN, Fred Stein, Carol Wartz, Pat and Edward Wrabel. Location: 218 South 2nd Street. Gallery hours: Wed. 11-4 p.m., Thurs. 11-4 p.m., Fri. 5-9 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 12-5 p.m. For more information call (414) 277-7800.

Monday, May 5

Michael H. Lord Gallery: Jason Rohlf: "Recent Paintings" (Milwaukee): Show runs through May 24. Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

Saturday, May 10

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD): "Memory Trace" (Milwaukee): An exhibition of Painting, Drawings, Sculpture, and Photography. Includes the works of: Cassandra Reichenbach, Rick Kump, and Melissa Doble. Gallery hours: Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. - noon, Tuesday & Friday noon - 5 p.m., Thursday noon - 7 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information (414) 344-5480.

Lincoln Art Pottery: "Fish & Figures" (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Lincoln Art Pottery's Spring Show. Featuring earthenware pottery by John Bailey and ceramic sculpture and paintings by Claire Berger. Show Through June 7. Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lincoln Art Pottery, 636 W. Lincoln Avenue. For more information call (414) 643-1101.

Live Music

Saturday, May 3

Grand Opera House: "Alice in Wonderland" (Oshkosh): 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Missoula Children's Theatre returns for its annual production. Their unique blend of professional artists and more than 50 area children in original musicals based on time-honored fairy tales continue to captivate

audiences of all ages. For more information call (414) 424-2350.

Backstage: Pete Monfre and the BrewTown Playboys (Oconomowoc): For more information call (414) 569-7438.

Sunday, May 4

University of WI-Milwaukee: New Generation Concert (Milwaukee): 3 p.m. This concert, designed for all ages, includes a chamber orchestra with faculty, students and community members. Families are encouraged to attend. UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information call (414) 229-4308.

Thursday, May 8

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Medinah Temple (Chicago): 8 p.m. Concerts at Medinah Temple, as Orchestra Hall moves into its final phase of renovation leading up to the October 1997 opening of Symphony Center, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra moves across town for the big 1996-97 season finale in the Medinah Temple. For more information call (312) 294-3000.

Theatre

Wednesday, April 30

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

Friday, May 2

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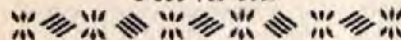
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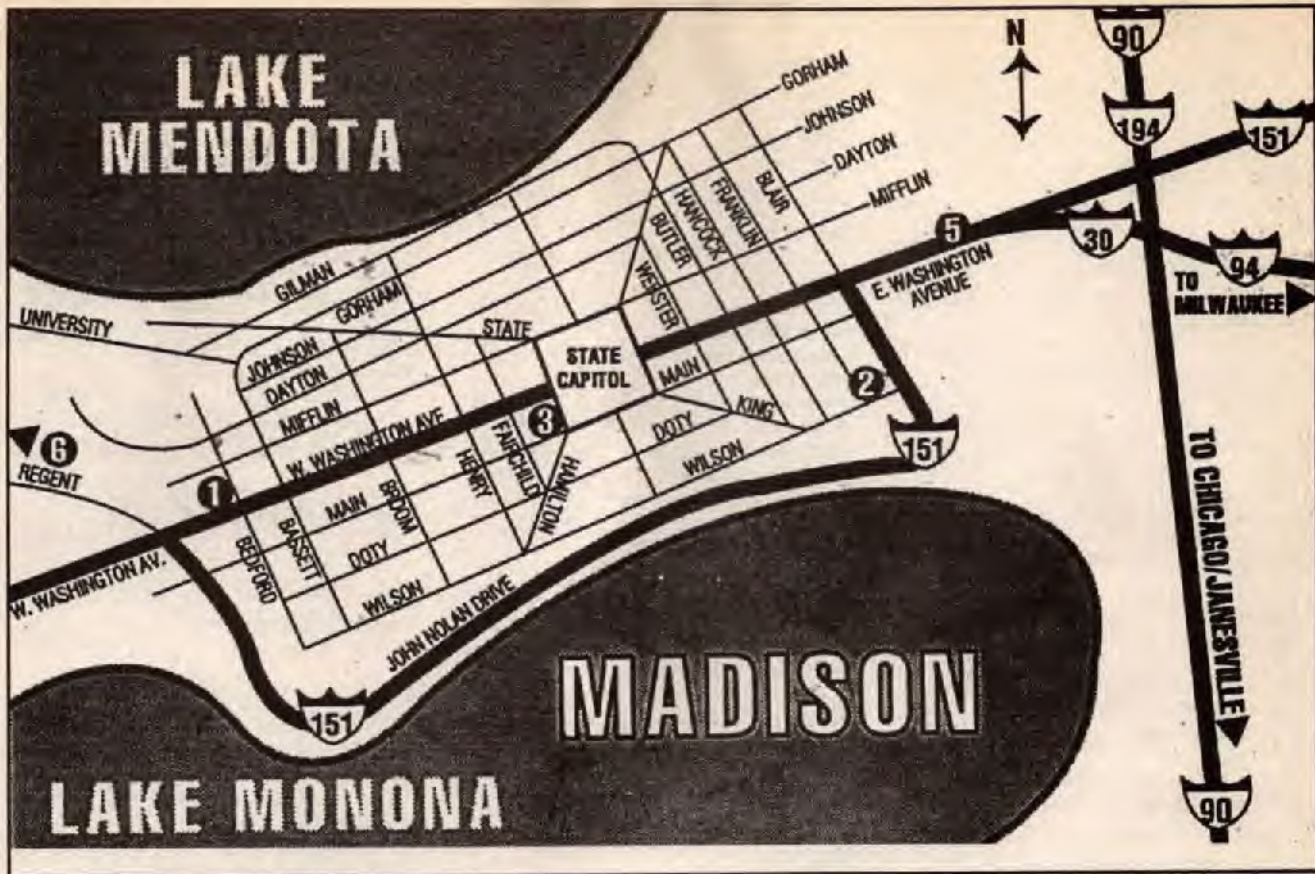
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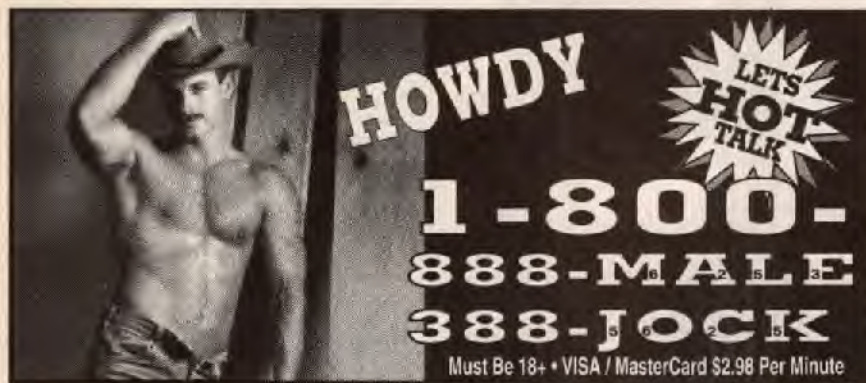
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This Bi guy is looking for regular get togethers with someone in the area. I'm a big sports fan. I love football, NASCAR racing, camping, and the outdoors. Discretion is a must. (Eau Claire) #30044

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



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I'm looking for a man who likes to spend intimate times with a loving partner. I'm a good natured, attractive, 32 year old, White male, 6'1, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I love the outdoors, swimming, walks on the lake, and spending time with you. (Kenosha) #30834

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

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I totally get off on talking on the phone with other hot men. I can't wait to hear from you. (Milwaukee) #32501

EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE

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

SURF THIS TURF

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

TIME ON MY SIDE

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

KEY TO THE CITY

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

HOT TIME TONIGHT

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

HOW DEEP IS YOUR FANCY?

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

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DUET OR TRIO

This hot, versatile, Gay, Hispanic male, 5'10, 188lbs, seeks other hot, versatile men for horny get togethers. I have a lover, so three-way action is possible, if you're into it. (Milwaukee) #31762

RIGHT TO THE POINT

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IT AIN'T STOVE TOP

This horny, Biracial, Bi male, 6ft, 185lbs, seeks hot bottoms for hard driving encounters. I like eager guys, 18 to 24. I've got just the right stuffing for you. (Milwaukee) #31938

FLEX FEST I'm a very muscular, 29 year old, White male, with great chest, arms, and legs. I like to get oiled up with other muscular dudes for flex fests.

Let's get slippery and show off. I'm 5'8, 165lbs, with short, light Brown hair. I'm pretty versatile sexually. (Milwaukee) #31169

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I want to have hot, sexual, encounters with Black men and couples. I'm a passive, but masculine, very attractive, 28 year old, White male, with a smooth body. It doesn't matter if you're Straight, Bi, or Gay, as long as you're horny and ready to go. (Milwaukee) #30918

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SKINHEADS This versatile, Black male, 38, 5'7, wants to meet a well endowed, versatile top, of any race, for fun. I'm stocky and very orally talented. I'm especially interested in bearded, hairy guys with shaved heads. (Milwaukee) #12750

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

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

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

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CRUSH ON

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

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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

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

THE WRITTEN WORD

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

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WAIT ON THE STOOL This tall, masculine, hot, 40 year old man, is experienced in Brown hanky action. I want to meet other White males, who can dump their problems, and get into some sexual movement. I'm looking for buddies, or a lover. (Milwaukee) #6476

CUDDLY OLDER MEN, READ THIS AD This 25 years old, east side guy, is looking for a cuddly older man for a relationship. I'm 5'9, 140lbs, with a trim, swimmer's build. I'm very active, and want to meet a man who is active, as well. You don't have to have a gym bag, just be fit. I like dark hair and Blue eyes. You should be sensitive, yet firm, and enjoy going out to movies, dinners, and the bar. (Milwaukee) #26624

HARD AND HARDY I want to meet a straight acting, horny guy, who is honest and discreet. I want get off together, but I also hope you're the type I can take home to meet mom. Race is not an issue. #26333

BROWN HANKY

CODE I'm looking for hot, Gay, White males, who know what a Brown hanky means, and follow where it goes. I'm a very tall, 40 years old, masculine, White male, in extremely good shape. I'd like to meet a buddy for regular, code conscious, encounters. (Milwaukee) #26683

ONLY THE

BEGINNING Being HIV positive does not mean the end! I'm a handsome, Gay Black man, 6 ft, 160lbs, 46 years old. I'm looking to meet with other Gay men, 35 to 45 years of age, who are also HIV positive, for friendship and possibly more. Everyone needs a friend. My friendship is extended to you. I'm in the Milwaukee area. (Milwaukee) #26201

I LOVE MEN I like 'em Black, White, Hispanic, however they come. I'm an 18 years old, Black male, 5'10, 190lbs, with a football player's build. People say I'm attractive. I'm versatile, and am attracted to muscular guys, between 18 and 29. We can take turns calling the plays. (Milwaukee) #25611

ROVING EYE I wanna catch you in the act. I like to meet exhibitionists, between 35 and 50. If you like to be watched, and sometimes need a helping hand, give me a call. I check messages between 8:30 and 9:30pm, and like late night sessions. Show me your stuff. (Milwaukee) #25553

I'LL SCRUB THE CORNERS

Do your dishes need washing? This submissive slave is willing to do your dirty work. I'm 6'1, 200lbs, and very eager to please. Maybe you'll reward me now and then. (Milwaukee) #25384



VIOLIN & PIANO

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

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

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

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

STABLE PARTNER

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

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

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

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

OUR TALENTS COMBINED

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

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

RITE OF PASSAGE I wanna do it with an 18, or 19, year old guy who's never been with a man before and is horny as heck. Get ready. #32393

RECIPE FOR LOVE Because I'm submissive and lonely, I'm searching for a tall, slim, attractive, masculine, dominant, aggressive, Black, or Hispanic, male, between 18 and 32. I'm a good looking, 21 year old, Gay, Black male, college student, 5'8, 135lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes. I like music, movies, television, dining in or out, shopping, and romantic evenings at home. I don't smoke or drink. #13034

CENTRAL WISCONSIN

CURIOSUS 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 campsites where we can act out our fantasies. #29118

YOU HOLD THE FLASHLIGHT

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

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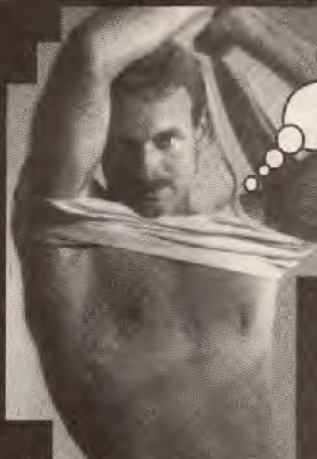
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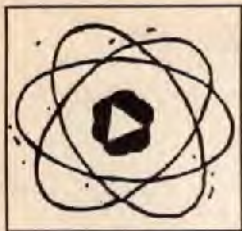
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QUEER SCIENCE

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

On opposite shores of San Francisco Bay, two researchers have been pursuing ideas so contrary to accepted wisdom as to place them on the very fringes of medical science. And as one of them fights what seems to be his final, losing battle, the other is slowly convincing the medical establishment that he may be right.

Peter Duesberg, at the University of California, Berkeley, has for years been arguing that the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is not the cause of AIDS. He believes that "AIDS" is actually a collection of unrelated conditions, spuriously linked by a fictitious connection to HIV. He believes that "AIDS" has numerous causes, but abuse of drugs, especially poppers, is one causal factor he has put a lot of weight on.

There has long been a formidable body of evidence that AIDS is indeed caused by HIV. But soon may come the clincher. For the latest therapeutic regimen includes the combined use of at least two classes of drugs that have been specifically designed to combat HIV: reverse transcriptase inhibitors like AZT, that interfere with the copying of the virus's RNA-based genetic code into DNA, and protease inhibitors, that interfere with the cutting of the newly synthesized HIV protein into smaller, functional units. If, as everyone hopes, this combination of drugs does halt or reverse the disease's progression, the theory that AIDS is indeed caused by HIV will be greatly strengthened, and Duesberg's case will be weakened, perhaps to the point of irrelevance.

Neurologist Stanley Prusiner, at U.C.'s San Francisco campus, has promoted an idea even further out than Duesberg's. Prusiner claims that there is a whole new class of infectious agents, known as "prions," that cause a set of rare but fatal degenerative diseases of the brain: a disease called scrapie in sheep, bovine spongiform encephalopathy ("mad-cow disease") in cattle, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans.

Prions, Prusiner believes, are smaller even than viruses, and contain absolutely no genetic material in the sense we usually understand it - no DNA and no RNA. How then can they reproduce? Prusiner believes that they are made of protein, but a very special protein. It is a "deformed" version of a

protein already naturally present within the brain. When a prion enters the brain, it induces a similar deformation of the native protein molecules, causing them to become non-functional. It's as if someone with a broken leg was brought into a village and persuaded all the villagers to break their own legs in sympathy. Then, one of these villagers gets carried to another village, and so on. Before long, you'd have a nation of cripples.

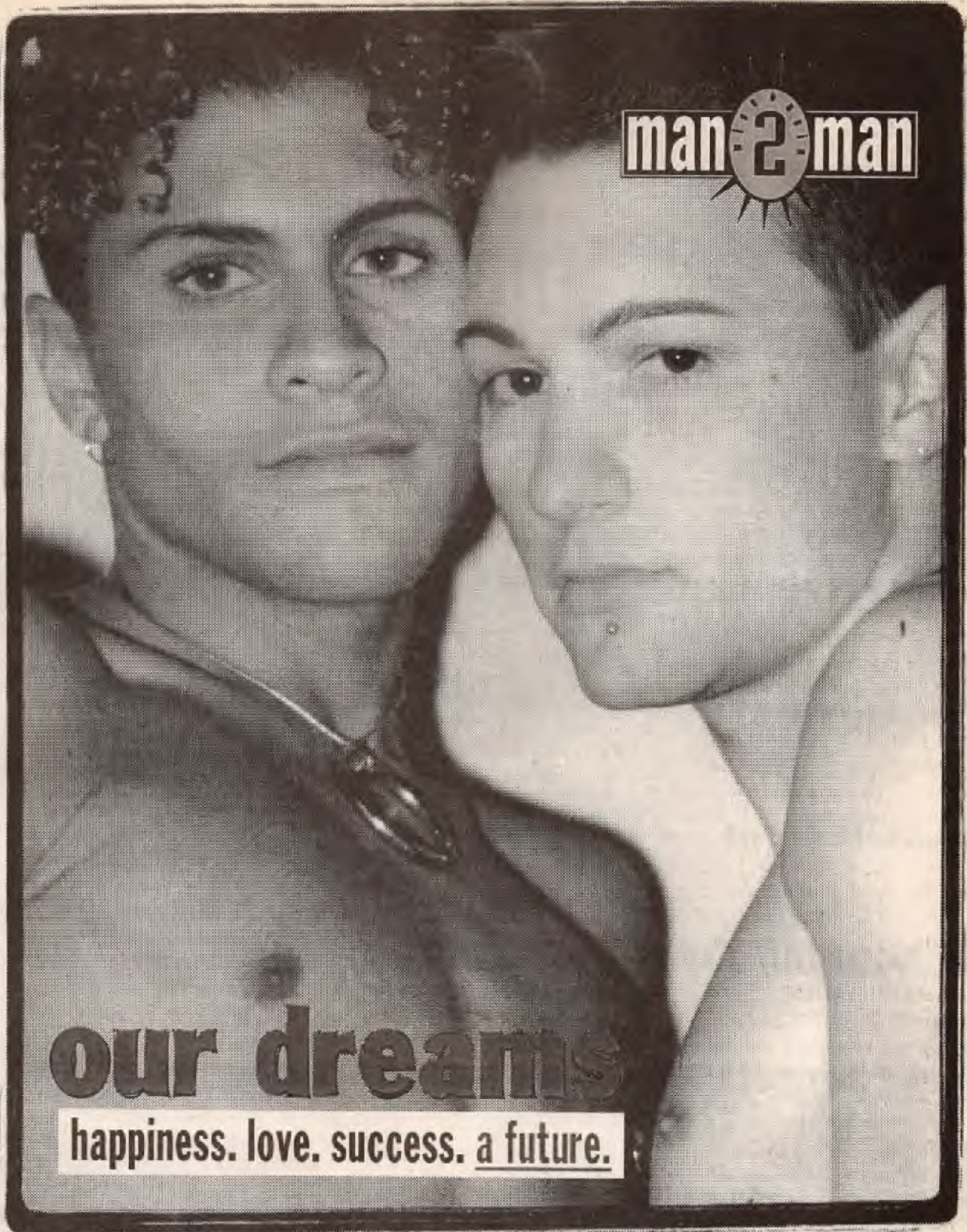
In real life, these diseases sometimes get transmitted when one person or animal eats another. For that reason, a disease called kuru, similar to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, was once endemic in parts of New Guinea where cannibalism was practiced. But the diseases can also be transmitted from one species to another. It looks like at least a few British cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease have resulted from eating meat from "mad cows." And sometimes these diseases occur without any infection, as if the native protein molecules sometimes "flip" spontaneously into the deformed shape.

Prusiner has marshalled more and more evidence that his improbable scenario is indeed the right one. In particular, he has identified the protein involved and shown that even in a highly purified form it can cause disease in experimental animals. Boiling, formaldehyde treatment, and exposure to ultraviolet light - procedures that kill conventional organisms - leave prions unscathed. Prusiner has also shown that humans possess their own "normal" version of the prion protein, coded for by a normal human gene. This is the protein, he believes, that is converted into prions by the presence of a prion invader.

Prusiner is making us rethink the whole notion of what we mean by an "infectious agent." Scientists who once scoffed at Prusiner's ideas are now, if not totally convinced, at least paying respectful attention. His research may be the key to combating some future epidemic, when AIDS is a distant memory.

So who deserves our thanks, Prusiner or Duesberg? In my view, both of them. For all who tear at the edifice of science, whether they bring it tumbling down or merely bloody themselves, help strengthen our faith in what science teaches us.





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