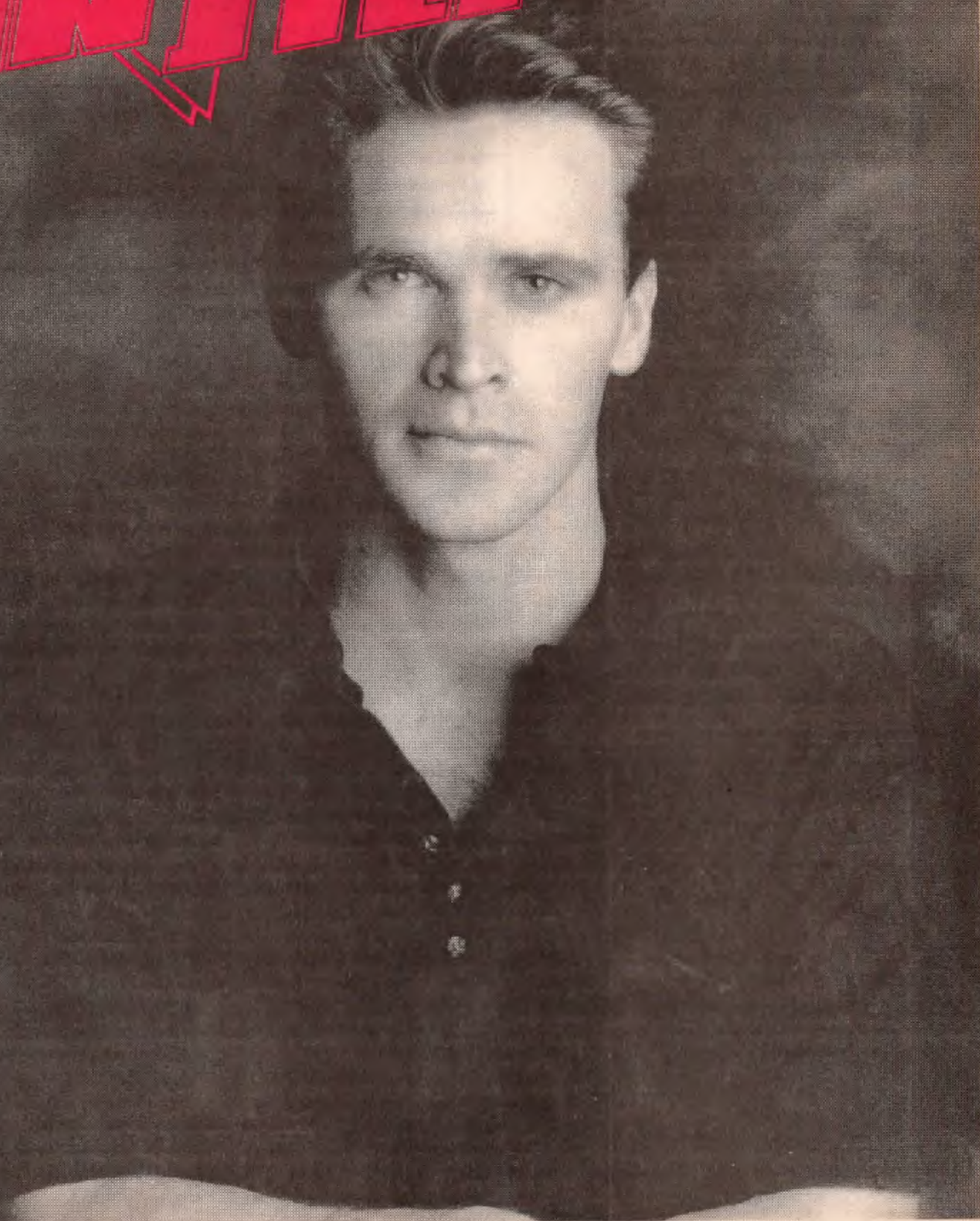


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A Letter from the Publishers

Dear *In Step* Readers—

With Pride on the horizon, this is an exciting time for Wisconsin's LesBiGay community, and especially for us at *In Step Newsmagazine*. On May 29, 1997, *In Step* marks another milestone in its incredible growth over the past 13 years. Simply put, *In Step* has outgrown its current size and will move to a larger tabloid format with our next issue, our annual PRIDE Issue.

This decision was made with much forethought and anticipation. Our goal at *In Step* has always been to provide LesBiGay Wisconsin with the most professional, unbiased reporting of news, events and entertainment vital to our community. To further achieve this goal, we have made the decision to move forward with this format change now.

Our larger size will enable us to provide even more news and coverage of events to our readers statewide. Look for our indispensable Calendar to undergo a significant expansion. *In Step* will feature an improved and enlarged Arts and Night Life section, along with increased coverage of club events. The new size will allow us the freedom and flexibility to offer more in-depth and entertaining articles and interviews. Our plans for this year include new columns, new and varied writers covering more topics that are of interest to the community and beyond.

For most of us, change can be difficult. We know that some may lament this size change. Many of you may remember similar cries when *In Step's* founder Ron Geiman moved the magazine from a small pocket-sized magazine to its current magazine format. In fact, there are some who still wish *In Step* would go back to those "good old days." The truth is, Ron's decision then, allowed *In Step* to become the superior publication it is today. His move spurred incredible growth in news coverage, advertising revenue and the overall quality and credibility of the magazine. Our change to this larger format will do the same, and enables *In Step* to advance to the next level of excellence and stability as we move into the next century.

When you pick up the next issue of *In Step*, you will see that we have retained the familiar *In Step* identity, look and feel with all its popular feature writers, columnists and cartoonists. We will also unveil an updated and refreshing design for our "newszine."

We have also moved to improve our coverage of the Madison area with the addition of Madison's John Quinlan to the our masthead. John, a frequent *In Step* contributor, is respected and well-known in Madison, and through-out the state for his excellent coverage of gay and lesbian issues. He will serve as our Madison bureau chief and will contribute a new column "Out and About in Madison." We are grateful to have him and believe his addition to our staff is important as we aim to earn the respect and support from the Madison area readers.

We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead. As always, we are grateful for the support of our readers and advertisers. We encourage you to support those businesses and organizations which support *In Step Newsmagazine* and to *let your pride shine!*

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To the Editor—

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I would encourage him to keep doing the same great job. Maybe he could write a little more about the work he is doing on his old Victorian house. I enjoy reading about his progress. I subscribe to In Step; so I don't have to go out to the bars. My roommate Dennis also enjoys reading "Keepin' In Step," we live about 20 miles south of Green Bay and don't go out very often. So, just in case you are keeping track, this is 2 votes for Jamie to keep doing a great job.

Jim Jacobs,
Little Chute, WI

The Gay Gene

To the Editor—

The important question in determining how society views homosexuality is not whether there is a gene that causes it, but whether it can be changed. A homophobic society will always insist that the gay person change, if possible, and will offer little sympathy to anyone who persists in a voluntary choice.

If homosexual orientation were proved to be genetic in origin, fundamentalists would fall back to the position that gays are nevertheless guilty of refusing to change their "abnormal" orientation.

Fundamentalists need to believe that homosexuality is a choice so

they can stamp it as a sin. If it isn't voluntary, it's not a matter of free will or sin, and the fundamentalist interpretation of what the Bible allegedly says on homosexuality is overturned.

Accordingly, whether homosexuality can be "cured," and is thus a matter of choice, is more important than whether it is genetic.

While William Byne, in the 1994 *Scientific American* article mentioned by Arlene Zarembka in *In Step Newsmagazine* (Vol. 14, #9) gives ammunition to fundamentalists by challenging the gay-gene work of Simon LeVay and Dean Hamer, he also delivers a blow to them by saying that learned behavior is sometimes immutable; i.e., even if homosexuality is learned behavior rather than genetic, it might still be impossible to change it. (In which case freewill and "sin" could not be involved.) Byne gives the sparrow as an example. Most sparrows exposed to mating songs from a variety of birds learn the song of their own species, but some learn a different song (and presumably are then unable to attract and mate with a female). Once the wrong song is learned, it cannot be corrected. Byne says, "it is clear that learned behavior can nonetheless be immutable." While Byne doesn't assert that homosexuality cannot be changed, he clearly thinks that might be the case.

A colleague of Byne at Yeshiva University is Dr. Charles Socarides, a pathologically homophobic psychiatrist who claims he can cure homosexuality, but whose own son is a gay activist. Socarides works with

another psychiatrist, Joseph Nicolosi, in an organization that promotes psychoanalytic treatment of gay men. Interestingly, Nicolosi says that his technique, Reparative Therapy, "is not a 'cure' in the sense of erasing all homosexual feelings. However it can do much to improve a man's way of relating to other men and to strengthen masculine identification."

Nicolosi believes that to develop into a heterosexual, a male child must change his gender identification from his mother to his father, and that "gender identity also has a critical period, after which the lesson will not be easily learned. Most researchers agree that the critical period for gender identification occurs before the third year."

Fundamentalists formerly cited Socarides and Nicolosi to "prove" that homosexuals can change. One doesn't hear them say much today about Nicolosi — perhaps they've finally bothered to read his book and realize that he doesn't claim to cure homosexuality, or maybe they realize that the psychological belief that homosexuality is established before the age of three years demolishes the fundamentalist contention that gays can "recruit" men or teenagers into homosexuality. The gay son of Socarides is an obvious embarrassment to fundamentalists who would use him as an authority. Byne's material is still quoted — usually without mentioning him — against LeVay and Hamer, but his recognition that homosexuals might not be able to change is deceitfully ignored.

In claiming that homosexuality

can be changed, fundamentalists increasingly resort to "witnessing" by alleged ex-gays. This technique takes an unrepresentative, anecdotal, unscientific example and deceptively generalizes it to the whole population: if a few men claim they've changed from being gay, that proves everyone can if only they'll try.

Perhaps the fundamentalists' increasing resort to deception evidences frustration with scientists who value truth above doctrine. Fundamentalists should heed their own oft-mouthed scripture, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They too could be free if only they'd substitute scientific truth for doctrinaire deceit.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee



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Assembly Passes AB104; Bill Moves to Senate

Hundreds Gather at State Capitol to Protest Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

*News and Analysis by John Quinlan
In Step's Madison Bureau Chief*

Madison — On Tuesday, May 13, the Wisconsin State Assembly approved Lorraine Serrati's "anti-gay marriage bill," AB104. The bill now moves one to the State Senate. The defeat in the assembly, while expected, comes after intense lobbying efforts by gays and lesbians throughout the state.

On May 5, in Milwaukee, nearly 75 persons turned out for a rally in front of the State Office Building in Milwaukee to hear State Representative Barb Noetstein speak out against the bill.

In Madison on May 12, hundreds of people gathered on the steps of the State Capitol to face the likely prospect of the Wisconsin legislature's first step backwards on the long road to full equality under the law for lesbian and gay families. Almost 400 people attended the rally on the eve of the all day debate and vote on Assembly Bill 104, which seeks to prohibit the recognition of same sex marriages in Wisconsin.

Many came with heavy hearts, torn by the realization that the elected representatives of the state they call home were

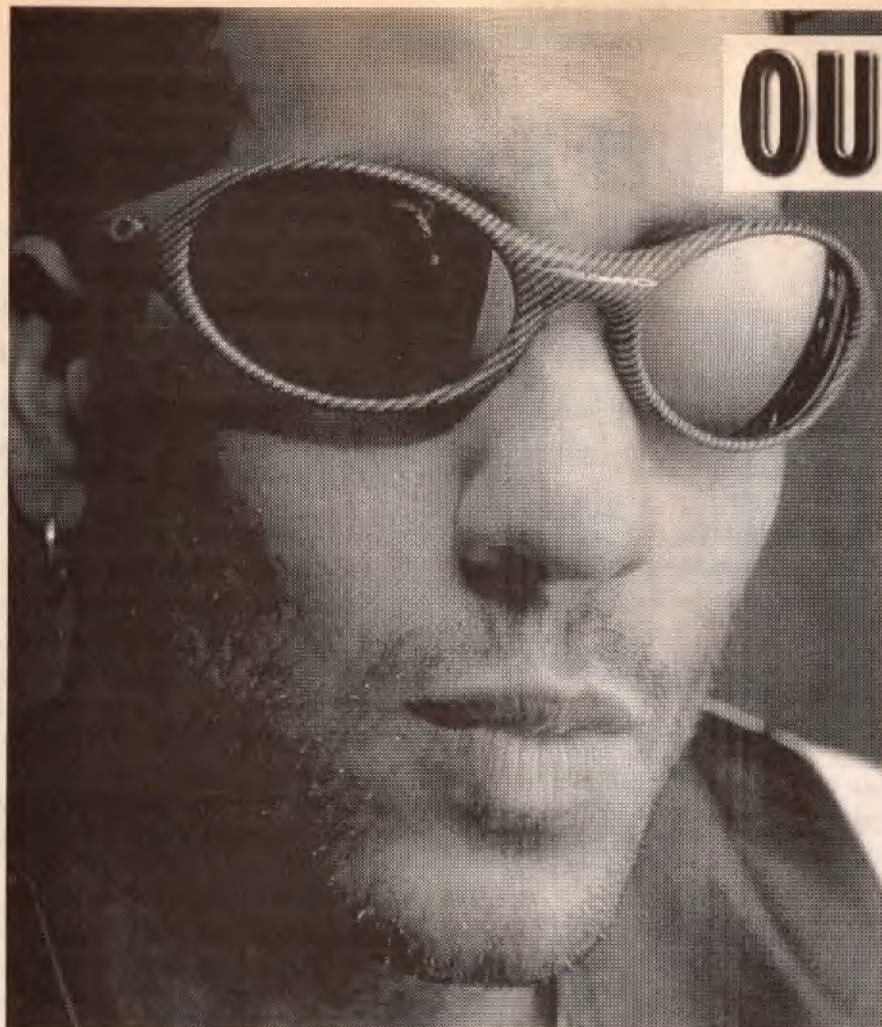
about to pass an unnecessary and misguided piece of legislation that would have little practical effect — other than to codify prejudice and to stain lesbian and gay people with the mark of second class citizenship. However, by coming together as a community, everyone gathered there, on that blustery evening in the twilight glow of an ominous sky, gained strength and perspective from one another as they were reminded again and again of the importance of their cause.

Many had come to tell their own stories in speaking out against the bill — an opportunity they'd been denied during committee hearings in Wausau two months before when almost 100 who had traveled from all over the state were denied a chance to speak. Others from the community-at-large came to show their support for their LGBT family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. And still others from Madison's religious communities came to demonstrate that the Religious Right forces behind AB 104 clearly did not speak for them.

Earlier in the day, 63 Madison clergy from a diversity of faiths had called a press conference to denounce the princi-



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ples behind the bill. In condemning the actions of those who would use the Bible as a weapon of homophobia, they unequivocally declared that "homosexuality is neither sickness nor sin..." They welcomed and affirmed the presence of gay and lesbian people within their congregations.

"We are religious people who believe that gay and lesbian people are a blessing to this world, that their relationships should be blessed, and that their relationships should be supported — not restricted and made illegal — by the state," the Rev. Jonalu Johnstone of James Reeb Unitarian told the crowd following a special pre-rally time of prayer. "I am really moved to look around and see members of my congregation, and not just gay and lesbian members, but straight members, too," she added. It was an observation that held true for many congregations and synagogues.

"I want to speak a word for family values. Not the family values of hatred and bigotry. But the family values of love and inclusion. Not of darkness and hatred, but of love and care," said Woody Carey, a retired Presbyterian minister. "I come not to speak of the family values of Assembly Bill 104, but the family values that would ban that bill and all it represents... And, I come to say that despite whatever happens here tomorrow, you'll find lesbian and gay families from north and south and east and west sitting down around tables where love and care and happiness are being celebrated. I speak for family values of justice."

Joann Elder of P-FLAG lamented the waning interest of the media on the eve of the vote on AB 104, declaring it to be "just about the most important thing happening right now for anyone in this state who cares about basic human rights." She also noted how much she was looking forward to her son's marriage to his partner next year, and that she hoped that she would see the day when the same rights and privileges would extend to him as to his

non-gay siblings.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin was in a somber mood as she contemplated the likely negative prospect of the next day's vote. "When I was first elected," she said, pointing at the Capitol behind her, "I used to drive by this building at night, proud to be a part of this... Tomorrow, I regret that I may not feel

impressive fire-eating display. A spokesperson joked as she made that point that as gays and lesbians, we don't want special rights, just basic rights. "Special rights include breakfast in bed, first row seats at concerts, and designated lesbian parking spaces..." "Well maybe we want that last one," another Avenger interjected.

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—REVEREND JONALU JOHNSTONE

the same way..." She noted with pride, however, the many people who had come together around this issue, and expressed confidence that the larger battles would be won eventually.

Later in the rally, a spontaneous chant of "Run, Tammy, Run" broke out throughout the crowd reminding everyone of other exciting prospects that also lie ahead.

As people continued to speak from the heart throughout the evening, frivolity and eccentricity also reigned. In an allusion to last month's landmark "Ellen" episode, M.C.'s Walt Jackson and Tanya Atkinson made the tongue-in-cheek announcement that Melissa Etheridge would be working the crowd, and that the 500th new "recruit" would receive a toaster oven, which Dan Ross proudly displayed.

The gay male choral group "Perfect Harmony" entertained with their masterfully campy versions of "Going to the Chapel," "Here Come the Grooms, Here Come the Brides," and "It's an Old Fashioned Idea, Marrying for Love." Bevo Buhr raised hoots from the crowd with her a capella country sing-along version of "I Never Had a Problem with Jesus Until the Religious Right Came Along."

Madison's Lesbian Avengers elicited oohs and ahs from the crowd during an

She then told the crowd why the act of fire-eating had special meaning — it had begun in Oregon following a hate crime in which a home shared by a lesbian and a gay man was burned down. "Tonight we eat fire as a symbol that we will not be consumed by hatred — or by the impending bill. We will fight back," she said.

A male speaker confessed that he hadn't really thought much about the bill's impact on his life at the time of the Wausau hearing. "I thought — I can't get a date, like I should care about marriage," he said expansively, as his tone then turned serious. "But then I thought that this could just be the opening shot for the legislature. Then we queers can't get this job, or that job. Before long, our rights are gone. They take it away, bit by bit, piece by piece. We have to stand up today, tomorrow, and every other time they want to take our rights away. We have to get a hold of everybody we know, outside of Madison and Milwaukee — our relatives, our friends, whoever — and tell them that whenever they hear about one of these bills, they should call their representative.... That is how we get it done, my dears."

Later that evening on a special half hour WISC-TV broadcast, Rep. Lorraine Seratti, the bill's principal pro-

ponent, attempted to justify her actions as the "will of the majority."

Action Wisconsin spokesperson Juliet Brodie had reminded her that the Constitution has something to say about this issue. "We live in a country where the rights of minorities are not left to the whim of the majority," she said. "It's what sets America apart, what makes us proudest to be Americans."

Serrati's comeback was predictably formulaic, "Well, Americans also have traditional values, and I would argue that that's a moot argument that we should just honor the minority viewpoint. Those people that are elected to office — it's incumbent on them to represent the viewpoints of their constituencies, and I don't think we should cower when it comes to that minority viewpoint."

"It's time to stand up and be counted. It's very easy to do what's so-called politically correct. It's very difficult to do what's morally right."

Ironically, even while Seratti was carrying aloft the banner of the majority, few in the legislature seemed to join her in wanting to see this bill debated, let alone become law. Both the potentially divisive and bruising debate, and fears that legislators would be opening themselves up to "glass houses" charges of hypocrisy seemed to have many on edge. However, a little luck on Seratti's part — and the politics of a state-house where pragmatism seemed to be winning out over the notion of doing the right thing — seemed to be giving AB

104 a momentum all its own.

It was more than a little ironic that a bill virtually identical to bills in all 50 states that had clearly been spawned by the national Radical Right was now being introduced in the traditionally independent-minded Wisconsin legislature. A similar bill had been tossed overboard by moderate Republican Dean Kaufert the previous year after he was deluged by calls from gays and lesbians in his district and their supporters.

This year, the national Radical Right leaders found a new, less moderate, standard bearer in Seratti. And Seratti was the beneficiary of a particularly contentious fight for the Assembly Republican leadership between Rep.'s Scott Jensen and Ben Brancel — a protracted fight which Brancel eventually won. Jensen had opposed bringing AB 104-like legislation to the floor. Brancel, while not a major fan of the legislation, agreed to place it on the fast track and bring it to the floor in exchange for Seratti's vote.

Once it was destined for a vote, the die seemed to be cast — defeating the bill in the Assembly seemed to be a long shot at best. Of the 33 co-sponsors of the bill, 31 were Republicans, and it was likely that the remaining Republicans would join their colleagues in voting for the legislation as a bloc in an Assembly where Republicans hold a four vote majority. Despite this, there was some chance for success if Log Cabin Republicans could sway enough votes (although there was more of a prospect for this in the Senate).

However, given the fast track the bill was on, the numbers just never seemed to be there for the LGBT-supportive side. Two conservative Democrats also signed on as co-sponsors, and Democrats who faced difficult races were likely to be urged by their own leadership to make the "safe vote," one which would preclude them being described as favoring gay marriage in some future opponent's TV spot.

Some hope also lay in the drafting of amendments which would make the legislation potentially less damaging, or more likely to fall to a court challenge.

Originally, only about 25 of the Assembly's 99 votes were thought to be firm in opposition to the bill, but, as of press time, as many as a dozen more were thought to be leaning our way — progress which may pay off at a future date.

State Sen. Scott Fitzgerald (R-Beaver Dam) is also proposing legislation that would create a constitutional amendment against gay marriage. (Such a measure would have to pass both houses, and then go directly to the voters for approval.) However, the prospects for that measure or Seratti's bill are considered considerably less likely once they reach the Senate, where Democrats hold a one vote majority. However, activists say that continuing education of lawmakers by lesbian and gay supportive people from all areas of the state is imperative, in any event.

This bill, and similar legislation, could be around for a long time to come — the current legislative session doesn't

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end until well into 1998. Meanwhile, Rep. Baldwin and other supportive legislators are also strategizing on the best means of introducing pro-active legislation that would advance the rights of lesbian and gay families — at least incrementally.

Look for further updates and analysis in *In Step* in the weeks ahead.

High Court Rejects Madison Gay Housing Dispute

Washington, D.C. (AP) — The Supreme Court has refused to review a case involving a Madison, Wis., ban on housing discrimination against gays.

The case concerns a heterosexual woman who was successfully sued by a lesbian when she was denied a room in a group house because she is gay.

Ann Hacklander-Ready and three friends, all heterosexual, rented a house with four bedrooms in 1987. Hacklander signed the lease and renewed it each year.

As the friends departed, the woman and a remaining roommate advertised to other women to fill the house. They didn't want men, women who have their boyfriends stay over frequently, partyers, drug users or smokers.

Caryl Sprague was one of the applicants. After being given some indication she had been accepted, Sprague was later told she was not and her deposit was returned. A brief filed by lawyers for Hacklander says one roommate "felt it would be like living with a heterosexual man and it would infringe on her personal modesty."

Sprague filed a complaint under the Madison Fair Housing Ordinance, but the city Equal Opportunities Commission ruled the law did not apply to shared living arrangements.

When a state judge reversed, the commission found a violation and awarded Sprague \$3,300 in damages and fees. The state courts affirmed, with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals saying the original roommates gave up legal protection "when they rented housing for profit" to new roommates.

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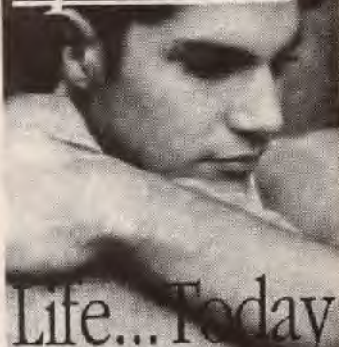
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Milwaukee L/G/B/T Community Center Selects Name

Milwaukee — Milwaukee L/G/B/T Community Center is the official name of the proposed lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered community center, the center's Steering Committee announced at a Town Hall meeting held Sunday, April 20th. This was an important step on the road to a community center opening in Milwaukee in the near future. The Public Relations Committee wishes to thank all who voted for the center's name.

Much of decision making process and progress for the proposed center has been done via regular Town Hall Meetings of the L/G/B/T community. Milwaukee's L/G/B/T community is invited to the next Town Hall Meeting, held on Sunday, June 8 for 2 to 4 p.m. in the Stonewall Tent on the PrideFest grounds. "This will be a great opportunity for people to learn about the history, progress and programs of the Milwaukee L/G/B/T Community Center," said Jim Schleif, one of four Co-chairs of the Steering Committee.

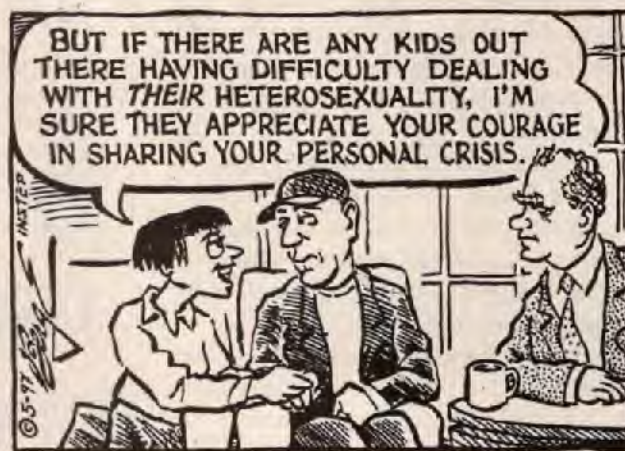
Members at the April Town Hall Meeting approved the center's bylaws, and the center recently received its Articles of Incorporation. According to Karen Gotzler, a Steering

Committee Co-chair, "The bylaws and articles mean that we are an established legal entity, and most importantly, we can now begin proving services as a center!"

Looking ahead to the summer, Milwaukee's PrideFest will be a watershed event for the community center. The center will kick off its membership and fund raising drive at PrideFest. Individual, Household, Organization, Business, Sustaining and Charter memberships will be offered at the Center's PrideFest booth. These memberships will be at a variety of contribution levels with varying benefits, and begin at \$30 annually.

"This is an historic moment for Milwaukee," said Richard Gaeta, a member of the center's Fund raising Committee, noting that memberships will be very important to the success of the effort. According to Patrick Flaherty, a Fund raising Co-chair, "Becoming a center member is like making an investment that will yield results in the future." Flaherty added "The goal is to raise \$26,000 by January 1, 1998 with 350 family and business memberships." This money will be used for community center facilities and programming expenses. The Grand Opening of the Center is anticipated for the beginning of 1998.

One of the most active areas of the Steering Committee lies in programming, which has already organized several



activities for the L/G/B/T community. Laurie Guilbault, Co-chair of the Programming Committee, explained at the April Town Hall Meeting that it has begun activities well before the center has a building space. Examples of recent programs were the Rainbow Dance for gay youth, co-sponsorships of the screening of Gay Cuba at UWM, and helping organize a rally opposing Wisconsin legislation AB-104, which would prohibit same-sex marriages.

For more information or if you have questions regarding the community center memberships or the next Town Hall meeting, call the center at (414) 483-4710.

MAP To Offer New HIV/AIDS Support Groups

Milwaukee —The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is offering two new support groups. The first, HIV Basics, was designed for newly diagnosed HIV positive people to access important information on HIV and AIDS in a comfortable environment.

"The HIV Basics support group is designed to help answer consumers questions during their first contacts with MAP as they determine which services they need," said Doug Johnson, R.N., manager of health services at MAP. "This is a different kind of support group; it is short-term and works as an introduction to MAP and other agencies offering services to HIV positive people. Newly-diagnosed HIV positive individuals may not know all the services available in Milwaukee or how to access them, and the HIV Basics support group will be a tremendous help in this regard."

Johnson emphasized the importance of this new group to provide emotional support. "There are many initial emotions and questions a person has when finding out they are HIV positive. This is a crucial time to receive accurate and supportive information.

The more information people have about AIDS, the better able they will be to fight the disease."

Medication Management

The second new support group, Medication Management, will help answer questions and explain routines to help increase the effectiveness of medications taken by HIV positive or AIDS infected individuals.

"When we talk about AIDS treatment, not only is the use of medication important, but so is how to take it. Timing, specifications, side effects, everything must be known by consumers — information is fundamental for better care," said Johnson. "Medication varies according to each person and level of the disease. There are cases when a patient needs to take between 20 to 30 different pills a day, in different quantities, with or without food, combined with other medicines." The Medication Management support group is designed to explain the details, answer questions and suggest compliance strategies.

"We want to help HIV positive individuals understand the importance of eating their meals at the right time, reducing alcohol and drug abuse and maintaining top nutritional health. Even the most effective medicine won't work if not taken correctly," said Johnson.

The Medication Management support group, facilitated by registered nurses including Jose Avilla, R.N. of Mount Sinai Medical Specialties Clinic, Mary Busalacchi, R.N. of Aurora Medical Group, Connie Highsmith, R.N. of Isaac Coggs Health Center and Marilyn Pilmaier, R.N. of the Infectious Disease Clinic at Froedtert East, will begin soon.

The HIV Basics support group is currently being held on Thursdays and is facilitated by a nurse and a case manager. Both support groups will meet at MAP, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee. For more information about these and other services available

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New Hampshire, Maine Both OK Anti-Bias Laws

by Keith Clark
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Augusta, Maine — In swift succession, lawmakers in New Hampshire and Maine have both approved state anti-discrimination measures prohibiting bias based on sexual orientation.

Both houses of the Maine legislature have approved a state gay rights bills capping a battle of two decades by state activists—although the fight in the state is probably not over yet.

The state Senate approved the measure on a 28-5 vote on Wednesday, May 7, and the state House of Representatives voted 84-61 for the bill that, when signed into law, would add anti-bias protections based on sexual orientation to the state's anti-discrimination laws in areas of housing, employment, credit and public accommodations.

Although Gov. Angus King has already said he would sign such a measure if it reaches his desk, opponents quickly said they would begin gathering signatures for a ballot initiative to repeal the it.

When the measure is in fact signed into law, it will make Maine the 11th state in the U.S. with such protections, following quickly on the heels of passage of a similar anti-bias bill by the New Hampshire legislature just days before. It's adoption in Maine would also mean all the New England states — Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine—would have gay rights protections.

The New Hampshire legislation, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations, was approved by the state House of Representatives in March by a handy margin of 205-125 and on May 6 the state Senate approved the bill by a 13-9 vote. Somewhat unusual for gay rights activists, the New Hampshire bill won approval in legislative chambers that are both Republican controlled.

Gov. Jeanne Shaheen has already indicateD she will sign the bill into law.

In neighboring Maine, however, the anti-gay Concerned Maine Families vowed that if the state measure there becomes

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law it will put a voter referendum before residents to repeal the civil rights protections.

Maine lawmakers have been struggling to pass a gay rights bill since 1977 — the current one being the 10th such statewide gay-rights measure the legislators have considered.

And in 1995 the state went through a bitter and divisive referendum vote backed by Concerned Maine Families that would have barred cities in the state from adopting such protections based on sexual orientations. The ballot measure eventually failed at the polls, but it made the gay rights issue one of the most volatile in Maine's political history.

Alabama Station Continues Ban Of "Ellen" Show

Birmingham, AL (AP) — The only ABC affiliate that refused to air the "coming out" episode of the TV sitcom "Ellen" has pre-empted last week's episode, which also dealt with homosexuality.

The Birmingham-based television station, which is known as Alabama's ABC 33/40 and which broadcasts from east Mississippi to west Georgia, aired a locally produced news magazine show in place of the network program Wednesday night.

ABC spokeswoman Janice Gretemeyer said the station confirmed Monday it would not air the show. But a receptionist told callers Wednesday that management was undecided on whether the episode would run.

"I think they're playing a game," said Chrysti Black, who tried to call the station several times. "It's very much a game and it's very childish."

The station was the only ABC affiliate that did not air the April 30 episode of "Ellen" in which the main character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, announced she was a lesbian.

General manager Jerry Heilman said the show was inappropriate for families, and the network refused to let the station air the show late at night, as Heilman proposed.

"I'm Gay," Dornan's Former Chief of Staff Says

Los Angeles, CA (AP) — For 12 years, Brian O'Leary Bennett was a loyal aide to then-Rep. Robert K. Dornan, becoming a trusted confidant and eventually the congressman's chief of staff.

The entire time, Bennett struggled with his own feelings that he might be gay, even as his boss, a fiery nine-term Republican from Garden Grove, angrily condemned homosexuals as molesters, sodomites and pedophiles.

Bennett left Dornan's staff in 1989. In the last 18 months, however, he has disclosed to a select few that he is gay. One of those was Dornan. It happened on Feb. 23, 1996, while he was driving his old boss home after dinner.

"I said, I'm gay," Bennett recalled to the *Los Angeles Times*.

"There was a pause that seemed like an hour and then he reached over, put his arm around me and kissed me on the cheek and said, 'I've loved you like a son for 20 years. Did you think this would make any difference?'"

Bennett, 41, now an executive at Edison Co., is making his story public in hopes it will diminish the chances of someone else "outing" him and help other gay conservatives who are struggling with their homosexuality.

This month, Bennett, 41, will join the board of directors of ONE of Long

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Florida Lawmakers OK Anti-Marriage Bill

Tallahassee, FL — Call the measure a way of keeping "a morally abhorrent lifestyle" from getting legal status in the state, the Florida legislature has approved a bill that would refuse recognition of same-sex marriages, even if legally performed elsewhere. Already approved by the state House of Representatives on a 97-19 vote in March, the state Senate voted 33-8 in favor of the anti-marriage measure. Gov. Lawton Chiles gave no indication whether he would sign the bill into law or not, saying only that he had "not looked at the bill yet."

Man Guilty in AIDS Confidentiality Case

Clearwater, FL — Gregory S. Wentz has been found guilty of violating the confidentiality of some 3,945 HIV/AIDS patients in South Florida in the largest such confidentiality case in the epidemic's history. A county court found Wentz guilty of mailing copies of computer discs containing health department information on the patients to local newspapers as an act of revenge against his former lover, William Calvert III, who at the time worked for the state health department's AIDS surveillance unit. During the trial, Calvert testified that Wentz had threatened him with the list following the couple's breakup in 1996. Wentz faces up to 60 days in jail and will be sentenced later.

Officials Investigating 'Hazardous Material' in Hate Mail

Jacksonville, NC — Authorities were saying very little about it, but John Burd, director of Onslow County's social services department has reported his department has received at least ten hate letters aimed at any gay and lesbian

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Beach Inc., which operates the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Community Center and AIDS Project Long Beach. Bennett's revelation hit Dornan "like a ton of bricks," the former congressman said. Dornan advised Bennett to attend Catholic Mass every day to deal with his homosexuality, which Dornan believes is a sin.

"He's run up against an immovable object with me, but it has nothing to do with my feelings for Brian," Dornan said.

"The love will be there forever. But the debate he wants to enter into about homosexuality is a debate he cannot win."

In late 1995, Bennett declined Dornan's request to run his failed 1996 presidential campaign because Bennett had fallen in love and didn't want the campaign exposed to scandal.

Democratic newcomer Loretta Sanchez beat Dornan by 984 votes in the November election for his congressional seat, but Dornan is contesting the results.

Dornan said his protege has sacrificed a career in politics: "You know he has no future in the Republican Party in Orange County," he said.

"It's like Ellen DeGeneres," Dornan said of the actress who recently revealed she is gay.

"She cannot continue to play an all-American character. Everything she does now, she has limited her options. Brian has also limited his options in life."

Bennett said he and Dornan still talk often, but more than once he has asked his former boss to tone down the anti-homosexual rhetoric. One of those occasions happened on the night he told Dornan he was gay.

"I said, 'Poppy, for all these years I've stood by you and heard all these horrible things out of your mouth about people like me.'"

"You've called us pedophiles, sodomites, molesters. Those things hurt, and I want you to stop it. I wouldn't ask you to change your views. I'm saying get rid of the meanness. Get rid of the hurt in promoting your position."

"He said he would."

Dornan, however, remains steadfast in his views, "The cutting edge of homosexuality is not Brian Bennett, who loves his religion and his faith," Dornan said. "It's the others, who demand of us what they cannot give themselves — dignity and self-respect. Brian thinks this is a gift, and I think it's an ax. I believe the twain shall meet one day."

Sharon Bottoms Seeks Visitation For Companion

Richmond, VA (AP) — Nine months after ending a high-profile fight for custody of her son, lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms returned to court last week to seek visitation rights for her live-in companion.

A lawyer for Ms. Bottoms asked the Virginia Court of Appeals to overturn a judge's order barring any contact between April Wade and 5-year-old Tyler Doustou. A decision is expected in a few weeks.

Henrico County Circuit Court Judge Buford Parsons barred Ms. Wade from seeing or talking on the telephone with Tyler when he revised Ms. Bottoms' visitation last August, after the mother dropped her custody fight.

A juvenile court judge awarded custody of Tyler to Ms. Bottoms' mother, Kay Bottoms, in 1993 in a case closely watched by national gay rights groups. Parsons upheld the decision, saying Ms. Bottoms was an unfit mother because she and Ms. Wade engaged in oral sex, a felony in Virginia.

The state appeals court reversed the decision in 1994, but a divided Virginia

Supreme Court reinstated it, ruling that growing up in a gay household could subject Tyler to "social condemnation."

Parsons' visitation order allows Ms. Bottoms to see Tyler every other weekend. She also gets him for extended Christmas and Thanksgiving visits and for a week in the summer. She had been restricted to seeing the boy Mondays and Tuesdays away from her apartment.

After learning that some of the visits were taking place in another lesbian couple's home, Parsons restricted visitation to Ms. Bottoms' apartment and said Ms. Wade could not be present.

"It started off Tyler and I had a really good relationship," said Ms. Wade, who frequently talked to the boy on the phone before Parsons' August order. "Being part of (Ms. Bottoms') life, it's important that Tyler knows me," she said after the hearing.

"The facts in this case are one-sided," Ms. Bottoms' lawyer, Donald Butler, told the court. "There was absolutely no evidence the child's exposure to April would have any adverse impact."

But Kay Bottoms' lawyer, Richard Ryder, said Parsons acted in Tyler's best interests, protecting him from an unwholesome atmosphere.

"Even if it's a man and woman living together without benefit of marriage, the Supreme Court has condemned that conduct," Ryder said.

Butler also asked for more visitation time for the mother and son, as well as a clarification of whether she can take him outside during visits. He said Parsons' revised order actually reduced the overall amount of time Ms. Bottoms may spend with her child.

Torrence Harman, a court officer appointed to look after Tyler's best interests, also said visitation should be expanded.

Tyler, whose father has not been involved in his upbringing or in the custody battle, started school last fall. "I think he's doing all right," his mother said.

"But his life is not whole," Butler said. "We're asking the court to make it whole."

Newspaper Says Crashed AF Pilot Was Gay

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Tucson, AZ — In a copyrighted story, the *Tucson Citizen* quotes an unnamed Pentagon source as saying Air Force investigators believe a former lover of Capt. Craig Button was going to disclose to military officials that the two had had an affair.

Button died when the A-10 attack jet he was flying mysteriously left formation from Arizona, and crashed 800 miles off course into a mountainside near Vail, Colorado.

The newspaper quoted the source as saying that rather than face a possible dishonorable discharge, Capt. Button purposefully crashed the \$9 million Warthog warplane "because his private life was about to be revealed by an estranged lover."

Pentagon officials promptly denied the published report and told NBC News that Air Force investigators have found nothing that indicates what may have happened earlier in April leading to the crash, and nothing to substantiate the newspaper's story.

employees in his office, calling it "a form of terrorism." Authorities wouldn't comment on the contents of the most recent letter, but Burd said it included what he called "hazardous material." County sheriff and North Carolina's Bureau of Investigation are investigating the threatening letters.

Oregon House OKs Anti-Bias Measure

Salem, OR — Oregon's House of Representatives has approved by a 40-20 vote a bill that would bar workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation in the state. The bill now goes to the state Senate.

Chef Jeff Smith Hit with 3rd Sexual Abuse Suit

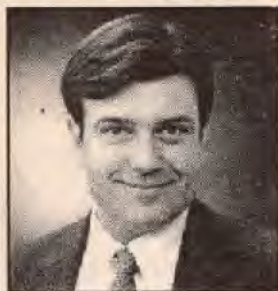
Seattle, WA — PBS-TV cooking show host Jeff Smith has been hit with another lawsuit charging sexual abuse of young men in the 1970s and 1980s. The suit was filed by five former male employees of Smith's catering business, The Chaplain's Pantry, and charges that Smith groomed the young men, who were all teenagers at the time, for sex by using force, coercion and alcohol. A sixth man in the suit charges that Smith sexually assaulted him when he was 15 years old. It is the third such suit filed against Smith, who hosts the "Frugal Gourmet" program on PBS-TV, in the past few months.

Singer Boy George Wins Against Libel Suit

London — Britain's High Court has ruled that pop singer Boy George did in fact have a "brief, passionate and turbulent" gay affair with Kirk Brandon of the rock groups Theatre of Hate and Spear of Destiny. Brandon has sued George, whose real name is George O'Dowd, for libel because of statements in his autobiography that the two had had a sexual affair in the early 1980s. But the judge hearing the case rejected Brandon's suit and said there was "overwhelming" evidence that the two men had been lovers.

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Steve Howard, Democratic Party Chair, Says He's Gay

Rutland, VT (AP) — Vermont Democratic party chairman Steven Howard is the latest public official in the state to say publicly that he is gay.

Howard, who is also a state representative from Rutland, told the *Rutland Herald* newspaper that he only acknowledged his sexuality to himself two years ago.

"I just have felt for some time that it was time to be honest — with myself, with my family, with the voters," Howard said.

Howard, a lifelong resident of the town of Rutland, is the third openly gay Vermont politician.

The late Rep. Ronald Squires, a Guilford Democrat, made his announcement in 1992. Vermont Auditor Edward Flanagan announced his sexuality in August 1995.

"It takes tremendous courage for Steve to do what he did. I think Ed Flanagan took the first step so others could follow," said Kathleen DeBold, deputy director of the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The organization raises money for openly homosexual candidates.

Howard, 25, has won three consecutive elections to the Legislature. And he is the nation's youngest state party chairman.

In the Legislature Howard has appeared brazen as he takes on opponents and high ranking members of his own party, most recently Gov. Howard Dean.

But appearances can be deceiving.

"I've spent a lot of my life a terrified little boy. I look in the mirror and see a total failure. At any moment, that little boy inside will jab me, will taunt me, saying that I'm not thin enough, smart enough, tough enough," he said. "I want to disarm that little boy and take away his weapon against me."

That weapon is his sexuality.

"I think I've known all my life but I just acknowledged it to myself two years ago," he said.

Howard said his family had been supportive since he told them he was gay.

Civil Rights Complaint Filed Against Teen-ager For Harassment

Augusta, ME — A Cony High School student accused of harassing another student because he believed he was gay has been named in a civil rights complaint filed by the state Attorney General's Office.

The 16-year-old from Windsor abused a 15-year-old Augusta boy in hallways and classrooms for at least four months, according to the complaint.

In filing the lawsuit last Wednesday in Superior Court,

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Wessler cited the persistence of the harassment and the violence of the initial attack.

"When they are banging a kid's head into the floor, the attackers are taking the risk that something catastrophic is going to happen," said Wessler, who heads the state's civil rights unit.

The lawsuit asks for a permanent injunction that would bar the 16-year old from having any contact with the victim, and also asks for financial penalties, attorney fees and other relief.

On Dec. 16, the 16-year-old and another boy attacked the victim in the school hallway, knocking him to the ground, kicking him, pulling his hair and slamming his head against the ground, according to the complaint.

Despite meetings with school officials, and intervention by police, the harassment continued until this week.

Cony High School Principal Geraldine Massey said teachers and administrators tried everything to separate the two, meeting continually with the older boy, rearranging schedules, and eventually working with police.

"I have seen harassment of students by one another but I have never seen anything that has gone on for this long a time. The involvement of administration, teachers and police did not contain it," she said.

Police issued a notice to cease all harassment in April. When a teacher reported another incident this week, Massey advised the teacher to call the Attorney General's Office.

"I hope it will send him a very ... clear message that he can't do this kind of thing, and I hope that he will be able to change his behavior," said Assistant Attorney General Francis Ackerman.

New Labor Government in UK Shows Its Stuff

London — The new Labor government of Prime Minister Tony Blair didn't pull any punches as it quickly got down to organizing the face of the new government's administration and policies.

Blair's initial cabinet appointments included Chris Smith, one of the few openly gay members of Parliament, as National Heritage Secretary.

Smith, 45, will head the government's department that's responsible for, among other things, tourism, the arts, sports, television and radio broadcasting, and the national lottery.

Another Blair cabinet member, Clare Short, also told a British television interviewer that the new Labor government, which voters gave commanding control in Parliament in the May 1 elections, may introduce legislation to lower the age of consent for gay sex in the country to 16 - the same age of consent for heterosexual sex.

In 1994 Parliament changed the age of consent laws in Britain and lowered the heterosexual age to 16 years. And while conservatives agreed to lower the age of consent for gay sex from 21 years to 18, they rejected Labor Party calls at the time to lower it any further.

Short, who is the government's International Development Secretary, told a TV news program, "We very nearly changed it on the last vote and overwhelmingly Labor MPs voted for a change. So just the increase in our numbers [in Parliament] will carry that."

New Ruling on Prescribing Marijuana

Santa Monica, CA — A federal judge says it's OK for doctors to recommend marijuana to their patients but that's as far as it goes. U.S. District Court Judge Fern Smith ruled that doctors cannot face federal action for discussing or recommending marijuana to patients with specific diseases such as AIDS or cancer. But, Judge Smith ruled, physicians are not allowed to help patients grow or purchase pot, or direct them to sources where they can. The new ruling goes against Justice Department threats that physicians would be prosecuted simply for prescribing pot.

Chevron Offers Partner Benefits

San Francisco, CA — Chevron has become the first major oil company to offer domestic partners' benefits to its employees. The benefits package, which will be available to qualified same-sex and opposite-sex couples, includes medical, dental and life insurance. Chevron will also amend its retirement plan to create a death benefit package for its non-married employees. The new benefits program becomes available in 1998.

Tasmania Finally Ends Anti-Sodomy Law

Hobart, Australia — Australia's only state law outlawing sodomy has been repealed following years of struggle by gay rights activists. Tasmania's state parliament approved a bill striking down the archaic law against sodomy, which carried penalties of up to 21 years in prison. Although no one in Tasmania has been charged under the old law for a number of years, activists insisted the law represented a form of repression that stigmatized them whether it was enforced or not.

GLSTN-SCW Announce Youth Scholarship Award Presentation

Madison — On Saturday, May 17th, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network, GLSTN, will announce the winners of two youth scholarships. The presentation ceremonies will be held at The First Unitarian Society Bay Avenue between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The GLSTN Youth Scholarship is designed to honor senior year students who have supported the mission of GLSTN by their actions throughout their high school years. There will be two \$500 awards presented, one to female senior and one to a male senior.

This year the female award will be presented by State Representative Tammy Baldwin, who has been a strong and vocal opponent of AB104, the same-sex marriage bill. The male award will be presented by Jamie Nabozny, who won a lawsuit against his school district administrators because they failed to protect his right to a safe school environment.

This is the first year this award has been presented. Applications have been received from Madison, Verona,

Middleton, and Rockford, IL schools. All of these applicants have made great efforts to end the harsh effects of homophobia and heterosexism in their school, through gay-straight alliances, class projects, and constant awareness raising.

"It is our hope that the recipient of this award will be able to continue their convictions through college and become strong and vocal adult advocates in the fight to rid schools of homophobia and make the learning environment safe for all students, regardless of sexual orientation" says GLSTN-SCW co-chair Larry Palm.

The reception and awards ceremony is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. For more information about this event, or GLSTN, please contact Larry Palm at (608)284-1508.

Service of Remembrance on Memorial Day

Milwaukee — St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry will conduct a "service of remembrance" on Memorial Day, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. The service will take place at the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry's Memory Garden on the grounds of St. Camillus Campus, 10101 W. Wisconsin Avenue. The Memory Garden was dedicated last year at this time. Through liturgy and song, journey with HIV/AIDS. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. For more information, contact Kathryn Kuhn at (414)259-4664.

PrideFest Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — Pridefest, Wisconsin's largest LesBiGayTrans Pride celebration is currently seeking volunteers for this year's festival.

Volunteers can help as beer and wine bartenders, cooks, food servers, food prepares, cashiers, tickets-takers, security, American sign language interpreters, children's activity area assistants on Saturday, parade hands on Sunday, set-up on Thursday and Friday, and clean-up on Monday. PrideFest asks for a minimum of four continuous hours of volunteer time. All volunteers receive free admission on the day(s) they work and a complimentary meal on PrideFest.

Local organizations will also be supplying volunteers to staff some of the food booths and drink stands. While providing a valuable service to the festival visitors, group members will also earn money for their organizations since a per-

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"There are few opportunities for organizations to make money for themselves where they do not have to make any initial financial investments. This is just one way for PrideFest to give back to the community."

Organizations who will be staffing booths include Castaways MC; Galano Club; Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community of UW-Milwaukee, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Milwaukee AIDS Project, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; and Sherman Park Rainbow Association. Members of these organizations are urged to sign up and help their teams raise money while having fun at the festival.

Three food stands are still available for staffing. Organizations who wish to participate in this fund raising program are urged to contact Susan Cook at the PrideFest Office as soon as possible. Stands will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Two volunteer orientation sessions will be offered and can especially help first-time volunteers: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at Milwaukee's East Library, 1910 E. North Avenue; and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10, at Milwaukee's Bay View Library, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. People interested in volunteering can sign-up at either of the orientation sessions. You can also request an application from the PrideFest office, (414) 272-FEST, or P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Applications should be returned by May 15.

Roundtable Discussion on Rights and Police Entrapment Set

Milwaukee — A community roundtable discussion on the violation of rights of LGBT community members is set for Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. UWM Union, Fireside Lounge.

Interested persons are invited to

attend a community discussion focusing on the violation of our rights as members of the LGBT Community. We are often targeted by the police and other authorities for harassment, entrapment and the violation of the rights we are entitled to as citizens.

"My hope is that we can have an open and honest conversation about harassment and entrapment and what we can do as a community to help stop it, and hopefully open a dialog with-in the community and the police department," stated Andy Bagnall, Milwaukee AIDS Project Gay Outreach Manager.

Local expert perspective on this issue will be provided by Tom Martin, a local attorney and expert on the entrapment of Gay and Bisexual men, and from Christopher Ahmuty, from the the American Civil Liberties Union. Discussion will follow from community members and organizations.

Participating organizations include: the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin/Milwaukee AIDS Project; Community Elections Coalition; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Community at UWM; Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays; Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee; Milwaukee LGBT Police Community Relations Task Force; and Orgullo Latino/Latin Pride.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Andy Bagnall, MAP Gay Outreach manager, 225-1502.

1997 AIDS Walk Wisconsin Launches Volunteer Drive

Milwaukee — Work is underway for the 1997 AIDS Walk Wisconsin to be held on Sunday, September 21, along Milwaukee's Lakefront.

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The first opportunity to volunteer is May 31 when nearly 400 volunteers statewide are needed to help place AIDS Walk posters and registration materials in stores, churches, businesses and schools around the state. Some areas are planning a picnic following the day's poster outreach.

Other volunteering opportunities include: help in organizing teams; outreach at state summer events and festivals for Walk registration; joining one of the many committees such as the food or decorations committees; day-of registration, rest-stop coordination; and many more.

As in past years, there will be a breakfast at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee the morning of the Walk. There will also be entertainment before and after the Walk.

If you would like any information on registering for the Walk or volunteering, please call 414-225-1517.

Quilt Booth Coordinator

When participating in the AIDS Walk, have you ever visited the Quilt Booth? Are you interested in interacting with others and helping with their creative processes?

ARCW is looking for a Quilt Booth Coordinator and Quilt Booth Volunteers for the day of the Walk. Ideal applicants for the Coordinator position are art teachers or crafts persons who enjoy people and are well organized.

The Quilt Booth Coordinator had previously been Ellen Kozak who is now working on the AIDS Walk

Entertainment Committee.

Because the Quilt Booth is a popular area on the Summerfest grounds before and after the Walk, more volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If you would like any information on being the Quilt Booth Coordinator or a Quilt Booth Volunteer, please call 414-383-3358.

Designing Men Marks Anniversary with Expansion

Milwaukee — After two years in operation as a jewelry and gift store, Designing Men is expanding into the entire building at its current location to further meet the needs of our diverse gay and lesbian community in the greater Milwaukee area and beyond.

Designing Men started a store front operation, and quickly expanded to the back room with-in 6 months of opening two years ago.

It's unique blend of merchandise has made Designing Men a very popular destination for gay and lesbian consumers from across the state.

"The store has been bursting out of it's seams," says owner Bob Mazzacone. "We either had to move to a larger place, or take over the upstairs so that we could meet the needs of our customers. We were fortunate to be able to take over the upstairs, a fellow member of our community was willing to move so that we could take possession. The store is now much more open and people will be able to shop much more comfortably."

Designing Men has been given a complete overhaul, and now has what Mazzacone describes as "a department store atmosphere."

The store has been broken down into sections and according to Mazzacone, "It allows our customers to go a specific area to find what they want, as well as to see what else the store has to offer."

Designing Men is located at 1200 South First Street in Milwaukee's Historic Walker's Point. For store hours call (414) 389-1200.

Twin Cities Pride Festival Announces Airfare Specials

Minneapolis, MN — Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Pride/Twin Cities and American Airlines are pleased to announce Pride Special Airfares from anywhere in the continental United States to the Twin Cities for June 28 and 29. Travel on American Airlines to the Twin Cities Pride Festival at 7% off the lowest published airfare! Just call 1-800-433-1790 and refer to starfile #SO967LG.

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The Twin Cities Pride Festival is one of the largest Pride Festivals in the Midwest with over 110,000 people attending last year. The Twin Cities Pride Festival will be on the banks of the Mississippi River June 28 and 29.

For more information about the Twin Cities Pride Festival call (612) 362-3680 or 1-800-PRIDE-YA, TTY (612) 362-3690 or check out the Pride web site <http://members.aol.com/mpspride>.

This special hotel and air fare offer is based on availability and requires purchase within 24 hours of confirmation or 7 days prior to departure whichever comes first. Some restrictions apply.

Angels of Hope MCC to Hold Appleton Services

Appleton — Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will begin a parish-extension in Appleton on Sunday May 18. Worship services will be held at 110 S. Locust, just off of College Avenue at the 700 block. The worship will be on a Sunday evening at 5 p.m. The first five evenings will have as their subject, "Homosexuality and the Bible." The Messages will be given by Rev. Ken Hull, the pastor of Angels of Hope MCC.

The Green Bay worship services will continue to be on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 614 Forest Street. Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church is a special ministry to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community.

Boot Camp Events Raise Funds

Milwaukee — During the month of April, two events took place at the Boot Camp Saloon to raise money for different community projects. On Saturday April 19, the Wisconsin Leather Men's Association raised \$420.00 for the Community Center Trust Fund operated by the BTB Corporation. The Funds are being divided between the Building Fund and the Endowment Fund for a center.

The second event held on April 23rd, and was held in conjunction with the Boot Camp's Wednesday leather night, and the BESTD Clinic's HIV testing night. That night \$345.00 was raised from donations. The Boot Camp Saloon matched this donation to make it a total of \$690.00 raised for Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD).

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Dilemmas of Domestic Partner Registries

by Arlene Zarembka
In Step Contributing Writer

There's no doubt that having a City establish a domestic partner registry is a tremendous symbolic victory. But will such registries come back to haunt us in the future? St. Louis's recent creation of a domestic partner registry illustrates both the benefits and risks of such registries. On the positive side, then-Mayor Freeman Bosley's March 1 Executive Order instituting the registry made a public and explicit affirmation of the validity of our families. Its preamble states that "many living arrangements and the extended family unit arrangement involve long-term and loving relationships between unmarried persons," and that "it is timely and appropriate to provide a means of recognizing persons with such committed and sharing relationships." The Order recognizes as domestic partners those unmarried and unrelated adults who live together, who share the "common necessities of life," and who register as domestic partners at City Hall.

Unfortunately, there are only two concrete benefits that registered domestic partners get from this Executive

Order (in addition to a public place to register their relationship): the rights to visit each other in city health facilities, and to visit each other in the city jail and workhouse. Since the only existing city hospital is about to collapse, the first benefit has virtually no value. The second benefit will apply only to a very tiny fraction of the community.

Clearly, the registry is only a small step in the struggle for recognition of our relationships. Since there are few benefits associated with registering, it's doubtful that very many domestic partners will bother to register. Indeed, as of April 25, only 16 couples had done so.

As the community presses forward for more tangible economic benefits for domestic partners, whether in St. Louis or in other communities around the country, it is important that benefits be available for as many people as possible.

Yet the very victories that have been won in establishing registries pose the risk that cities will condition eligibility for additional benefits on couples being publicly registered as domestic partners. Since some Gay people argue that eligibility for economic benefits should be conditioned on public registration, cities may conclude that this is an appropriate requirement.

Tying economic benefits for domestic partners to public registration of one's relationship would be a mistake. A public registration requirement would make the achievement of benefits for domestic partnerships a Pyrrhic victory for most Gay and Lesbian couples. It would exclude from benefits those who elect not to put their names on a public list that is available to anyone, including neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and anti-Gay fanatics. Given the still widespread hatred of Gay men and Lesbians (even as we continue to win the culture war), it is not irrational for even a relatively "out" couple to decide not to put their names and addresses on a list that is available for inspection to any nut.

To argue that, because heterosexual couples must register in order to get marriage certificates, Gay couples should register to get domestic partner certificates, ignores the very different realities of straight and Gay couples in this society. Marriage registration and domestic partner registration occur in very different social contexts. Few, if any, heterosexuals risk loss of job, physical violence, or loss of custody of their children because they've registered to get a marriage certificate.

Even mixed-race couples, who certainly can face harassment or violence on the streets, generally are not identifiable as mixed-race on a marriage license registry. Not so for same-sex couples. Where both persons in a couple have identifiably "female" or "male" first names, registering with a "domestic partner" registry carries risks.

Granted, the risks are not always high, depending on the couple's personal situation and the area of the country where they live, but risks always exist to



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some degree for all same-sex couples. It's for each couple, not the community, to decide what level of risk is acceptable.

Domestic partner benefits should not amount to a test of how "out" a couple is willing to be. That will guarantee that only a tiny segment of our community, will benefit from the enormous energy that has gone into the quest for these benefits.

Indeed, there simply is no need for many partner benefits to be tied to registration at City Hall. Take employment benefits, for example, which generally are the big enchilada of domestic partner benefits. City University of New York (CUNY) illustrates how domestic partner economic benefits can be provided without coupling them with public registration.

Although New York City does have a registry, staff at CUNY do not have to be registered with City Hall in order to obtain the university's domestic partner benefits. They simply file an affidavit of domestic partnership with the personnel department, or, if they wish even more privacy than that, they can file their affidavit directly with the university's benefits office. Similarly, the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, which has a domestic partnership registry, allows city and school district employees who wish to obtain job-related domestic partner benefits simply to file a declaration of domestic partnership with their department administrator or personnel department. Cambridge's ordinance specifically states that employees do not need to register with City Hall to obtain these benefits.

Too many privileges and benefits already are tied to the piece of paper issued by the State called a marriage certificate. We shouldn't compound the problem, in those cases when there is no need to restrict benefits to those who have registered at City Hall, by tying even more privileges and benefits to possession of a government document called a certificate of domestic partnership. It's a matter of basic privacy.

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The Arts

by Jorge L. Cabal



— Mary MacDonald Kerr can be seen in Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's "Voice of the Turtle."

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre Will Present John van Druten's "Voice of the Turtle"

Milwaukee — Recognized for its record-breaking success, John van Druten's "Voice of the Turtle," opened on Broadway in late 1943 and played for four years, before being spun off as a movie in 1948. A romantic World War II comedy, "Voice of the Turtle" is a refreshing look at a beautiful young out-of-work actress, Sally Middleton, and Bill Page, a handsome Army sergeant on weekend leave. Olive, Sally's best friend, finds herself in a dilemma when a Navy Commander vies for her time over the same weekend. To keep one in tow while out with the other, she has Sally entertain Bill, but little does Olive know, they fall in love.

John van Druten was born in London in 1901. After his second play, "Young Woodley," became a surprise hit on Broadway in 1925, he established citizenship in the United States. He continued to write successful plays for Broadway

and the West End, mostly playful comedies of domestic life. His plays included "There's Always Juliet," "I Remember Mama," and "I Am A Camera," which in 1951 was named best play by New York Drama Critics, and later made into the hit musical, "Cabaret." He directed the celebrated Broadway premiere of "The King and I" in 1951. His most noted success was "Voice of the Turtle" which ran on Broadway for over four years, and saw over one thousand performances.

"Voice of the Turtle" premieres with the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre May 17th, and runs through June 1st at the Broadway Theatre Center's Cabot Theatre. This delightful romantic World War II comedy stars well-known Milwaukee actors Mary MacDonald Kerr, Paula Cabot and Steve Koehler, who is featured on *In Step's* cover. For tickets and other information call (414) 291-7800.



— Author Karen Armstrong/Photo Jerry Bauer.

Karen Armstrong Will Read From Her New Novel "Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths"

Shorewood — The city of Jerusalem is deeply rooted in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim identity. Noted religion writer Karen Armstrong traces the history of how all three faiths have laid claim to this ancient and perpetually troubled city in her book "Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths."

Jews, Christians and Muslims all lay claim to the city of Jerusalem as their holy place.

Karen Armstrong, who also wrote "A History of God," traces how three radically different religions have shaped and scarred the city for generations in her book "Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths." *Time* magazine expressed "her immensely erudite chronicle...shows how a succession of spiritual decisions and political circumstances passed the city from faith to faith." Karen Armstrong's research is thorough, non-sectarian and widely respected. She spent seven years as a Roman Catholic nun, currently teaches at the Leo Baeck College for the Study of Judaism and the Training of the Rabbis and Teachers, and is an honorary member of the Association of Muslim Social Sciences.

Karen Armstrong left the order in 1969, earned her degree at Oxford University and taught modern literature at the University of London. In 1982 she became a writer and broadcaster earning a reputation as one of the foremost commentators in Britain on religious life. She has worked on a number of television documentaries on religion including Bill Moyer's PBS series "Genesis: A Living Conversation." In addition to her current book and the best-selling "A History of God," she has written seven other books on religion. Ms. Armstrong resides in London.

Karen Armstrong will discuss the past, present and future of Jerusalem at the Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood on Monday, May 19th at 7 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Milwaukee Ballet Takes Flight On The Wing Of "Swan Lake"

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Ballet will perform its commended production of Swan Lake. To mark its triumphant return, the world-renowned Kenneth Schermerhorn will be the guest conductor. The revered former music director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Schermerhorn is one of the most sought-after ballet conductors. The performance also will be the swan song for principal dancer Peter Schetter, the Wisconsin native who will retire from the stage after twelve remarkable seasons with the

Milwaukee Ballet.

Often called "the most beloved ballet in history," Swan Lake is the heart-wrenching love story told through dazzling dance, Tchaikovsky's soaring music and some of the most glorious costumes and scenery ever to grace the stage. Swan Lake returns to the Milwaukee Ballet after a three-year absence, and the series will offer six performances.

Performances will be May 22nd through the 25th at Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call (414) 273-7206 or (414) 643-7677.

"Badger Fiction Tour" Exploring Wisconsin's Ethnic Heritage

Milwaukee — The Badger Fiction Tour showcases some of the best in Wisconsin fiction and highlights the state's rich Polish, Norwegian, Italian, and Native American heritage. Authors presenting their work include Ken Parejko, Muriel Halvorsen, Paul Kending, and Steve Olson.

This spring a number of Wisconsin authors are making an eight-week tour of the state reading from their new novels as part of the Badger Fiction Tour. Four authors will visit the Schwartz Bookshop in Shorewood. Their works draw not only on Wisconsin's rich ethnic heritage, but illustrate the broad diversity of styles, stories, and experiences of the authors.

The four authors will read from their new novels at the Schwartz Bookshops in Shorewood on Sunday, May 18th at 1 p.m. This event is free and open to all, for more information call (414) 963-3111.

"Cut Across the Middle" Opens at Neo-Post-Now Gallery

Manitowoc — What's on the minds of artists working outside the art centers of New York City and Los Angeles? "Cut Across the Middle," a sizeable exhibition of paintings, photographs, video, and assemblage by artists from three regions between the coasts may be some indication. This show at Neo-Post-Now Gallery, features more than seventy-five recent art-works reflecting the shared of the mass media, punk Catholicism, folk art, and capitalism.

Neo-Post-Now Gallery invited eleven of its most beloved and notorious artists to participate in this exhibition honoring its fifth anniversary. "Cut Across the Middle" features a selection of recent work by Dan Barry, Tom Butt, Mark Fink, Michael Garr, Lint Art by Jimbo, Barf Jones, Rev. Norb, Rudy Rotter, Thomas Tulis, Jimmy von Milwaukee and Bob Watt. An important part of the show is the work of fourteen artists from Austin chosen by the artist-run gallery Alternate Current Art Space, and fourteen artists from Memphis curated by the artist-collective plan B Gallery. The show, a subcul-

tural exchange of art from three regions, travel to Memphis in September and Austin in February after its run in Manitowoc.

Since opening in May 1992, Neo-Post-Now Gallery has mounted twenty-seven exhibitions of painting, drawing, collage, assemblage, photography, sculpture, video, installation, performance by thirty-nine artists from five states (Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee). Neo-Post-Now Gallery has been referred to as a "hothouse environment for aesthetic eccentricity" by the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, and "Manitowoc's sole concession to the avant-garde" by the *Chicago Reader*. The gallery focuses mainly on mounting solo shows by emerging artists and strives to present a venue for artists and the public to see an entire body of new work without concern for whether the art will sell or offend. John Shimon and Julie Lindemann (owners of Neo-Post-Now Gallery) interview and photograph each artist shown at Neo-Post-Now Gallery as part of their overall photographic project documenting the lives of artists. The gallery is producing a commemorative twenty page booklet containing background on the participating artists and galleries. It will be available the day of the opening.

"Cut Across the Middle" will remain on exhibit through July 13th, by appointment, call (414) 682-0337.



— Michelle Grabner/Photo Sam Castro.

Michelle Grabner Exhibits at UWM Art Museum

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Art Museum presents the artwork of UWM alum and Milwaukee resident Michelle Grabner.

Grabner a recipient of a 1995-96 Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Visual Artist Fellowship will create a new painting every week for the exhibition, actively reorganizing her installation. Grabner received her bachelor of fine arts degree (painting and drawing) in 1984 and a master of arts degree in art history in 1987 from UWM. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Art Museum recently received an Artworks Fund grant from Arts Midwest to work with Grabner.

Michelle Grabner's work consists of abstract, yet minimal, pattern paintings. The influential patterns in Grabner's work are usually domestic objects. She creates her pattern painting by placing the article, such as afghan, or window screen, over the panel, and applies a light coat of spray paint. Then she removes the object and paints the empty space defined by the spray paint.

"Her works offer a fascinating glimpse at seemingly inconsequential objects which otherwise would not be given a second look," articulates Peter Doroshenko, director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Art Museum. "Color, pattern, line and space fascinate viewers and spark interest, only to end with a profound and sometimes unusual result."

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question—the history of art, the importance of painting as a medium in society, the role of higher learning institutions, etc.,” says Doroshenko. “Michelle Grabner examines and incorporates each of these issues into her life and paintings. Instead of embracing negative aspects in the art world, Grabner empowers herself by creating seminal paintings, and teaching contemporary issues to students at various institutions throughout the midwest. She is one of Milwaukee’s most important artists.”

Grabner’s exhibition will be on display until August 24th. The exhibition will change weekly. For more information call (414) 229-5070.

Boulevard Ensemble Stages Reading of Marivaux Comedy to Benefit The Brady East Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

Milwaukee — The reading of Marivaux’s “The Double Infidelity” will be directed by Timothy X. Troy, who has directed for the Boulevard Ensemble previously in Machiavelli’s wild comedy “The Mandrake,” William Saroyan’s epic human tale “The Time of Your Life,” and Puccini’s delightful chamber opera “Gianni Schicchi.” “The Double Infidelity” reading will feature a guest cast from Lawrence University.

The benefit reading is a continuation of the Boulevard Ensemble’s Charity Benefit Series, a series of guest performances/readings that benefit local organizations. Previous Charity Benefit performances have benefited Sojourner Truth House, The Hope House Homeless Shelter, the Milwaukee Aids Project, and Playwrights Studio Theatre.

The Boulevard Ensemble’s reading of Pierre de Marivaux’s brittle comedy of love “The Double Infidelity” is to benefit the Brady Street BESTD Clinic on Sunday, May 18th at 7 p.m. at the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theater. The suggested donation is \$10 and all funds raised will benefit the clinic. For more information call (414) 672-6019.

The BESTD Clinic is a community resource that serves the Milwaukee area for testing for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, counseling, and advocacy since 1974. This non-profit health clinic is a volunteer run organization that also opens up its space for other organizations to use as a meeting space.

Bel Canto Chorus Culminates Season with “African Sanctus”

Milwaukee — The Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee

under the direction of Richard Hynson will culminate its season with two performances of David Fanshawe’s exciting and inspiring “African Sanctus” and “Dona Nobis Pacem.”

Soloist Sheri Williams Pannell will perform with Bel Canto along with the Milwaukee Children’s Choir and the Butler Middle School Treble Choir. “African Sanctus” was first performed in 1972 in London and later broadcast on BBC Radio on United Nations Day that same year. Since then the work has gained steady momentum and hundreds of performances of “African Sanctus” have taken place worldwide, from Washington to Singapore, from the Sydney Opera House to South Africa.

The first performance, “African Sanctus,” will be performed on Saturday, May 17th at 8 p.m. at the Pabst Theatre. The second performance, “Dona Nobis Pacem,” will be on Sunday May 18th at 4 p.m. at St. Mark AME Church. For ticket information, contact the Bel Canto office at (414) 671-4566.

UWM’s Lipatti Quartet Takes Fourth Prize in Yehudi Menuhin Competition in London

Milwaukee — The Lipatti Quartet, students in the Leonard Sorkin International Institute of Chamber Music in the School of Fine Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, were awarded fourth prize in Yehudi Menuhin’s London International String Quartet Competition, April 13th. The competition which began Tuesday, April 8, ran for five days and featured performances by twenty-three quartets chosen out of hundred of applicants from around the world.

All the groups were required to play string quartets by Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, a romantic and a 20th Century work, and a specially commissioned piece by Nicola



— The Lipatti Quartet/Photo Alan Magayne Roshak.

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LeFanu which was given to all the quartets the day before the competition. The ten-member jury was headed by famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin and included members of the Cleveland, Amadeus, Melos, Vermeer and Takacs Quartets. In addition to judging the competition, the jury offered comments and criticism. According to Lipatti second violinist Monica Boboc, "We were delighted with the competition because of the exceptionally high level of the other quartets and the judges. Every day, we gained more and more confidence in our ensemble. I felt good that we were able to do our very best playing, especially at such a prestigious event."

The Lipatti Quartet was formed in 1992 by graduates of the Music Conservatory of Bucharest. Its members include Calin Lupanu, first violinist; Monica Boboc, second violinist; Valentin Ragusitu, viola; and Radu Nagy, cello. Now completing their final semester with the Leonard Sorkin International Institute of Chamber Music at UWM, they also placed second at the Shostakovitch Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia this past September.

Bialystock & Bloom Presents "The Elephant Man"

Milwaukee — Bialystock & Bloom announce its upcoming production of "The Elephant Man" by Bernard Pomerance. This tale of humanity asks the question, "what makes a life sound and good?" Is it beauty in the physical world or the power of the heart upon all humankind? The story of Dr. Frederick Treves and his most notorious patient, John Merrick, the elephant man, will challenge your intellect and redefine parameters of acceptance and admiration.

"The Elephant Man" tells the tragic and often inspiring tale of John Merrick, a man plagued at birth with atrocious physical deformities. His hideous appearance made him a regular exhibition at London side shows until authorities shut down his act due to its intensely graphic nature. Thrust into despair and penniless, Merrick eventually arrived in the generous care of Sir Frederick Treves, the lead surgeon at London Hospital in the late 1880s. While in the care of the hospital and his savior, Merrick was able to showcase his true personality: one of kindness, love, and respect for people and great ideas. This remarkable real story puts into question the true definition of "normal."

Show dates for "The Elephant Man" are May 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th at 10:45 p.m. and May 18th and 25th at 7:30 p.m. All performances take place at the Broadway Theater Center's Studio Theatre. "The Elephant Man" will run immediately following Theatre X's performances of John Gabriel Borkman. For tickets call (414) 291-9642.



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by Ed Grover

Confessions of a Gender Defender

Randi Ettner, Ph. D.

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Here at *In Step Newsmagazine* we have reviewed books on gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. This one is about transgendered persons, and opens with a brief chapter about the media attention that was generated after the movie "The Crying Game," which was nominated for an Academy Award.

A Chicago newspaper reporter arranged to interview Dr. Ettner, a psychologist, and her husband regarding a column they write on pregnancy and childbirth. What the reporter really wanted was *exotica* and ended up writing about transsexualism. Oprah Winfrey's producers called and asked Dr. Ettner what she would say if she were on their show.

Dr. Ettner gave an *imagine, if you can* response; she tried to clear up some misconceptions regarding gender dysphoria, and in the process learned a great deal about the media. The producer, after hearing the good doctor's answers said, "I don't think we'll do this show after all. We don't want to alarm the parents." How thoughtful and caring of her. Since the book contains an "As Seen on Oprah!" sticker, we can assume that someone at Harpo Productions decided that the segment *would* be seen.

"'Gender is the most misunderstood topic of our times.' Freud made a similar statement over 70 years ago and Dr. Ettner reminds us that this is still true." This remark made by George R. Brown M.D. in the Introduction to this book sets us off on a voyage of understanding. We find out what it's like to be "trapped in the wrong body."

Included in the case-studies is one about the patient Carl/Carla, who is the adopted child of religious parents. The mother became enraged because Dr. Ettner encouraged her son to dress like a girl. She forbid her son from ever visiting her in the church where she worked and announced that she would not pay for the doctor's services, but that the doctor could try to get the money from Carl's Irrevocable Trust. Incidentally, the psychiatrist who referred Carl/Carla to Dr. Ettner admits that "he just couldn't deal with a patient who wanted to wear woman's clothing."

Dr. Ettner says, "Few things are as devastating to parents as learning that their child is transsexual. Parents can accept a

child who is a criminal more easily than a child who is transgendered." She adds, "It is no coincidence that the transsexual is the only minority group that has no political lobby whatsoever. They are specifically excluded from the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], whose express purpose is to protect individuals from discrimination."

This slim book is filled with mostly male-to-female transsexuals and one or two histories of a female-to-male transsexuals. The case history that got my attention was about an 84-year-old white male from Wyoming who said he "was not a homosexual, had been previously married and had fathered three children."

Robert traveled to Chicago to see Dr. Ettner and pleaded for a sex change. Dr. Ettner said, "Physically, he reminded me of my father who is a mild-mannered accountant." At the date of publication, Robert is now Roberta and is well adjusted to living as a woman. She is currently seeking surgical sex reassignment through doctors in Europe.

When Dr. Ettner discussed this case with her assistant Samantha (who is transsexual), Samantha said, rather facetiously, "If you're eighty-four, and have just discovered that you're a transsexual, why not [just] put a bow on your bald head and call yourself a woman?" Samantha was chastised and told that her remark was *ageist*. Some of the remarks in this book, both from patients and author, are in turn, tragic and extremely funny.

The final chapter is a review of the ten patients seen by Dr. Harry Benjamin, who was known as the Father of Transsexualism. "Dr. Benjamin heard old voices giving new utterances to an ancient complaint—to a complaint which had prevailed throughout history." He spent his last thirty years working in the field of gender dysphoria and one of his clients was the famous transsexual Christine Jorgensen. He monitored her hormones for the rest of his life.

And yes, although this book is primarily written from a psychological viewpoint, surgical procedures are discussed. The Bibliography contains over 60 books for further reference.

Dr. Randi Ettner, Ph. D., is a clinical psychologist who has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, CNBC's Real Personal and The Sally Jesse Raphael TV shows. She has written extensively on human behavior, mental health and gender topics. Dr. Ettner will read from her work at Barnes & Noble (at Bayshore Mall) on May 18, 1997 at 4 p.m.

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First Week of Saturday Softball League Rained Out

Milwaukee — All league games of the Saturday Softball League scheduled for May 3rd were cancelled because of wet grounds. They will be rescheduled for June 7th.

All league games scheduled for May 17th will be played in Madison, as the Manoeuvres team hosts the league. Sijan Fields, where the games are usually held, is unavailable that weekend.

May 17th SSBL Schedule

11:00 a.m.

In Between vs. Manoeuvre's

12:00 p.m.

Mama's Family vs. In Between

Balisteri's vs. Manoeuvre's

1:00 p.m.

Mama's Family vs. Ballgame

Balisteri's vs. Club 219

2:00 p.m.

M&M vs. Docks/RW

Ballgame vs. Triangle

3:00 p.m.

Triangle vs. Docks/RW

Club 219 vs. M&M

17th Annual Milwaukee Classic Scheduled for May 24 - 25

Milwaukee — The 17th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 24th and 25th. Over 20 teams from Chicago, Minneapolis,

Cincinnati, Toronto, and St. Louis are expected to join the Milwaukee teams.

The tournament will be played at Wick Fields on 50th and Vliet Streets. Each team will play two games on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., and then will be placed in a B or C Division. A double elimination tournament for each division, starting on Saturday afternoon and concluding Sunday afternoon, will determine the tournament champions. Last years winners were Club 219 of Milwaukee in the B Division, and the Ball Game Rangers in the C Division.

The host hotel is the Hilton (formerly the Marc Plaza), and players will register at the hotel on Friday from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. A manager's meeting will be held at 10 p.m. on Friday. Following the games on Sunday, the awards banquet will be held at Serb Memorial Hall at 51st and Oklahoma.

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An Exclusive Interview with Amaury Saint-Gilles

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

Amaury Saint-Gilles' history is as exotic as his name. The young son of a highly-placed foreign diplomat and a French-Jewish mother whose family fled France to escape the Nazi occupation, he grew up in Japan after his father was appointed Ambassador. He learned to

"Some of the people knew I was living with someone, but they assumed it was a woman. You should have been there to see how they reacted when they found out it was another man..."

—Amaury Saint-Gilles

speak and write Japanese fluently, in addition to English, with a smattering of a few other languages as well.

Mr. Saint-Gilles then immigrated to the United States when his family sought political asylum as his father had fallen out of favor with his government.

"I would rather you not be explicit about the countries involved," Saint-Gilles asks, "Believe it or not, there are still some problems with this. The current government believes my father has certain financial information which he is hiding. Some years back, his car was blown up."

"About that time," he says with a smile, "I decided to change my name to my mother's name. And I decided to move back to Japan and distance myself from the situation."

After his return to Japan, Saint-Gilles worked as an art critic for a large newspaper for 25 years, wrote four books on modern and oriental art, and moonlighted as a male model.

"I earned more as a male model than as an art critic. They liked my look over there, and there weren't a lot of American men available for commercial work. It was a great combination of jobs. And with modeling, I got to travel extensively."

He settled into his new life, buying a home and becoming involved with a young Japanese man, with whom he shares his life.

Six years ago, Saint-Gilles decided to return to the U.S. and accept a position as Director of the Volcano Art Center in Hawaii. As real estate prices in Japan sky-rocketed, he sold his home at such a huge profit that he would be able to semi-retire in Hawaii.

"Because I was so far away, much of the information I shared was through correspondence, based on my work and my books. I interviewed with them in person, and it never occurred to me to tell them that I am gay. In Japan, it is a very different society, with clear boundaries between work and private life. No one ever cared that I was gay as long as I was productive and did a good job. No one ever asks."



—Amaury Saint-Gilles. Photo: Cheryl Myers.

He was offered the job, and moved to the big island of Hawaii. His first night on the job was a gala reception to meet the new Director. He brought his life-partner with him.

"Some of the people knew I was living with someone, but they assumed it was a woman. You should have been there to see how they reacted when they found out it was another man. This cold chill settled on the party.

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They were nervous, they stopped talking to me. It was terribly awkward. I was astonished," he says.

"Six days later," he continues, "They fired me. Their reason was that I just didn't fit in with their 'family.'"

I was outraged. I mean, I have had dinner with the Emperor of Japan, I have attended State functions, why, once I even sat next to Queen Elizabeth during dinner. No one asked or cared if I was a gay man. I was good enough as a person. Now these people are telling me I'm not good enough to head up their art gallery because I'm a gay man? Ridiculous. My only recourse was to take them to court."

His decision was more difficult to carry out than he anticipated. "None of the attorneys on the Big Island would take my case once they heard it was about — gasp — homosexual rights. This island only has about 100,000 people, and it's really a small town. And considering all the things that are happening here in gay rights, it's surprisingly closeted. They were afraid it would alienate their other customers if they represented me. So I had to go to Honolulu, and a woman there took my case. But it was so expensive because she was off-island and had to commute. LAMBDA helped me out some. Then this new attorney moved to town, and her husband's daughter was a lesbian. She didn't see what all the fuss was about — she just took it in stride. She took over my case, and did a superb job."

But the legal battle was long and protracted. And increasingly expensive. "I came to Hawaii to semi-retire, but I always intended to work. My partner cannot work because he is a Japanese citizen and cannot get a work visa. Of course, that's another big legal mess we were dealing with at the same time — how to get my life partner residency with me when gays are not afforded the same spousal citizenship rights as straight Americans. It was helpful that I still had family in the diplomatic service, but only a little helpful. At one point, he was forced to return to Japan

for several months when his visa ran out. But now he has permanent residency. Finally."

Saint-Gilles bought a 23 acre farm, which his partner runs. They raise sheep, and grow some vegetables, especially several varieties of avocados. His funds were becoming depleted.

"I tried to get another job. Everyone knew — the word traveled that I was suing this island institution — the Volcano Art Center. I couldn't get a job. Absurd. In 25 years in Japan, no one cared about my sexual preference. I move back to the U.S. and I'm canned in one week for being an out, gay man. Then I'm practically blackballed from getting another job on this island."

"Finally, I got a job with the schools. But even then, they asked if I would be able to keep my homosexuality separate from my work with them. What does that mean exactly? I never knew. But it worked out all right. I did a lot of work with emotionally disturbed kids, and troubled kids, and just ordinary kids, too. Most know I'm gay, and I haven't had any problem with it—no parents up in arms, no harassment. I still do some occasional work for that school."

A year ago, Saint-Gilles opened his own gallery, devoted mostly to contemporary art. "I saw the same thing, time after time, in all the art establishments. Dolphins. Whales. Landscapes. That's fine, but what about all the other brilliant kinds of artistic expression that's out there?"

A month ago, the judge involved in the case called the parties together and advised them to settle out of court. "She said there was nothing to be gained by a jury trial, except more expense. I was a little disappointed because I wanted public vindication. But I decided to go along with her recommendations. My attorney put together numbers for a settlement."

When asked by In Step how much his settlement totaled, Saint-Gilles replies "My attorney advised me against giving out an exact number. She told

me to just say I was very satisfied, with a big smile."

When asked about his future plans, Saint-Gilles replies, "Well, I'm continuing to work on building up my gallery. I've had a major show here once, and I'd like to do more of that. My partner and I are thinking about managing a bed and breakfast, too. Now that this big weight is off my shoulders, I can finally start to think about the future."

As the interview winds down, Saint-Gilles takes me on a tour of his store. The building is in historic Honokaa, a small town with a few antique stores, cafes, and a folk art establishment.

It is on the way to Waipio Valley, a tourist destination. Outside, a rainbow flag flutters in the wind, over a colorful and eye-catching sign. His gallery is light and airy, with a wide mix of paintings, prints, bronzes, and other pieces.

There are a lot of works devoted to the celebration of the male body, and a few to the female, all with more expressed athleticism than is usually found. There are surprises—a lamp that at first looks like a coiled garden hose, until light emits from its nozzle, and paint brushes suspended in antigravity, with drips of paint in wild patterns.

"I'm glad I can finally concentrate on building my business," he says, "I never would have chosen to take on this legal battle. I never expected this to happen to me. Volcano Art counted on me to drop it, because this kind of litigation is so costly — emotionally, professionally, and financially. But I just couldn't. I was like a bull dog — I couldn't let go. Now, after six years, it's finally settled. But that only addresses the illegality of their actions. They broke the law, and eventually paid me a settlement for doing so. But what about the immorality of what they did — the discrimination, the lies, the infringement on personal lives—how is that ever resolved? I had enough money and tenacity to keep fighting. How does the law serve those who have neither?"

Those wishing to explore the Amaury Saint-Gilles Gallery of Contemporary Fine Art may do so in Honokaa, Hawaii. Correspondence may be addressed to: Box E, Papa'aloa, Hawaii 96780. For more information: (808) 775-9278 and ask for the owner.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN MADISON

by John Quinlan

Late May is one of my favorite times of year in Madison as the weather turns wonderful, and State Street and the campus become uncrowded and laid back. The end of the spring semester signals the temporary exodus of thousands of undergrads, many of whom will be back for summer school in mid-June. In the meantime, it's the perfect time to kick back and enjoy a sunny afternoon on the Memorial Union terrace without a care in the world.

It's also a relatively laid back time for Madison's gay and lesbian community. As the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center's calendar editor notes: "It's a dull month." However, "dull" is a relative term when it comes to Madison. In fact, the May calendar is filled with the kind of opportunities that show why the sense of community is so strong here. Here's

Late May in Madison

just a sampling of what Madison has to offer.

Many of you who saw the first post-coming out episode of "Ellen" will remember the emotional reconciliation scene that took place between Ellen and her parents at a P-FLAG meeting. The monthly meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, just behind the Monroe Street Associated Bank at 1704 Roberts Court.

In this case, life really does imitate art, and the support-related parts of the meetings are evocative of the powerful things that can happen with the breaking of isolation as parents and others share their stories. Each month's meeting also has a different programmatic theme. For more information, contact Joann at 255-0533 or Jane at 243-1208.

Lesbian and gay parents also gather together each month to support and socialize with one another. The Lesbian Parents' Network has its monthly meeting and potluck on Saturday, May 17th at 4:00 p.m. Call 233-0102 for the location. The Gay Father's group will have a meeting and potluck on Sunday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. Call 251-7903 for more information.

Madison's LGBT community offers opportunities for old and young alike. The Teens Like Us support group, which is supported by Briarpatch and PICADA, is a place of safety and support for many; call 246-7606 for more info. Another option for teens is the LGBT Teen Group Meeting which meets on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at West High School. Seniors in a Gay Environment (SAGE) has a weekly time for coffee and informal conversation at Monty's Blue Plate Diner on Atwood Avenue each Friday at 3:30 p.m. Call 242-7151 for more information.

Having just celebrated its fifth anniversary, Bi?Shy?Why? is a group that exists to combat biphobia and homophobia, and provide a visible bisexual presence in Madison community groups. It has three meetings each month — a general networking meeting on the first Monday, a women's discussion group on the second Monday, and a men's discussion group on the third Monday of each month. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at The United, 14 W. Mifflin St.; call 257-5534 for more info.

Another resource worth checking out is the AIDS Support Network's various groups, including an HIV+/AIDS

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Madison's July 19-20 Pride Weekend may be a couple of months off, but a dedicated group of volunteers is working hard to make it a success. Want to know how you can get involved? Come to a meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m., at the offices of the Wisconsin Community Fund, 122 State Street, Suite 507a.

Beyond political involvements and support groups, Madison also offers a variety of opportunities for social interaction. For example, bicycling seems to be a favorite activity here, as evidenced by the offerings on Sunday morning, May 18th. Seems as if the womyn win the contest for being hardcore enthusiasts. The RDA — Country Dykes ride begins at 6:00 a.m. — yes, that's 6:00 a.m. — at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride stop at the intersection of Highways 51 and 12/18. Call 838-3094 for more info. By contrast, the gay male Frontiers group begins its ride around Lake Mendota at the relatively leisurely time of 10:00 a.m. that day at the Tenney Park Locks. Other Frontiers activities include a Man-to-Man Rap Session on Tuesday, May 20 (call 251-8735 for more info) and a Cook-out at Cooksville on Saturday, May 24th (call 274-5959).

The Shake It Up group also has an active schedule, including gathering to hear live music most Friday nights at Fyfe's, 1344 West Washington. Other

late May highlights include a lakeside walk beginning at the UW Alumni Center at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 and a Memorial Day Weekend expedition to Chicago. Call Dave at 241-2500 for more details. And the Bette Davis Bowling League offers the chance to socialize on a weekly basis with men and women in a fun-filled, but mostly non-competitive, spirit — call 271-8889 for more info.

Weekly action at area bars includes the Saturday night gatherings of the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls, where free line dance and two-step instruction is offered, along with a time for open dance. Come to Geraldine's at 9:00 pm or call 255-1523 for more information. And every Saturday night, Unicorns of Madison sponsors Hot and Bound Night at Manoeuvres.

Even though school is out for many, the UW Ten Percent Society continues to meet every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. — having chosen the sensible step of moving their meetings to the Memorial Union Terrace. Look for the rainbow flag. Summer meetings are relatively leisurely, social affairs, with some time spent on planning the coming months activities.

And this is just a sampling of what Madison has to offer in a typical, relatively "dull" month. For more information on what's happening, call The United at (608) 255-8582 for more information, or stop by their offices and many locations throughout the downtown for a copy of the MG/LRC calendar. *In Step's* Calendar provides many of these listings or you can also access this information on-line through the server

of the Ten Percent society at www.tps.std.org.wisc.edu/MGLRC. Select the calendar icon at the bottom of the page.

And keep us posted here about upcoming events (at least one month in advance) by leaving a message at (414) 278-7840 or (608) 283-3218.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Can you believe it? It's May already. It happens to be Sunday morning as I sit here at the computer. "The Stars" CD by Simply Red is playing on the stereo, windows wide open, sun shining, as a gentle breeze carries the smell of fresh cut grass throughout my house. It's fabulous!

For me the month of May has a couple of dates/anniversaries that are close to me. To start with, **Mother's Day**. This year I didn't go to my parents house to celebrate **Mother's Day**. I did get her a card that sits on my kitchen table, not signed yet, and obviously not delivered. I'll call her in a little while and wish her a great day.

May is also mom's birthday. She and my dad will be in **Ireland** for her birthday, so if I'm late in getting a birthday card in her mailbox, it won't be that big of a deal.

The other thing my family remembers in May, is the passing of my brother **John**. As some of you may remember, **John** lost his battle with AIDS three years ago, May 7th.

May also marks the fifth year I have been employed at **Skylab**. There have been some pretty rocky moments, as well as some pretty damn cool moments since I started working there. My position there is pretty rewarding so I'm glad I hung in there through the rough spots... Now if I could only get caught up.

Speaking of getting caught up, let's get you caught up.

As I'm sure you are aware, there were "**Ellen Coming Out Parties**" all over the state (not to mention the country). I happened to catch the one at **Triangle**. The place was packed with lots of people glued to one of several monitors. **Channel 12** even showed up, interviewing people during commercials breaks. It was pretty cool.

Possum Queen hit's **Wisconsin** again! **La Cage** threw a **Possum Queen** fund-raiser May 3rd. The show was fabulous, including great drag numbers mixed with a little blue hair and blue lipstick.

That same night, the **Possum Queen** bar crawl hit **Milwaukee**. I caught up with them at **Club 219**. From

what I heard, they hit almost every gay bar in **Milwaukee**.

By the way, if you have any club related events, (particularly if it is not an advertised event) please call my voice mail at **414-322-1872** and let me know. If my schedule allows it, I will do my best to cover the event.

May 3rd was indeed a busy day for me. **The Shoreline Dancers** put on another **Country Dance Gala** at the **Milwaukee Art Museum**. There were lots of people at the gala including groups like **Rainbow Cloggers** and the **Cream City Squares**. All the **Shoreline Dancers** were wearing their new outfits and they look great. **Shoreline** also has a new, very cool neon sign. You can see it at **Just Us** when you go in there on Saturdays at 7:30 for your free 2 step lessons.



— The latest "Ellen Coming Out" scoop at Triangle! / Photo James

Speaking of **Just Us**, my friend **Chris** and I went there for a fish fry this past Friday and the food was great. You should stop in there and check out the menu, there is usually something just a little different from your normal fare. Things like, fruit pizza that is layers of fruit and whipped cream set on a croissant. They also have lots of Cajun dishes as well, stop in and check it out.

Club 94 held their **Miss Gay Kenosha America Pageant** (also May 3rd). There were three contestants hoping that all the work they put into the pageant would result in that person taking home the tiara but as you know, only one can take it home. Who was it you ask? **Susan Saran Wrap** will be holding the 1997 title.

Saturday May 9th, there was a huge **SSBL** fund-raiser at **In Between**. Unfortunately, I was still putting my car back together, and was unable to make it there but sources tell me that **Kurt** went all out for this fund-raiser. I gotta tell ya, **Kurt** DOES know how to throw a party.

Kathy's Nut Hut is back! In the next column I will get you caught up on what's been going on over there, including picture of **Possum Queen** contestant, **Miss Nut Butt**.

For you **Fox Valley** girls there is a new club opening up and it's called **Diversions**, located at 1413 Green Valley

Road, Neenah, Wisconsin. The **Grand Opening Party** is May 16th-17th. With any luck I won't have to work on Saturday and I can go check it out.

That's it for this issue, and as usual I will leave you with a couple of thoughts. **Pridefest** in June and slower traffic keep right.



— Looks like somethin' is cookin' or Just Us! /Photo Jamie.



— Big bird landing at M&M11/Photo Jamie.



— I told you not to eat the "Possum Queen!" /Photo Jamie.



— Doing the cowboy thing with the Shoreline Dancers. /Photo Jamie.



— La Cage's Passum Queen Fund Raiser! /Photo Jamie.



— Where the boys are! /Photo Jamie.



— Tie night! /Photo Jamie.



— Looks like fun at M&M's Club. /Photo Jamie.



— Kathy's Nut Hut is back! /Photo Jamie.

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Saturday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 18

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club: Gay/Lesbian Tournament (Milwaukee): 1-3 p.m. This is the kick off for the Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club's season. Courts have been reserved Sundays between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. at the Lake Park located at 3233 E. Kenwood Blvd. Simply bring \$5 ea. Sunday that you wish to play to cover courts costs. Everyone who shows up will be guaranteed a match. For more information call (414) 962-6124 or (414) 383-3851.

GAMMA: Bike Ride (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. Spring Bike Ride. Join us for a ride bike from Estabrook Park on Lake Shore Drive to Boystown and back. For more information (414) 342-4322.

Frontier: Bike Ride (Madison): 10 a.m. Leisurely ride around Lake Mendota in preparation for longer trips later. Features include the Governor's mansion, Governor Nelson State Park and Shorewood Hills. Meet at the Tenney Park locks. Picnic lunch (grocery store in route). For more information call (608) 244-8690.

GAMMA: Bowling (Milwaukee): 3 p.m. Bowling at Landmark Lanes. Skill level typically klutz to mediocre, so don't be intimidated. For more information (414) 342-4322.

Wednesday, May 21

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 24

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

GAMMA: Bike Hike (Milwaukee): 11 a.m. Bike Hike on Glacial Drumlin trail, Waukesha to Dousman and back. For more information (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 28

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:

Thursday, May 15

Harry W. Schwartz: Lupe Solis (Shorewood): 7 p.m. Milwaukee writer and a winner of the Minnesota Voices Project Competition, Lupe Solis, will read from "Laundromat Blues," his collection of stories. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

AfterWords Bookstore: Lesbian Reading Group (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Stories ed. by Margaret Reynolds. For more information call (414) 963-9089.

Friday, May 16

A Room of One's Own: Margot Peters (Madison): 6:30 p.m. Margot Peters will read from her biography of May Sarton. Peters gives us a compelling portrait of Sarton the actress, the poet, the novelist, the feminist, and the writer who struggled for literary acceptance. This event is free and open to the public. A Room of One's Own is located at 317 W. Johnson Street. For more information call (608) 257-7888.

Monday, May 19

Harry W. Schwartz: Reading Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The Sci-Fi reading group will discuss "Brother Termite" by Patricia Anthony. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

GAMMA: Book Club (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Book Club discusses "Noel Coward: A Biography" by Phillip Hoare. Next month, "Farm Boys" by Will Fellows. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Woodland Pattern Book Center: Monthly Readers Group (Milwaukee): Third Monday of each month. Greg Grummer on Wallace Stevens's Letters and Collected Poems Wallace Stevens ranks with Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman in the odyssey of his poetic voice. Writing in the first half of the 20th century, he was recognized then as now, as one of the most innovative of American poets. Workshop fee: \$10/session members. For more information call (414) 263-5001.

Wednesday, May 21

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.

Thursday, May 22

AfterWords Bookstore: Julia Watts (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Author Appearance Julia Watts, author of "Wildwood Flowers." For more information call (414) 963-9089.

Wednesday, May 28

Harry W. Schwartz: Mystery Group (Shorewood): 7 p.m. The mystery group will discuss "The Low End of Nowhere" by Michael Stone. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Bar Specials

Sundays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): Show Biz Sundays. \$6 Long Island Pitchers!

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

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Sunday: 11 a.m. 12 midnight. Drink specials daily!

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Mary's & Screw Driver's \$2 a mug!

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. \$5.00 off all top beers!

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, & Mimosa's; \$2!

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Open Daily Monday-Saturday: 5 p.m. 2 p.m. Drink specials daily!

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

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): 'Shake A Drink.'

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

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

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

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

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Absolut Nitel! \$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 7 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!

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Pints of Miller Lite, \$1.75!

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Charity Night! All sales are donated to Rockford's AIDS Care Network.

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

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

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

South Water St. 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 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): 7-11 p.m. 2 for 1 Rail

Drinks, \$0.50 Tappers, \$2.50 Pitchers All Night!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar Rail Drinks for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$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: 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs (Drinks as low as \$0.25) from 3-7 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): "Dollar Daze" \$1 Beer and 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!

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

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!

Scooter's (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 (Eau Claire): \$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!

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

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

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

Bar Events

Wednesday, May 14

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Open 9 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Party!

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

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

Thursday, May 15

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Friday, May 16

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

Cell Block (Chicago): Hot Wax & Fetish Night!

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"

showtime at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Diversions (Neenah): Grand Opening: Wisconsin's Newest and Largest Gay Entertainment Complex!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. "Miss Hiza Kite." Possum Queen Show!

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

Cell Block (Chicago): 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 8 p.m.- 1 a.m. Possum Fund Rally! Cash Raffle drawing tickets on sale now!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Starts at 10:30 p.m. Spanish Nights: Elsie Bovine & Napalese Family!

Sunday, May 18

The Office (Rockford): Karaoke Night!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): 4-9 p.m. Show starts at 10 p.m. Cream City Chorus Reunion Party and Show. The show benefits Cream City Chorus. Special guest Singasonals.

Monday, May 19

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Season Finale! 2-Hour Episode. Monday at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment!

Cell Block (Chicago): Full Moon Party, Hosted by Windy City Bondage Club!

Friday, May 23

The Trading Co. (Eau Claire): 11 p.m. Nine Inch Males.

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

Saturday, May 24

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!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): "Singsational Show"

B's Bar (Milwaukee): "Broadway Show," 6:30 p.m. Teen Show 10 p.m. Adult Show. The show benefits the BESTD Clinic.

The Trading Co. (Eau Claire): 10 p.m. Mr. & Miss Trading Company Pageant!

Sunday, May 25

Cell Block (Chicago): 3-7 p.m.; L/L Club Reception!

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Open at Noon for "Pre-White Party" Party.

The Trading Co. (Eau Claire): 6 p.m. 2nd Annual White Party!

Club 94 (Kenosha): Show at 11 p.m. Portfolio Men-Male dance Troup!

Monday, May 26

So. Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): 2 p.m. Beer 'N BBQ Bust!

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Open at Noon! Potluck cookout at 4 p.m.

Community

Thursday, May 15

Medical College of WI: Adey Nyomathi, RN, Ph.D., FAAN (Milwaukee): 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Effectiveness of a Specialized and Traditional AIDS Education Program Attended by Homeless and Drug-Addicted Women Alone or with Supportive Persons." For more information call (414) 456-7731.

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

Friday, May 16

Diversity: Candace Gingrich (Rockford, IL): The Source, 610 E. State St., Rockford, IL. Wornym's Tyme, (815) 227-4373. For more information call (815) 967-7915.

Sunday, May 18

Integrity/Dignity: Eucharist and Social Hour (Madison): 7:30 p.m. This Sunday is 1/D's 20th Anniversary Celebration. For more information call (608) 836-8886.

OUTreach: C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): HIV testing at C'est La Vie from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Monday, May 19

Mobile HIV Testing Unit: Free and Confidential Testing (Milwaukee): Due to the growing number of HIV cases in Milwaukee, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is offering free and confidential testing at several locations and times. Monday: 1 to 4 p.m., E. Brady Street & N. Farwell Avenue. Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Dennis C. Hill Harm Reduction Center, 4311 W. Vliet St., (414) 342-4399. Wednesday: 1 to 4 p.m., Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street, 2 to 4 p.m., N. 5th Street & W. Center Street. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dennis C. Hill Harm Reduction Center, 4311 W. Vliet Street, (414) 342-4399. Thursday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dennis C. Hill Harm Reduction Center, 4311 W. Vliet Street, (414) 342-4399, 2 to 4 p.m., N. 30th Street & W. Lisbon Street. For more information on HIV or AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDSline at (414) 273-AIDS.

GAMMA: Sheephead (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Tuesday, May 20

Shake It Up: Community Meeting (Madison): 7 p.m. Housing issues, ideas, dreams for the Madison area's gay/lesbian seniors are to be explored @ Atwood Community Center. For

more information call (608) 233-0525.

Round Table Discussion: "The Violation Of Our Rights" (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. Place: UWM, Union, Fireside Lounge. For more information call Andy Bagnall at (414) 225-1502.

Wednesday, May 21

OUTreach: Triangle (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Triangle from 9 p.m. to 1 midnight. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Friday, May 23

Milwaukee Public Museum: "Three Milwaukee Inventors" Who Changed the World : May 23 through January 2, 1998. For more information call (414) 278-2700.

GAMMA: Dining Out (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. Dining out at a highly-recommended southwest-suburban Italian restaurant. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, May 25

Integrity/Dignity: Eucharist and Social Hour (Madison): 7:30 p.m. All events, unless otherwise indicated, are at this time and location. For more information call (608) 836-8886.

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

Monday, May 26

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.

Film/TV

Wednesday, May 14

University of Wisconsin: "Riverglass" (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. River Ballet in Four Seasons (TV steklu rake). UWM Fine Arts Cinema, Room 891, Mitchell Hall, 3203 N. Downer Avenue. Free and open to the public. For more information call (414) 229-6015.

Frontiers: Film Circle (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Frontiers Film Circle presents: "Love and Human Remains" hosted by Peter, 7610 Radcliffe Dr. Apt. B. For more information call (608) 827-8262.

Wednesday, May 21

Shake It Up: "Nothing To Hide" (Madison): 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. Public Access TV, Cable 4 WYUO.

Saturday, May 24

Milwaukee Public Museum: Films: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Located in the Nickelodeon Theater in the Streets of Old Milwaukee on the first floor. For more information call (414) 278-2713.

Madison Gay Video Club: Movies (Madison): 8 p.m. "Apart From Hugh" (dir. John Fitzgerald, 1994), "Heatwave" (Falcon 108, dir. J. Rutherford, 1996) Special Feature: Catalog X (Leather) on Video - Part I. For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Wednesday, May 28

University of WI-Milwaukee: Stephanie Barber (Milwaukee): Through August 24. Hours at the museum are 12-5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. Location: 3253 N. Downer Avenue. There is no admission charge. For more information call (414) 229-5070.

Gallery

Wednesday, May 14

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. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

Monday, May 19

Milwaukee Art Museum: "African-American Art" (Milwaukee): April 11- June 1. Explorations in the City of Light: African-American Artists in Paris, 1945-1965. MAM is located at the War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

Michael H. Lord Gallery: Jason Rohlfe: "Recent Paintings" (Milwaukee): Show runs through May 24. Gallery is located at 420 E. Wisconsin Avenue (Pfister Hotel). Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

Saturday, May 24

Lincoln Art Pottery: "Fish & Figures" (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Featuring earth-enware 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.

Neo-Post-Now Gallery: "Cut Across The Middle" (Manitowoc): Gallery hours are by appointment, phone (414) 682-0337.

Live Music

Thursday, May 15

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: Maureen McGovern and Milwaukee Symphony Pops under Resident Conductor Neal Gittleman. 5/18, 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call (414) 273-7206.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" (Chicago): Through May 17, 5/15, 6:45 p.m., 5/16, 12:15 p.m., 5/17, 6:45 p.m. For more information call (312) 294-3000 or group sales call (312) 294-3040.

Friday, May 16

Shake It Up: Live Music (Madison): 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Saturday, May 17

The Source: Peter Conover (Rockford): 9 p.m. Singer/songwriter Peter Conover comes back to The Source, an alternative coffeehouse at 610 East State Street, Rockford, IL. No cover. For information or directions, call The Source at (815) 987-0181.

Post Theatre: Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee (Milwaukee): "African Sanctus" and "Dona Nobis Pacem." For ticket information call (414) 671-4566.

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

Friday, May 23

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: Community Concerts: Light Classics, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information call (414) 273-7206.

Saturday, May 24

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

University of WI- Milwaukee: Dennis Janzer (Milwaukee): 2 p.m. Organist Dennis Janzer will be joined with 14 members of the UWM Brass ensemble and percussion, under the direction of John Christian in a benefit concert at the historic Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (IHC). Location: 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Admission: \$5. For more information call (414) 344-4039.

Monday, May 26

University of WI-Milwaukee: "Laurence Nugent and Jim DeWan (Milwaukee): The traditional Irish music of Laurence Nugent and Jim DeWan. Sponsored by the UWM Folk Center. UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information call (414) 229-4308.

Theatre/Dance

Milwaukee Dance Theatre: Closing Concert (Milwaukee): Kick off the Summer with a celebration of dance, including Milwaukee Dance Theatre premiere of David Parson's "Three Courtesies" and a world premiere by Kralj, featuring singer Leslie Fitzwater. For more information call (414) 224-9490.

Thursday, May 15

Bay View High School: "The Wizard Of Oz" (Bay View): 7 p.m. The Bay View Players are donating the proceeds of this show to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Tickets are \$10. Tickets are available up until showtime at Bay View High School, 2751 South Lenox, Bay View. For more information call (414) 744-6267.

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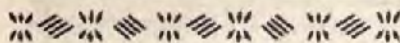


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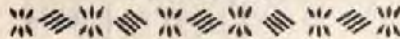
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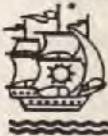
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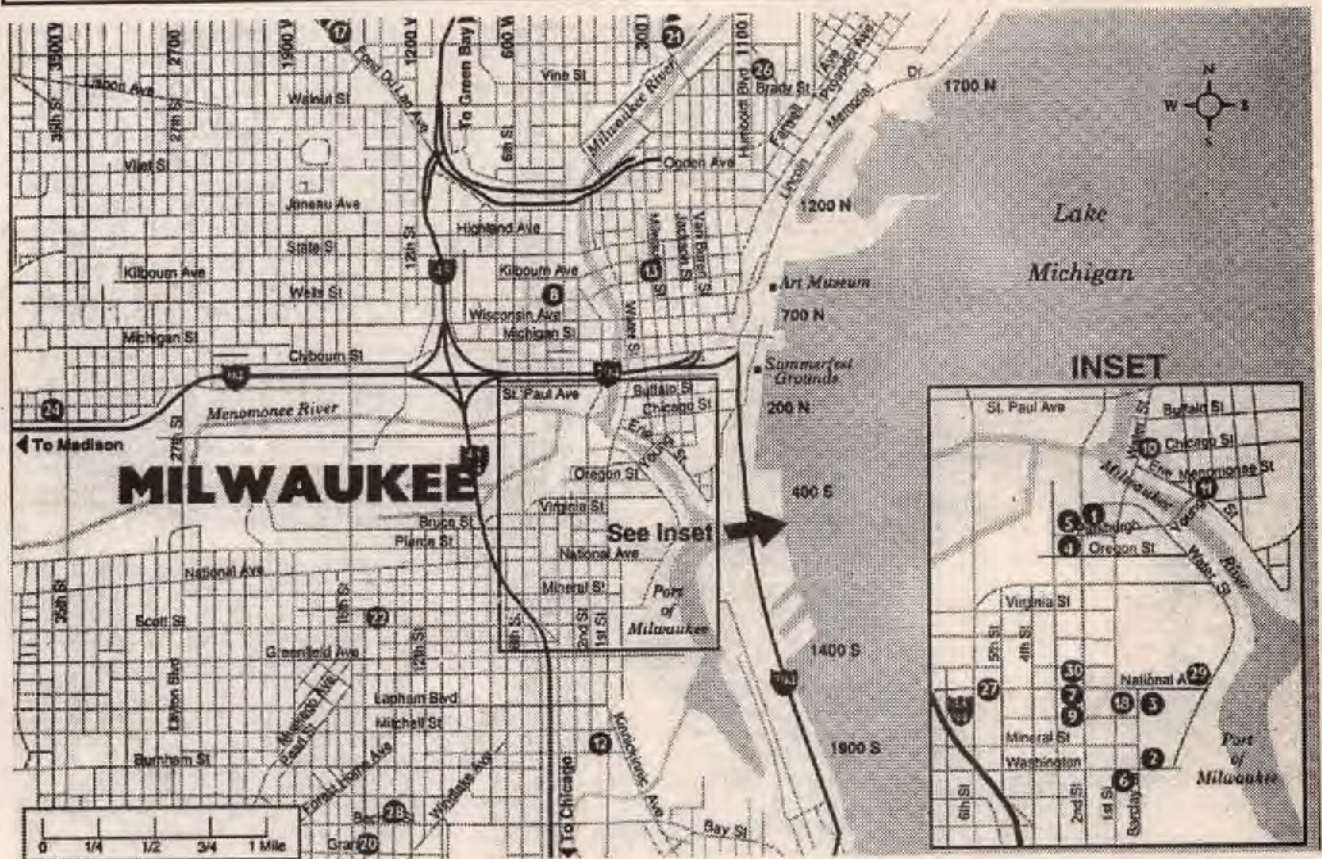
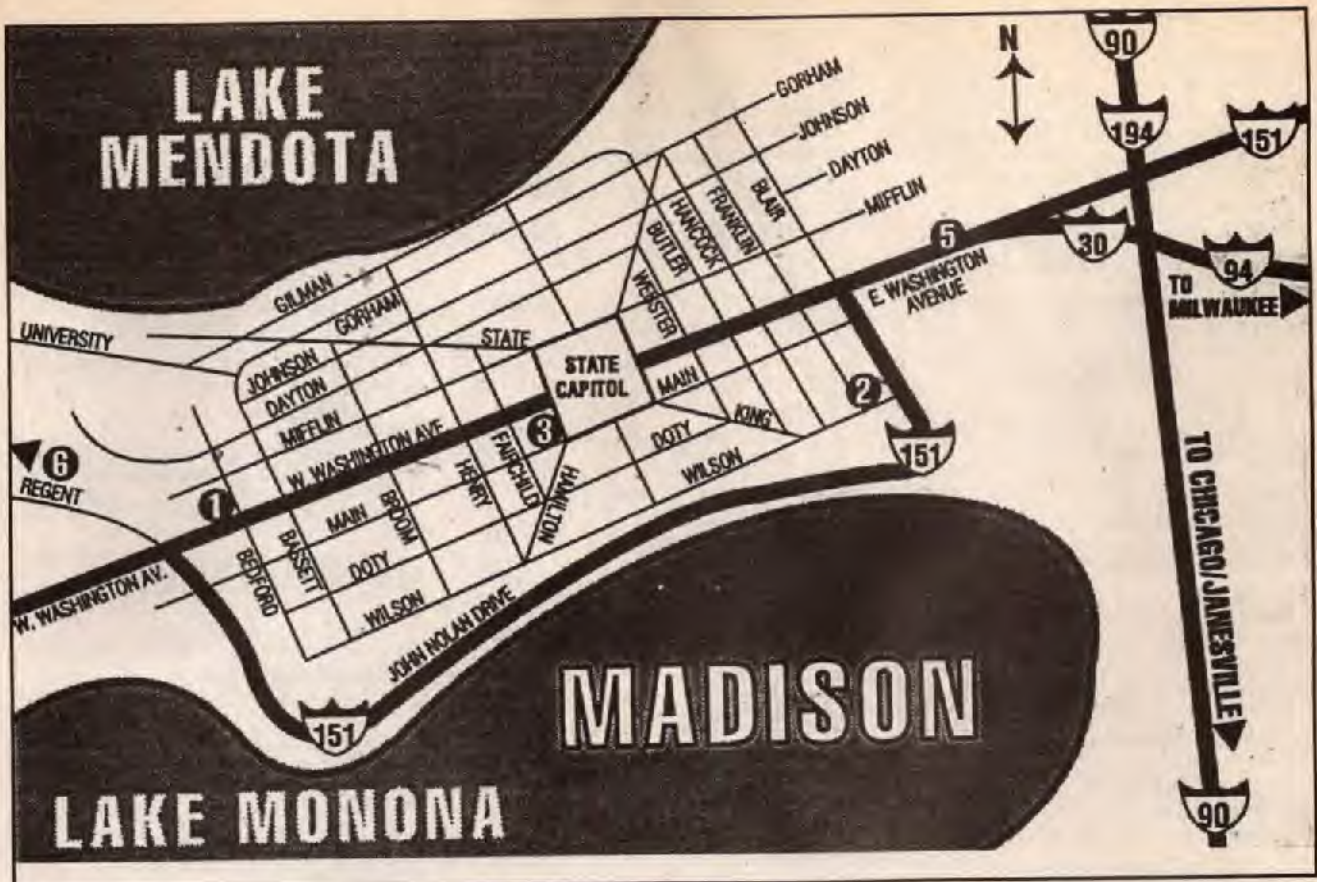
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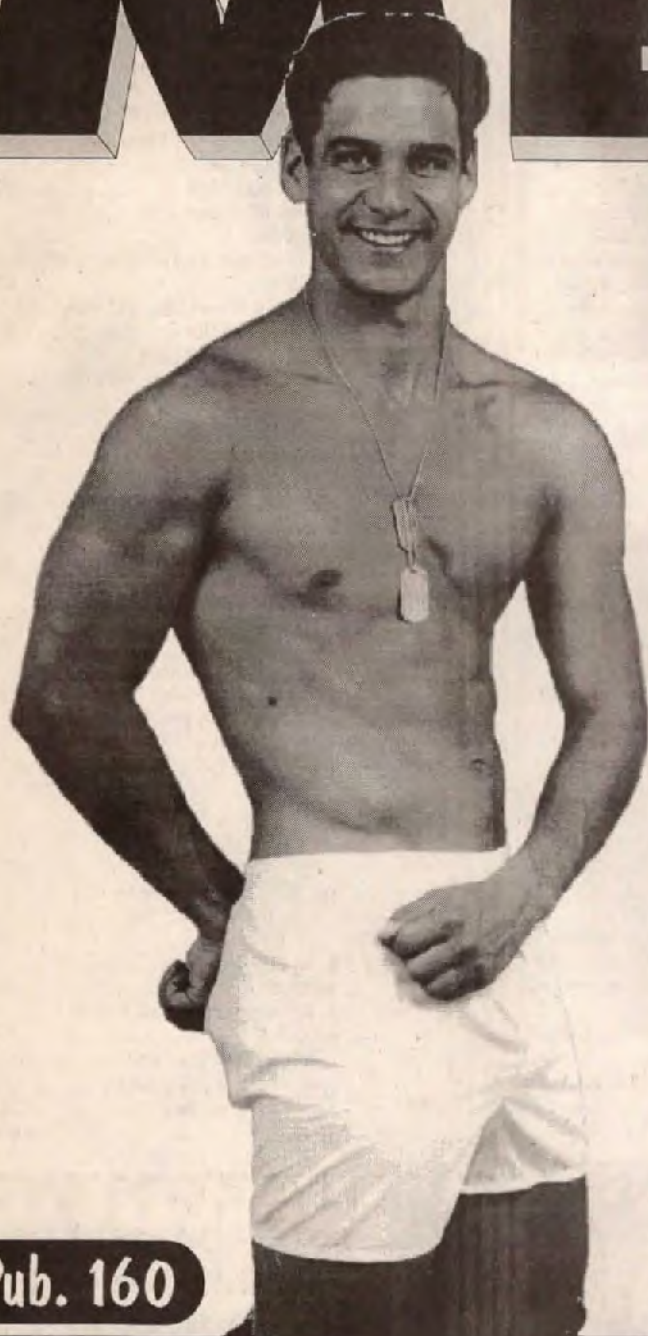


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JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS This very traditional, 29 year old, White male, seeks Gay friends. I love the outdoors and sports, both participating and watching. I'm outgoing but discreet. (Eau Claire) #33245

MORNING APPOINTMENT I like to get it hot and hard on weekday mornings, between 7 and 9 a.m. I'm a sexy, 39 year old, Bi, White male, 180lbs. I'm extremely horny and need it soon. Maybe we can make it a regular thing. The bigger your endowment the better. (Fox Cities) #14525



BAY BI BONDAGE This extremely submissive, Bi, White male, 44, seeks a dominant master. I'll cater to your every whim. I'm turned on by B&D, S&M, spanking, humiliation, verbal abuse, and much more. (Green Bay) #12639

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DICK AND JANESVILLE I want to meet a nice guy, interested in having fun and getting to know each other. I'm a 21 year old, White male, with Blond hair and Hazel eyes. I like tall, slim, muscular men, 20 to 30, who enjoy the outdoors. I hope you're masculine, but unafraid of your feminine side. (Janesville) #33674

DON'T LET THE CHAIR SCARE YA I have Cerebral Palsy and live in a wheelchair. I'm looking for a man between 20 and 50, to spend some quality time, and share hugs, with. I'm a 42 year old, White male, into swimming, and wrestling. (Janesville) #31871

ASIAN INFATUATION This attractive, White male seeks a Gay, Asian male for friendship. (Janesville) #31586

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

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

SEEKING STABILITY I'm looking for a guy in his 40's, or older, who enjoys spending time with a younger man. I'm a 23 year old, White male, in need of mature guidance. (Madison) #33129

TIGER WOODY I'm a nice looking, 58 year old, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, with a medium build. I love to play golf and engage in all other outdoor activities. Right now, I'm more interested in some indoor sports, if you know what I mean. (Madison) #32997

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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, 43 years old, 5'11, 150lbs. (Madison) #29932

EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE

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

SURF THIS TURF

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

TIME ON MY SIDE

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

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

TOP OF THE LINE

I'm a well rounded, intelligent, Bi, White male, 44, 5'10, 250lbs, with dark Brown hair and Green eyes. I'm clean shaven and walk with a limp. I'd like to meet an honest, sensitive, humorous guy with whom to share nature, massage, sports, movies, and more. I have a wide

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This hot, 40 year old, Gay, White male, 6'5, 190lbs, has extensive brown hanky experience. I'd like to meet Gay, White male, buddies or, perhaps, a lover, interested in exploring this world. (Milwaukee) #34133

KINK OUT

I can't get enough wild and kinky sex with hot, mature, men. I'm a 32 year old, White male, 6ft, 185lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. (Milwaukee) #33895

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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

LET'S HAVE A BLAST

This smooth, built, attractive, Gay, White male, bottom, 29, seeks aggressive tops, 25 to 30, in the area, for hot fun. (Milwaukee) #32513

HOW TO SPELL RELIEF

This good looking, hungry, 22 year old, White male, seeks constructions workers, truckers, and military types, who need to be serviced. Let me relieve you. (Milwaukee) #32260

BROWN AND BRED

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

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I'm a Gay, White male, 45, 5'9, 165lbs, with a hairy, muscular build, and a tight butt. I'll greet you at the front door and give you access to my back door. It can't accept wide loads because of it's tight nature. The well endowed should apply elsewhere. I like late morning, and afternoon get togethers. I like foreplay while watching porn. Safe sex only. The sexually frustrated especially welcome. (Milwaukee) #31643

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

Like feet? Let's meet. (Milwaukee) #31763

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

MESSIN' AROUND

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

REAL LIFE, REAL LOVE

This educated professional longs for male companion who is relationship oriented, as I am. I'm a 49 year old, White male, 5'8, 168lbs, with interests in travel, the theater, art, antiques, humor, and conversation. Are you ready to get down to the business of real living? (Milwaukee) #30713

THE RACE IS ON

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

GOING PLACES

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

SCENIC TOUR

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

CHINESE AND BLACK

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

CHUB MANIA

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

THE BODY BARBER

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COUPLE OF LAUGHS

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

MEET ON THE MAT

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

WELCOME ME BACK

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

UNLOCK THE SHACKLES

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

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

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

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

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

DAY OF DISCOVERY

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

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

NIPPLEMANIA

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

THE WRITTEN WORD

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

HOW ABOUT A TEST

DRIVE? I'm in the market for a young, boyish, guy who'd like an older man to take care of him. You should be a submissive bottom, and willing to accept all the love I have to offer. The compensations are tremendous, and, if we're both happy; this could turn into a full time gig. (Milwaukee) #27155

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

LIFT AND LICK I'm looking for the right man to pull me the rest of the way out of the closet. I'm a bottom, and I'm totally turned on by guys in drag. For the right guy, I can be persuaded to dress in drag myself. I want to lift your skirt up and lick your privates. (Milwaukee) #10475

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Are you an S&M slave-master? I'm your boy. I'm a Gay, White male, 41, 5'11, 185lbs, clean shaven, with Brown hair, and Green eyes. I'm in very good shape from years of tennis, cycling, and hiking. I want to talk to you if you are interviewing applicants for slave boy. (Milwaukee) #8615

'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

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MY HEART IS RACINE

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

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

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

CENTRAL WISCONSIN

CURIOS 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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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Dear Ellen,

I'm not normally a gushie, fan in the habit of sending love letters to join a boxcar pile of memos from other starstrucks. But in your case, I'll make an exception.

I know you said you don't wish to be a spokes-dyke for anybody but yourself. Well, um, gee. I'm sorry to have to be the one to tell you this, but guess what? You're it. Or at least one of it. Or maybe just it of the week. It comes with the territory, Girlfriend. Like it or not. Just ask Candace Gingrich. Or Chastity Bono. And, over time, they've come to be pretty good at it. Not that you're going to need to make a living out on the stump making personal appearances on behalf of initial organizations. Though later, you may want to. Sitcoms only having a half-life akin the attention span of a contrary two year old. Or 4300 Nielson families.

And about that word that you're having so much trouble saying without sounding like you swallowed a tennis shoe? It gets easier. After you've said it a few hundred times. "Lesbian." "Lesbian." "Lesbian."

You just have to overcome about 4000 years of bad PR for the word. Unfortunately for us, in the property settlement over language, the guys got the word that means happy, and we got the one that means "Joan Crawford is after your wife." Practice. Practice. Practice.

Sometime in the near future, you will actually find yourself saying it without automatically lowering your voice and scanning the room.

Then one fine day, though you may not even notice it, you will hear the word "Lesbian" coming out of your mouth as though it had its own prideful place in your Webster's New Collegiate.

There's another funny thing that happens to professional lesbians, you'll find out soon enough. Non-gay/lesbian people audition for you. People like, oh, say, Presidents and First Ladies, for example, They already know we're cool. Now they want you to think they are too. I don't know when it happened. Probably about two years earlier than you noticed.

Oh, and one more thing before I get to the gushy part. I know your new girlfriend, Anne, is new at all this. And doesn't seem to have any problem shouting from the rooftops how she feels about you. At least until people know how to pronounce her last name. It's that part about not being a lesbian that gets just a little ticklish. I am trying to think of even one

baby dyke I ever knew, or ever was, who didn't, with her first, say that. You know, "I'm not a lesbian." (but my girlfriend plays one on tv). "I just fell in love with THIS WOMAN." I believe, and you can check me on this, that that IS the textbook definition of a lesbian. It's just an afterthought. And most of us, having worn that particular suit before ourselves, are letting it slide.

The Gush:

Here's the thank you that I hope isn't the same one everyone else is oozing in your direction. Not the one about your bravery. (That was cool.) Or the great writing. (That was amazing.) Or how you gave twenty or forty million lesbians and gay men their first real opportunity to see something true of themselves on tv, and hopefully, not the last. (You'll be blessed forever, even when you're not sneezing for that one.) Those are all great. And true. And important for each of us. And, no, not the part where you are being nominated for knighthood in England, offered your own postage stamp in several third world countries. Or the rumor about canonization through the Metropolitan Community Church.

You see, my dad died before we could ever really talk about what coming out was really like for me. And my mom, well, she's been kind of closed on the subject for years. They knew, of course. But they didn't really KNOW, you know?

Now, after watching the "Puppy Episode" (or maybe it should have been called the "Puppy Love" episode) depict the frustration, anger, hesitance, and the fear, the elation, and the joy the way I know it happens, this Ellen Morgan/De(very)generous fan is thrilled. Despite the hype, or maybe because of it, you, your writers, your cast, crew, network, and sponsors let millions of non-gay people share the experience of what coming out looks and feels like. Reality. Not some comic-book, depraved, sexual fantasy. It was a pivotal moment. Historic. A world-wide, now shared experience.

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Brava!

And, well, there were actually two epoch making events that night. It was also, as a friend of mine pointed out in her e-mail, probably the only time in history anything was so clearly understood that was said over an airport PA.

Sincerely, Yours.



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