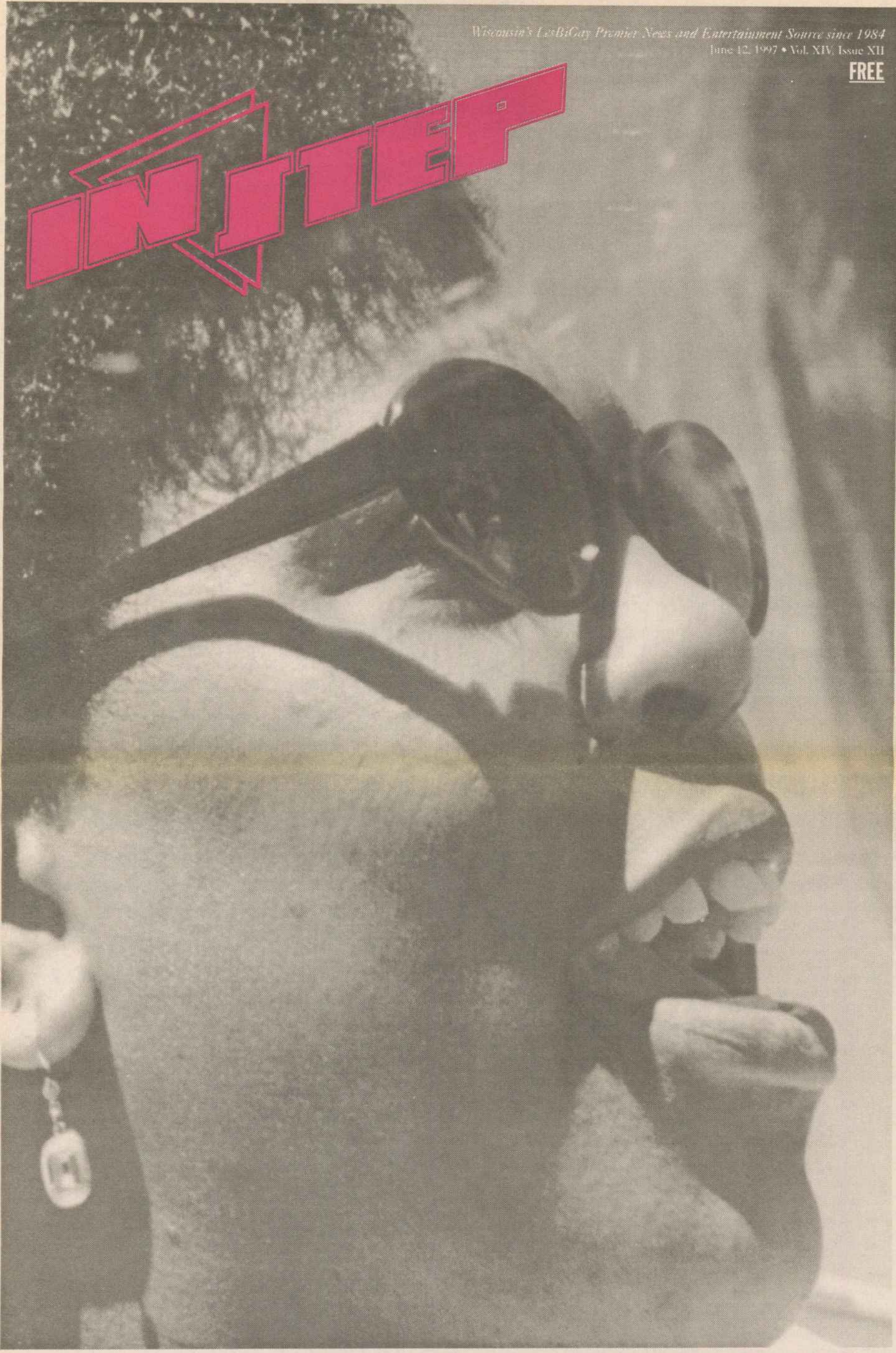


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Publisher's Note

Last issue we unveiled our new look. Frankly, we have been overwhelmed by the positive response from the readers of *In Step*. We pledge to continue to improve and expand *In Step*. We were especially grateful for the positive feedback people gave us while down at PrideFest. Future issues will be sprinkled with improvements, but one thing will never change, and that is our community to Wisconsin's LesBiGay community.

Speaking of PrideFest, you will find dozens of pictures featuring happy faces from this year's festival. We saw many smiles, and nearly everyone we've talked to had a great time. After all fun had here, we can prepare to turn our eyes to Chicago, and then Madison for their Pride Celebrations.

New in this issue is our Opinion Pages. They will serve as the new home of Paul Berge's cartoons (a stellar one in this issue), Ron Geiman's Tribal Talk column, our letters column, plus editorial, op-ed and other opinion

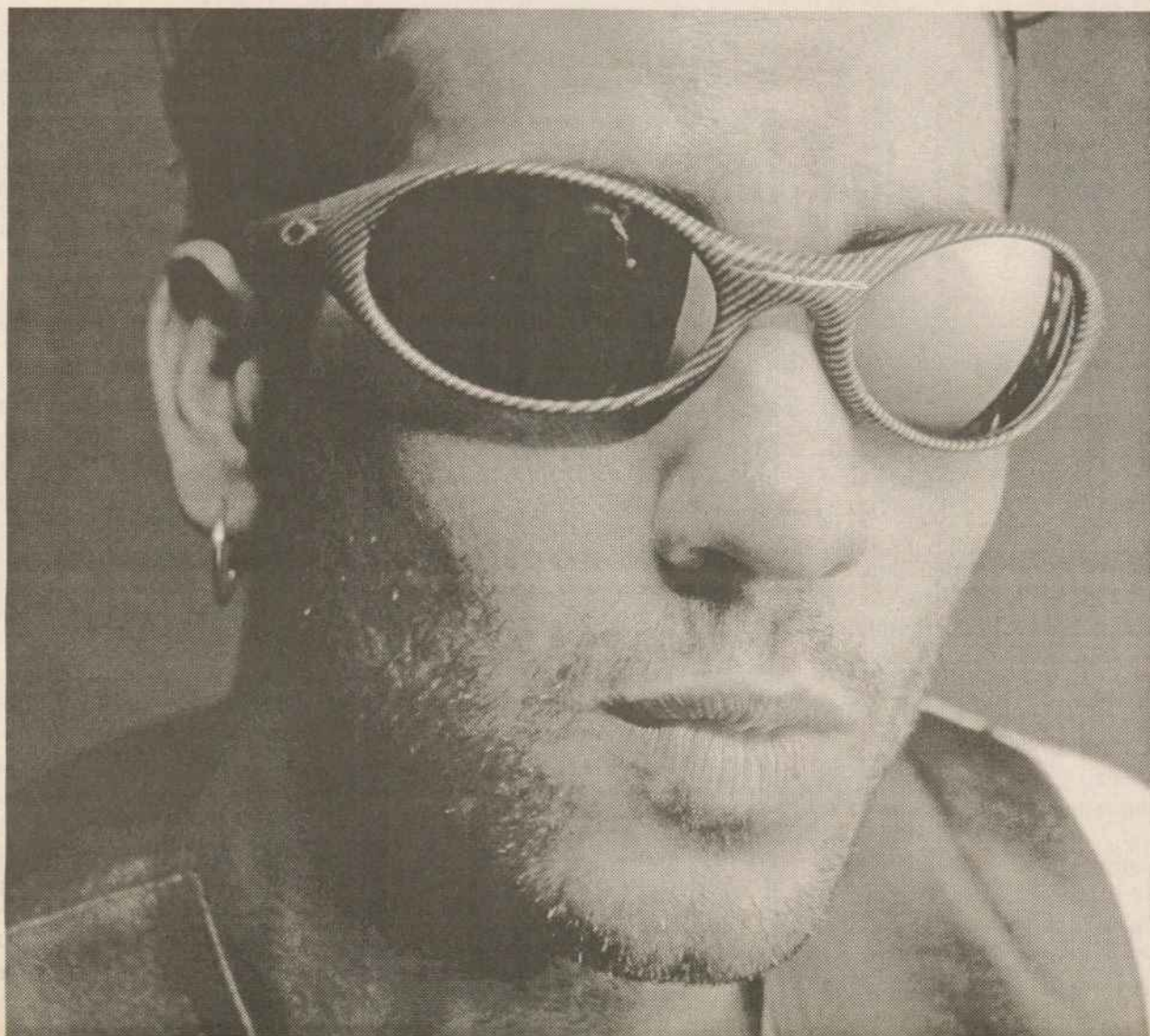
pieces. Our community is full of people with strong opinions, we encourage you to send them to us. We hope it will open the doors for even more constructive dialog in our community.

Inside you will also find Tim Nasson's recent interview cult film director John Waters, whose trash classic "Pink Flamingos" makes a return engagement at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre this month. An acquired taste, (no pun intended) "Pink Flamingos" now sits at the pinnacle to cult trash movies, and is worthy of a viewing for the non-squeamish on this anniversary screening.

A final Pride note: it is amazing how hard people try to tear down and discredit our community; the religious zealots at the PrideFest gates on Saturday afternoon are a good example. Disturbing as their comments may have been for some, our community and leaders have demonstrated great class and courage in dealing with such forces. We have every reason to be proud.

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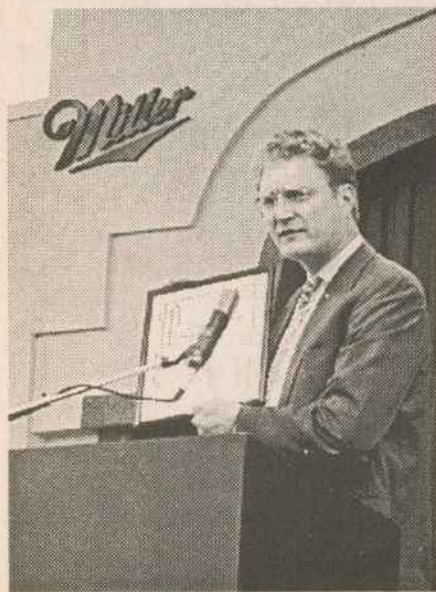
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News

Sunshine and Good Spirits Help PrideFest Break Attendance Mark

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff



—Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist at PrideFest.

Milwaukee — Near picture perfect weather on Sunday and the drawing power of Saturday night headline acts Björn Again and Lea DeLaria helped PrideFest attract nearly 13,000 persons for the annual pride festival held at Milwaukee's Lakefront festival grounds. Unofficial tallies put the attendance mark at 12,644. That mark is considered by PrideFest organizers to be a PrideFest record and is up from last year's total of 9,628.

Opening ceremonies on late Friday afternoon were dampened slightly by cold, fog and a light turn-out. Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, County Executive Tom Ament, Summerfest's Bo Black, State Representative Tammy Baldwin and Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones all took turns at the microphone on the

Alynn Hess Stage for the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the festival. Both Norquist and Ament issued Pride Proclamations and Jones spoke of the meaning of the festival's theme, "Sharing a World of Difference." The ribbon was cut this year by the PrideFest Council.

On Friday night, an estimated 1,500 persons braved the chilly air for The Possum Queen Finals. The event raised an estimated \$25,000.00 for local AIDS groups, which is a \$4,000 increase over last year's total.

Entirely volunteer driven, the Possum Queen Campaign has become one of the largest AIDS fundraisers in the state. "Jackie O. Gasm" from Milwaukee's M&M Club walked away with the title after raising the most money.

Saturday morning and early afternoon saw a steady stream of festival goers with a large crowd on hand for Saturday night's entertainment and the fireworks display sponsored by Miller and presented by Bartollata's Saturday's attendance tally stood at 5,600 persons.

On Sunday, Milwaukee awoke to sunshine and later that day The Wisconsin Pride Parade wound its way through downtown Milwaukee before hundreds of cheering supporters.

Leading off the parade were the Dykes on Bikes sporting a 30 person contingent. The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center had a large group of marchers, and Chicago's ROTC (Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps) were a big hit with their synchronized twirling routines and shouts of "You Twirl Girl!"

Sunday's weather continued to draw persons through-out the day.

A financial statement from PrideFest is not expected until the end of the festival season when World Festivals, Inc. the Summerfest Grounds governing body releases its final billing for the season.

Statements on Gay Hiring Put Neumann on Defensive

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — Gay advocates and conservative Christians alike are criticizing a congressman for saying he would not hire someone to his office staff who openly declared he was gay.

Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., expressed frustration at having to spend reacting to the critics.

"The fact we are talking about the issue ... would indicate we are off-track and off-subject," Neumann told the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*.

"We are going to refocus our attention where it belongs on solving the problems facing the country ... and this doesn't happen to be one of them."

Asked for comment on the criticism, he replied: "I don't have anything more to say about it," insisting his views have been consistent on homosexuals, and then hung up, the newspaper said.

The *Journal-Sentinel* had reported on June 3 that Neumann, in response to a

question, told members of the Christian Coalition at a meeting in La Crosse on the previous day that he would not hire someone if that person declared he was gay and asked for a job in his office.

"If somebody walks in to me and says, 'I'm a gay person, I want a job in your office,' I would say that's inappropriate, and they wouldn't be hired because that would mean they are promoting their agenda," Neumann said at the time.

"The gay and lesbian lifestyle (is) unacceptable, lest there be any question about that," he said.

But he also acknowledged there are limits to the role of government in personal lives, stating he did not think it would be appropriate for an elected official "to dictate what happens in that private home."

Neumann, from Janesville, has been exploring whether to challenge U.S. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., in next year's election.

Among reaction:

Openly gay Wisconsin legislator, Tammy Baldwin told *In Step* that Neumann's statements put further emphasis on the need for basic civil rights protection. Adding, "It underscores that bigotry is [unfortunately] alive and well even among our political leaders. We have to replace those leaders who say aloud, that they will discriminate."

The conservative-fundamentalists Wisconsin Christians United criticized Neumann for signing a pledge in April not to discriminate against homosexuals. The pledge was sought by the Log Cabin Republicans, a GOP gay advocacy group.

Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans, said Neumann seemed to be "trying to play to both sides, and people don't like that." Equating a person's homosexuality with a political agenda reveals ignorance about gay and lesbian issues, Tafel said.

Jim McFarland, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans told *In Step*, "We are very concerned because he did sign a letter indicated he would not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. We really don't know what he meant [in LaCrosse]. If he means that he would not hire someone based on sexual orientation we would be very upset and probably would not be able to support him."

U.S. Rep. Thomas Barrett, D-Wis., said Neumann's comments placed him at odds with state and federal laws. Congressman Neumann did not return *In Step's* calls.

State to Increase AIDS Funding

Madison — On June 4, 1997, the Joint Finance Committee of the State Legislature approved motion #7039 to increase funding for the Life Care Services/Early Intervention grant by \$247,200 in each year of the upcoming biennium — this move is seen by many as a significant victory for the AIDS community.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has been very involved in the fight for the Life Care Services/Early Intervention grant which provides cost-effective community-based care for people with HIV disease and AIDS by reducing AIDS-related costs and therefore helping them maintain better health.

"Once again, members of the State Legislature have discarded partisan politics to create a good public health policy on AIDS. This vote extends the Thompson/Clarenbach AIDS funding commitment of the late '80s," said Mike Gifford, director of public policy for ARCW. "ARCW worked hard for months to increase this important funding which will benefit people with AIDS and service providers in every part of the state."

It provides nearly 94 percent of people with HIV and AIDS who access programs through the grant the ability to receive health care services, case management and coordinated access to housing, transportation, food and other services they need to sustain the highest level of independence while reducing state medical assistance costs.

In 1996, 682 people with HIV and AIDS accessed the medical assistance program and the 1997 caseload is already more than 1,600. Typically, these individuals have the lowest income and are in the poorest health. Community-based AIDS care and support services for these people funded through the Life Care Services/Early Intervention grant prevented hundreds of acute care, long-term care and medical assistance admissions proving to be the most cost-effective option for people with HIV and AIDS by saving thousands per individual.

Superior's Main Club Reopens at New Site

Superior, (AP) — Six months after the cherished Main Club burned to the ground, Bob Jansen is getting back into the entertainment business.

The flamboyant bar owner who created one of the Twin Ports' most colorful watering holes is painting the walls pink and putting cowboy gear on the ceilings at the former Popeye's Bar in Superior.

The opening will end a long road back for Jansen and the Main Club. When the Main Club opened in Superior in 1983, it was the first local bar to openly cater to the gay and lesbian community.

For 13 years, the bar was an eclectic, playful place where many Northland gays and lesbians found community and support.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 27, the bar was destroyed by a fire that killed two men who were staying in an apartment upstairs. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Jansen spent months recovering from the loss and trying to find money to clean up the site after the fire. But slowly, he began thinking about opening a new bar.

"So many people were supportive and wanted to open the bar again," Jansen said, "Something was needed in the community."

Friends and supporters, many of whom found refuge in the old Main Club, rallied around Jansen and helped raise the money to open the new place.

"Bob Jansen's particular philosophy of operating the bar as a base for social and political action and for consciousness-raising has been missed," said Larry Knopp, a long-time friend. "It will be good to have it back."

Friends like Knopp helped repaint walls, put in pink lamps behind the bar and decorate with Jansen's trademark sense of kitsch.

Ken and Barbie dolls now stare down from above the bar. Mannequins in swimsuits pose near the door. Pink plastic flamingos haven't found their place yet, and Jansen is waiting for new pink felt to recover the pool tables.

"It's part of our culture," said Jansen of the decor. "But the bar is really no different from any other place except that it's a place where gays and lesbians can feel comfortable."

Milwaukee Presbyterians Formally Dissent on Gay Ban

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Presbytery has become the first in the country to officially break ranks with the national church over its recent prohibition against gays and lesbians serving as church officials.

Earlier in May, more than 40 individual Presbyterian congregations around the country had signed a "Covenant of Dissent" in defiance of the nation church's anti-gay restriction.

But the Milwaukee Presbytery, which represents 51 congregations with some 15,000 members, is the first such local group within the national Presbyterian Church to officially disassociate itself from the anti-gay ban.

The so-called "Fidelity and Chastity Amendment," which was approved by a majority of the church's 172 regional presbyteries earlier this year, requires that pastors and other church leaders must live "either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness." It is slated to be officially adopted in June when the 3.6 million member denomination's General Assembly convenes in Syracuse, N.Y.

Church officials say the dissent resulting from the anti-gay ban is almost without precedent since the Presbyterian Church split over the slavery issue in 1861

and reunited again only in 1983.

No one is sure what the action by the Milwaukee Presbytery actually means, though. National church officials have warned of possible legal action in church courts if the newly approved bylaw isn't observed. But others in the church say there's nothing to stop such dissent.

Clinton Calls for "All-Out Attack" on Hate Crimes

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, D.C. — It's time, says President Clinton, to do more to stop hate crimes in America - including attacks aimed at gays and lesbians.

As part of a campaign he announced after his re-election last year to fight racism and other prejudice-based divisions that plague the country, Clinton said during his radio broadcast Saturday, June 7, that he'll be convening a White House conference on hate crimes this November.

"As part of our preparation for the new century," Clinton said, "it is time for us to mount an all-out assault on hate crimes, to punish them swiftly and severely, and to do more to prevent them from happening in the first place. We must begin with a deeper understanding of the problem itself."

Clinton called the country's "rich diversity is a powerful strength, if we respect it," adding, "We are clearly stronger as a nation when we use the full talents of all of our people, regardless of race or religious faith, national origin or sexual orientation, gender or disability."

The President also announced that he's ordered the Justice Department to review the country's laws against such crimes and has asked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to recommend possible legislation to help curb hate-based crimes in the nation.

But Clinton said that although the "federal government can make a difference" in battling bias in America, "the fight against hatred and intolerance must be waged not just through our laws, but in our hearts as well."

The President said children aren't born with such hatreds and prejudices, but that they must be learned.

"And intolerance does not generally begin with criminal acts," Clinton said. "Instead, it begins with quiet acts of indignity: the bigoted remark, the African American who is followed around the grocery store by a suspicious clerk, the gay or lesbian who is denied a job, the Hispanic or Asian who is targeted because of unfair stereotypes."

The President also cited a recent attack in the nation's capital in which three men forced a gay man at gunpoint to a hidden area under a bridge where they viciously assaulted him because of his sexual orientation.

Clinton's use of the presidential "bully pulpit" to address racism, prejudice anti-gay attacks and other bias-based problems drew almost universal praise from activists.

Elizabeth Birch, head of the Human Rights Campaign, said, "We applaud President Clinton for speaking out against the rising tide of hate-motivated violence in this country. President Clinton has the ability to set a national tone that hate-violence will not be tolerated, including violence directed at lesbian, gay and bisexual people."

Community-based anti-violence groups around the country have been reporting sharp increases in the number of attacks against gays and lesbians, as well as a growing viciousness involved. The FBI's own statistics indicate anti-gay attacks in the U.S. have increased from 8.9 percent in 1991, when the crime agency began collecting data, to 12.8 percent in 1995, the most recent year the federal government has complete statistics on hate crimes.

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Cunanan Update: Suspected Killer Still Evading Police

Boston, MA — The national manhunt for suspected spree-killer Andrew Cunanan is focusing on the Boston area with reported sightings as the city prepared to celebrate Gay Pride events during the June 7-8 weekend.

Meanwhile, investigators looked for— then dismissed — a possible link between Cunanan, a 27-year-old San Diego gay man - and the murder in New York City of Jonathan Levin, son of Time-Warner CEO Gerald Levin. The FBI said, however, there was no evidence of any connection.

Cunanan is wanted for the death of Chicago realtor Lee Miglin, and wanted in connection with the killings of two men in Minnesota and another in New Jersey.

In related developments, the television program "America's Most Wanted" said it will feature a third airing of its feature of Cunanan in an effort to generate more leads in tracking him down.

High School Yearbook 'Prank' Outs Two Students

Minneapolis, MN — According to WCCO-TV, officials at Tartan High School in suburban Oakdale, recalled some 1,600 copies of the school's yearbook after discovering that a student-written section identified two students at the school as gay.

Tartan officials said that the use of some crude language outing the two students was apparently "a joke that went bad" and caused the recall of the yearbooks on the eve of the school's graduation ceremonies.

New Test Can Identify Drug-Resistant HIV Strains

London — International Murex Technologies Corp. of Canada and the Belgian biotechnology firm Innogenetics NV have announced that a new test they've developed - the LiPA HIV-1 Reverse Transcriptase test - gives clinics and doctors the first rapid test for resistance to certain drugs used to fight HIV. The firms said the new test is important because many strains of HIV can become resistant to drugs quickly and that the resistant strains can be passed on, leading to wasted time and expense in trying to treat patients with the resistant strains.

University Fires Zimbabwe Ex-President

Harare, Zimbabwe — Without explanation, the University of Zimbabwe has announced it has fired Canaan Banana, the country's former president, from his part-time teaching position at the school. Banana, 61, is a Methodist minister and taught religious studies and philosophy at the university after serving as the first president of Zimbabwe.

But earlier this year, charges arose from a criminal case not connected with Banana directly, that he had sexually abused a former military bodyguard who served as an aide at the presidential palace. Since that initial charge, several other people - including former students and soccer players - have come forward with similar accusations against Banana. Most of the accusations date to nearly a decade ago.

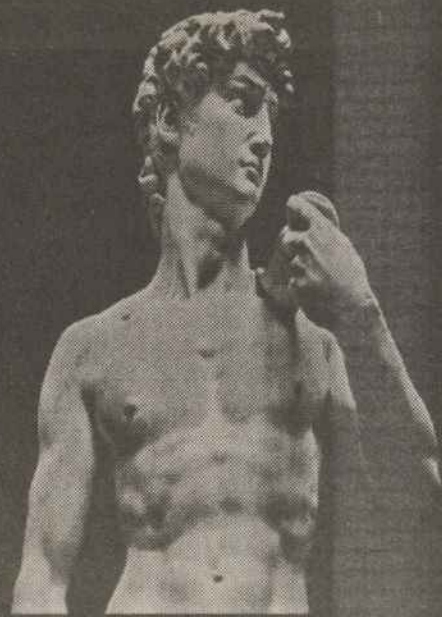
Police have been investigating the complaints against Banana since they first emerged, but so far have not filed any criminal charges.

Screen Actors Guild to Give HIV+ Members Free Protease Inhibitor Drugs

Los Angeles, CA — According to a report in the Los Angeles Daily News, the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) has started giving a new class of anti-AIDS drugs, known as protease inhibitors, to union members without health insurance free of charge.

SAG said it is offering the free drugs only to people who have been members of the guild for five years or more, who provide a documented diagnosis of infection from their physician, and have a current prescription for the pricey new drugs which can cost up to \$15,000 a year. For many infected people the drugs have been able to reduce their viral infection levels to a virtually undetectable status.

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University of Wisconsin Fees Case Faces First Amendment Challenge

Chicago (AP) — When three Christian law students sued the University of Wisconsin last year, charging that forcing them to pay for gay-rights groups and a campus women's center violated their 1st Amendment rights, few at the generally liberal campus believed the case could upend its entire system of funding student groups.

But after a federal judge in Madison last fall ruled that the system was unconstitutional, the university was left scrambling to re-evaluate how such groups are financed.

Now, if an appeal to be argued before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago fails, public universities in the Midwest also could be forced to rethink their funding of student activities.

The issue has erupted on college campuses over the years — including a similar case that went to the California Supreme Court — but this is the first time the federal appeals courts have examined a challenge to the entire system of funding student groups on 1st Amendment grounds, experts said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled before on the fees, saying in 1995 that the University of Virginia could not deny a religious group money if other groups on campus received it, but it has not ruled directly on whether the fees violate 1st Amendment rights.

Some think that if the appeals court in Chicago rules against the University of Wisconsin in this case, it could lead to the death of controversial or unpopular groups on college campuses, and eventually hurt the schools' ability to foster a diverse environment. The groups often are the lifeblood of campus activities and organize multicultural events.

"This is a challenge to something that is very central to universities," said

Susan Ullman, the assistant attorney general from Wisconsin who will argue the university's case. "It threatens the wide range of speech and activities that are available at universities."

Jordan Lorence, a Virginia attorney representing the students, said the university must find ways of promoting diversity that do not trample on individual rights.

Private universities would be unaffected by the ruling, but public universities in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, which are under the court's jurisdiction, as well as other public colleges around the country are watching the case.

As it stands, in addition to tuition, most schools charge students a few hundred dollars each year in mandatory fees to cover the costs of such services as student health programs, student unions and campus recreational centers.

The fees also go to special-interest groups such as chess clubs, black student unions, Asian-American associations and food science clubs.

In the case of gay and lesbian organizations and women's centers, the funds help groups provide services such as counseling and support groups.

Together, the groups contribute to a public forum on campus that promotes free speech, proponents say, and the students are paying for the existence of the forum — not specific groups.

But student groups also are where many students begin political or social advocacy — an aspect that irked the three students who sued the UW in 1996 in *Southworth vs. Grebe*.

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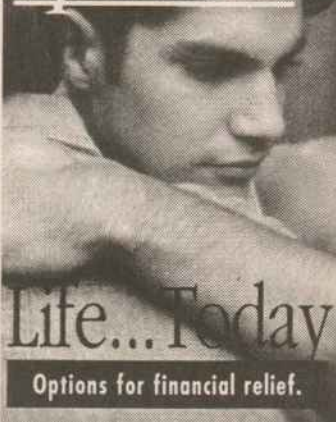
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Pallotta Loses 2nd AIDS Ride

Miami, FL (AP) — Implying that they've been taken for an AIDS ride, Florida agencies will wheel-in behind Philadelphia groups withdrawing from the long-distance bicycle fundraisers promoted by Pallotta Teamworks.

Concerns that overhead costs are taking too many donated dollars away from people with AIDS have led Florida to follow Philadelphia in dropping the services of AIDS Ride promoter Dan Pallotta, currently doing business as Los Angeles-based Pallotta Teamworks. Pallotta had been organizing seven annual regional long-distance bike-a-thons for AIDS around the U.S., but some beneficiary organizations have discovered they realized far less than his stated average of 57% of donated funds. Similar events by the national Multiple Sclerosis Society, staged without an outside promoter, are said to typically return 75% of donated funds.

In 1996, five Florida non-profit AIDS agencies say they ended up with only 18% of the \$1,520,000 funds donated for the Orlando-to-Miami ride. Six agencies gave Pallotta a second chance with a ride held last month, expecting about twice as large a percentage of the take — but as a final tally is being worked out, they've discovered they'll probably end up with very close to the same percentage as before, and not more than 25%. The AIDS organizations say they can no longer justify the expenses to the donors or themselves, and will try to stage a similar event themselves in 1998.

Previously, Philadelphia organizations had pulled out of the Pallotta-organized Philadelphia-to-Washington, DC ride. In 1996, although the Washington groups, with a larger number of riders, realized 53% of their gross (still below the cited Pallotta average), the Philadelphia agencies say they ended up with less than 17% of the

\$1,660,000 raised by their own riders. A Pallotta Teamworks spokesperson said the final figures for Philadelphia were actually closer to 28%. An investigation by the state of Pennsylvania ended with Pallotta Teamworks paying a \$110,000 settlement — without any admission of wrong-doing — for fund-raising violations the company described as technical and unintentional.

Pallotta's San Francisco-to-Los Angeles, California ride wrapped up on June 7. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation says that in 1996 it realized 61% of the \$4,100,000 it took in for the ride. The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center grossed a similar amount.

Activists Call for United Boycott

San Francisco, CA — Local gay political leaders are calling United Airlines on the carpet for the company's refusal to extend benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees after it got a city contract by agreeing to study how to add the benefits package.

Members of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club have picketed outside the airlines' office in downtown San Francisco and have called for a national boycott of the Chicago-based carrier.

Earlier this year San Francisco passed an ordinance that requires all companies doing business with the city to offer the same employee benefits to domestic partners of workers that it offers to the spouses of married employees. United Airlines, which was negotiating for a facilities lease at the city's airport, agreed to study how it could add the benefits and the city went ahead with a provisional lease for United.

But then the carrier apparently changed its mind and backed a lawsuit by the Air Transport

Association to fight the city law.

That, members of the Milk Club, is "hypocritical" of United and shows "bad faith" in getting the initial lease agreement with the city.

Oprah Says, "I'm Not Gay"

New York, NY (AP) — Denying rumors apparently sparked by her appearance on "Ellen," Oprah Winfrey has issued a statement saying she is not a lesbian.

"I am not in the closet. I am not coming out of the closet. I am not gay," Winfrey said, according to a



—Oprah Winfrey. Photo: Rex Wockner

statement quoted by the *New York Post*. Winfrey has a longtime boyfriend, Steadman Graham.

Winfrey said that the rumors have been circulating since she appeared on the episode of "Ellen" in which the main character announced she was a lesbian. The show's star, Ellen DeGeneres, made the same announcement not long before the show aired.

Winfrey played a therapist on the ABC sitcom, saying she did so to support DeGeneres "in her desire to free herself — and I thought it was a really good script."

Also fanning the rumors was a report by gossip columnist Liz Smith that an unidentified television star may be coming out of the closet.

"I am sorry Oprah got what she considered grief because of this," the *Post* quoted Smith as saying.

Estonia Begins Free Needle Distribution to Fight AIDS

Tallinn, Estonia — In an effort to reduce the spread of HIV and other diseases, health officials in the Baltic nation of Estonia's capital city will begin distributing free single-use syringes to IV drug users.

Health officials say there are some 3,000 IV drug users in Tallinn, the capital and largest city with some 450,000 people. The free one-time-use needles will be distributed twice a week in areas of the capital where IV drug users frequently hang out.

Study to Examine Gay Male Couple HIV Infection Risks

San Francisco, CA — Researchers with the University of California at San Francisco have begun an unusual study to help understand how gay couples deal with one of the partners being infected with HIV.

The ongoing study, being done by UCSF's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), is trying to get insights into HIV transmission risks in gay couples.

"Seldom do prevention campaigns address gay men as part of a couple," said Tom Slama, who is coordinating the study.

The researchers hope to assess the risk level faced when one partner is infected with HIV and the other partner is uninfected. Ultimately, the study hopes to determine if HIV prevention campaigns need to be developed specifically aimed at such couples.

Report: New AIDS Drugs Hold Little Promise for Inmates

New York, NY — According to a report in the *New York Times*, inmates with AIDS in the country's prisons face extremely difficult problems.

Although new protease inhibitors have shown dramatic results for many AIDS patients by reducing the virus level to virtually undetectable levels, the costs of the drugs can run to as much as \$13,000 per patient each year. Most prison budgets, the *Times* reports, are unable to afford such pricey medicines.

The financial problems posed by the expensive new drugs inside the nation's prisons is intensified by the extremely high infection rates among the prison population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the 1994 infection rate for the general U.S. population was 0.9 cases per 1,000 people. But among prisoners in this country, the CDC says the infection rates is at least 5.2 cases per 1,000 — and probably higher than that.

Researcher Links Sheep Homosexuality To Brain

Helena, MT — A Montana Sheep researcher says about 10 percent of rams are homosexuals, and her research has established a link between the same-sex preference and brain structures regulating some hormones.

"In sheep, we clearly have homosexuality that's determined by brain structure," said Anne Perkins, who studied sexual behavior in sheep at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho, for the last decade.

She estimated as many as 10 percent of rams won't mate with ewes. They have been found to have hormone levels similar to female sheep. She hopes to soon be able to develop a blood or genetic test to discover the hormonal variation. That could save sheep ranchers from losing money on expensive rams that turn out to be duds. Perkins cautioned against drawing conclusions about human homosexuality from her research. While humans and sheep share some reproductive similarities, compounding factors in human behavior — morality, love, intellectual attraction — limit the applicability of her research to people.

Names Project Hit by Economic Woes

San Francisco, CA — In another sign of hard financial times for AIDS-related organizations, the Names Project says it's cutting between 13 and 16 jobs from its staff.

The agency, which cares for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, says recent good news about drugs that are helping keep people with AIDS alive has severely hurt its abilities to raise funds.

The organization said attendance at displays of the quilt around the country have dropped off by more than half in the past year, revenues have plummeted, and that the agency has been forced to reduce its current fiscal budget from \$5.2 million to \$4.7 million.

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NEWS

Baldwin's Congressional Bid Moves Forward

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff



—Tammy Baldwin

Milwaukee — Openly gay Wisconsin state Rep. Tammy Baldwin's (D) expected run for the congressional seat being vacated by Scott Klug continues to gain momentum as evidenced by the number of "Run, Tammy Run" buttons sported by PrideFest attendees.

According to Baldwin, a formal announcement on her candidacy should be made within the next couple of months.

"The reception has been exciting and tremendous. I have been overwhelmed with the range and diversity of support," Baldwin told *In Step*.

"I was stopped on the street last week by a gentleman who said 'I'm sixty-eight years old. I am a Republican, I have voted Republican all my life, and I want to work on your congressional campaign.'"

A number of candidates are lining up to fill Klug's 2nd Congressional seat. Klug, a Republican, won the seat in 1990 by defeating Robert Kastenmeier, a Democrat. Baldwin, who represents District 78 (Dane County, which includes Madison) in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Baldwin, who is expected to face a tough challenge in the Democratic primary, enthusiastically stated, "I think we are going to have a campaign with momentum, history and excitement and we're going to take it all the way."

High Court to Rule on Same-Sex Harassment

Washington, D.C. (AP) — The Supreme Court said this week it would decide whether a federal civil rights law covers sexual harassment in the workplace by supervisors or other employees of the same sex.

The high court acted after the Justice Department recommended that it rule that the law protects all employees from sex discrimination, regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

The Supreme Court has never ruled whether the 1964 law, which prohibits racial and sexual discrimination and covers workplace harassment involving employees of the opposite sex, also applies to same-sex harassment cases.

The Justice Department position reflected the views of a federal government agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, that the victim of the harassment and the harasser can be of the same sex. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case and will issue a decision during its 1997-98 term that begins in October.

The case involved Joseph Oncale, a Louisiana oil rig worker employed in 1991 by Sundowner Offshore Services Inc. He alleged he was sexually assaulted, battered, touched and threatened with rape by his direct supervisor.

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Gay Doll Finds Friends and Foes

Miami Beach, FL (AP) — Billy is blond with sky blue eyes. His ripped abs and muscular body are eye-catching. He's got smooth skin, kissable lips, a killer smile, and he's anatomically correct, to say the least.

Move over Ken, there's a new man on the block. But he's not going after Barbie. At 13 inches tall and made of a plastic, he's the first out and proud gay doll.

"He's pretty hot," said Jim Hornick, owner of The Pride Factory in Fort Lauderdale. "It's what everybody dreams of having. It's everyone's little dream guy."

From Key West to New York to San Francisco to Milwaukee, Billy is becoming a best seller. He's catching on in Europe and Japan, where he is just beginning to be marketed by New York-based Totem International.

Since being introduced last March, Billy has been a fast seller. At \$49.95 each, more than 25,000 have been sold since they hit store shelves.

"I just thought the whole thing was funny, that they made a gay doll with a (penis)," said Mason Arrigo, a make-up artist who lives in heavily gay-populated South Beach and bought the doll.

Billy had a "coming out" party at a hip gay club on South Beach last month. Hundreds turned out to see buff strippers who started out dressed like Billy. The monthly party heads next to Fire Island, N.Y., and Provincetown, Mass.

For Billy's creators, there's more to the venture than the money, hype and fun. They say they have a message.

"We realized this was quite a positive way to get sort of gay visibility and talk about things like human rights," said creator Jim McKitterick. "Like people in Des Moines who don't ever read about gay issues ... They can see this gay doll and talk about it."

Next month, Totem plans to launch a web site where Billy will, for the first time, have a voice and speak on a wide range of political issues.

"People always laugh and think it's a bit funny, but Billy can be a political tool," McKitterick said. "He can say a lot of things that people can't."

Gay rights advocates are skeptical.

"What? And Barbie is a spokeswoman for feminism?" Kim Mills, a spokeswoman for the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign, said sarcastically.

"There's certainly a measure of absurdity to the idea that a doll can be a spokesperson for anything," she said. "We wish Billy luck. If he can get the message across that way, more power to his plastic self."

There are four Billy varieties on store shelves now, with plans for two limited edition Billys and a doll clothing line.

San Francisco Billy, clad in black cut-off shorts, a white T-shirt and a plaid hooded vest is a popular one. There's also Cowboy Billy, dressed in a red and white shirt unbuttoned to his waist with a matching handkerchief around his neck, blue jeans and a cowboy hat.

Master Billy, the first to sell out on South Beach, wears a black leather vest, a leather harness, no shirt, tight black leather pants and a biker's hat.

Sailor Billy wears a white sailor's hat, a blue striped shirt with an anchor on it and white button-down bell bottoms. Leather Billy and Wall Street Billy are on the way.

The doll was born in 1994 at an AIDS benefit in London. Then a limited edition of just 1,200 dolls, Billy sold for \$275 each. Two years later, the company decided it wanted to mass produce Billy and headed to New York to launch the project. And there are plans for more.

Two more members of the "alternative family of dolls" will hit stores in August. All McKitterick will say about the dolls is that one will be male and the other will be female.

'Lost' Play by Tennessee Williams to be Staged

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

London — Actress Vanessa Redgrave has announced that she will be premiering an early — and up until now unknown and unperformed — play by playwright Tennessee Williams.

The play, "Not About Nightingales," will be staged at Britain's National Theatre, Redgrave said, instead of his native U.S. because of concerns the depiction of homosexuality in the drama would turn American audiences off.

Trevor Nunn, the newly appointed director of the National Theatre in London and who is perhaps best known to U.S. audiences for his 1996 gender-bending film version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" with Helena Bonham Carter and Ben Kingsley, said the 1939 play is among Williams' first plays — and may actually be his very first.

According to Nunn and Redgrave, the two-act play was based on a news account of jail rioting in Philadelphia and focuses mainly on "issue-led" themes of justice for the oppressed rather than the kinds of personal and emotionally intense dramas such as "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" for which Williams is best known.

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Group Notes

Central Wisconsin Support Network Forming

Stevens Point — The Central Wisconsin Area is in need of a group of some sort to be a focal point for people living in this area that face rural isolation, etc. as a result of their sexual orientation.

There is a cluster of 4 people that are organizing a group of like-minded people in order to offer companionship, social support and possibly establish a political presence in the Central Wisconsin Area. The function of this group will be determined by those who participate.

Organizers hope to draw from the surrounding counties of Portage, Wood, Marathon, Waupaca, Waupaca, Waushara and Adams, and expect to be able to form coalitions with existing groups. With Stevens Point at the center, the organizing groups believe they can offer some local alternatives to those long drives to Madison, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Green Bay.

For more information please write or call John O'Keefe, 3930 O'Keefe Court, Stevens Point, WI 5481-9180, voice (715) 592-5091 or (715) 592-6128.

Emerald City Opens as Lake County's First Gay Night Club

Lake County, IL — Lake county's first nightclub for lesbians, gays and their friends opened its doors on Saturday, May 31. Emerald City Night Club boasts well over 5,000 sq. feet of entertainment.

"It's like an adult playground for gay men and women," says owner Paul Brown. And rightfully so, Emerald City has 750 sq. feet dancing floor; complete with mirrors, smoke, lights and 4,000 watts of sound. DJ Bange will be spinning every night at 10 p.m. They also have 2 pool tables, 2 dart machines, a \$10,000 racing simulator, and the 1997 3-D golf video game. This in addition to inexpensive drinks, low cover and plenty of free parking will make Emerald City a surefire alternative to the hustle and bustle of boys town.

Located in the heart of Lake County, IL, Emerald City NightClub is only 15 minutes from Six Flags Great America and is midway between Milwaukee and Chicago, "I consider this a great advantage to the bar," says General Manager Gilbert Arroyo, "because you'll have a real nice, diverse crowd that you just won't get anywhere else." And Emerald City NightClub wants to make it real clear that this is no "weekend only" bar. "Because of the live DJ every night and our ever changing themes like college night, rock night, 80's cheesy dance night, I want people to know that we party as hard here on Monday and Tuesday as we will on Friday and Saturday. We realize that not everyone parties on the weekend," adds Gilbert. For more information call the Emerald City Hotline at (847) 838-1888.

SEWAP Plans Seventh Annual AIDS Benefit Cruise

Lake Geneva — The annual fund-raising twilight cocktail cruise of Geneva Lake will again set sail from the Riviera Docks in downtown Lake Geneva, this year on Saturday, June 21. The announcement was made by the Cruise Steering Committee of the Southeastern Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), the agency serving Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties that sponsors the annual event.

Again this year, the seventh year SEWAP has presented the fund-raiser, the cruise will be aboard the elegant paddle wheel excursion boat Lady of the Lake, a replica of the historic excursion boats that sailed Geneva Lake a century ago.

The annual fund-raising cruise has been a highly successful event for SEWAP, last year grossing over \$20,000 in funds to be used to support AIDS care and prevention services in Southeast Wisconsin. The three-hour excursion, which is priced at \$45 per person, is highlighted by entertainment, an array of hors d'oeuvres, an on-board auction, and ample time to view the stately and historic mansion that surround the picturesque lake.

Again this year the event will be preceded by a raffle with the winning raffle tickets being drawn during the cruise.

Prizes that include airline tickets to anywhere within the continental U.S.A. and a complete above-ground swimming pool are being offered in a raffle sponsored by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP).


These and other generous prizes have been offered by businesses throughout southeastern Wisconsin for the raffle which is held in conjunction with SEWAP's seventh annual fund raising twilight cocktail cruise of Geneva Lake.

The Grand Prize is a pair of round trip tickets provided by American Airlines to anywhere they fly within the continental United States, and the First Prize is a 21-foot Delaire above-ground swimming pool provided by Water Warehouse of Kenosha. The pool, complete with pool kit is valued at \$1,600. The third prize is a carved jadite pendant set in 14K gold, courtesy of China West Gems in Lake Geneva. Jadite is the choicest cut of the jade, and the carved pendant is valued at \$600.


Other prizes include a two night package from the Abbey in Fontana valued at \$450 and a night for two in the honeymoon suite of the Park East Hotel in Milwaukee.

Drawing for the raffle will be on June 21 during the annual SEWAP fund-raising Geneva Lake cruise: raffle ticket holders do not have to be present to win. The cruise is aboard the elegant paddle wheel excursion boat "Lady of the Lake," a replica of the historic excursion boats that sailed Geneva Lake a century ago.

Funds from the raffle and cruise support AIDS care and prevention services in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties. Raffle tickets are \$3 each, five for \$10 or ten for \$15. Cruise tickets are \$45 per person. Information on where to purchase both cruise and raffle tickets may be obtained from SEWAP by calling 1-800-924-6601 or 1-414-657-6644.



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Positive Voice Schedules Annual Picnic for June 21

Green Bay — Positive Voice, NE Wisconsin's Les/Bi/Gay support, education, social, and outreach organization is hosting their annual summer picnic at Wilder Park, (Green Bay east side), on Saturday June 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A family event, PV will provide the entree, non-alcoholic beverages and "the fixings." Members and their guests are asked to bring a dish to pass. Games, croquet and a raffle are on tap as part of the entertainment for kids and adults alike.

Wilder Park is located off Edgewood Drive behind the East Town Mall. For those unfamiliar with the park, take Hwy 43 North or South to E. Mason Street exit, proceed south to Edgewood and turn left (east) to the park.

For more information about the picnic call POSITIVE Voice at (414) 499-5533 or leave a message.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Awarded \$3,000 From Bank One

Milwaukee — AIDS Walk Wisconsin has been awarded a \$3,000 contribution from the Bank One Wisconsin Foundation. Bank One's Foundation has made a contribution to AIDS Walk Wisconsin each year since the Walk began in 1990.

"We are focusing our contributions on organizations that are effectively achieving their goals and making a difference in our community," said Kelly Skindzelewski, Foundation board member and Bank One communications director. "AIDS Walk Wisconsin is a valuable asset to our community."

The funds contributed by Bank One will be invested in AIDS care, prevention and research statewide through the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

Bank One receives many more requests for support than it can fill. "We are grateful that Bank One has chosen to support AIDS Walk Wisconsin for so many years," said Lisa Wolter, deputy director of community relations at ARCW. "I believe Bank One's gift is a vote of confidence in the important efforts needed to defeat this epidemic while allowing them to invest in an issue of concern to the bank and its employees."

Community Center Schedules Tenant Reception

Milwaukee — A Tenant Reception for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs room at the M&M Club. Any group, business or member of the community interested in renting space is invited to hear about site location, rental prices and space requirements. Preliminary floor plans and full-color renderings of two possible sites will be available for inspection. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and the center's Facility Committee will be available for comments and questions.

'42nd Street' MAP Benefit Slated

Milwaukee — In town June 10-15 is "42nd Street," winner of the Tony award for best musical. This high-stepping musical comedy ran for a remarkable 3,486 performances on Broadway with hit songs like "You're Getting to be a Habit With Me," "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "About a Quarter to Nine," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and more.

While in Milwaukee, the cast of "42nd Street" is presenting a benefit cabaret performance for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) on Thursday, June 12, at 11:30 p.m. after their performance at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Come see this talented cast come out of their usual roles for some fun and frolic.

If you have seen past touring company performances such as "Hello Dolly," "One Night in Heaven" or "The Phantom of the Opera's Phantom Voices," you know how fun and entertaining this night will be.

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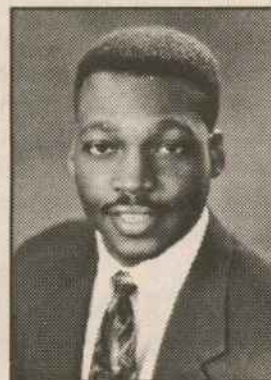
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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

Just got home from the final day at PrideFest, and I'm pooped! This old thing just can't take it anymore! I managed to make it to the festival all three days and I'm more impressed each and every year. Congratulations to the PrideFest committee for a job well done. After a rather icky start Friday night and a gray, cool afternoon on Saturday, the sun finally warmed things up Saturday evening and all day Sunday. It was rather cool the whole time, but hey, at least it didn't get rained out!

We (my 'family') weren't sure if PrideFest would have any food stands open (poor advance publicity) on Friday, so we went elsewhere to eat before we went down to the grounds. Didn't stick around for the Possum Queen finals, and I was unable to

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find out the total raised (I did hear it was \$3,000 more than last year) and which candidate won the *much coveted* crown in time for my deadline.

Saturday the crowd and the weather got warmer as the headline entertainment drew a huge, near capacity crowd to the Alan Hess (aka Miller) Stage. First up was the outrageously Out Dyke comic Lea DeLaria. That woman was *anything, but* politically correct, and *most* of the crowd loved it. I think she may have stepped on more than a few toes, if you catch my drift... She cut down everyone with equal rancor! She really pumped up the crowd for Björn Again the ABBA tribute band that brought down the house with a high energy, get-up-on-the-picnic table-and dance, hour long set.

I watched part of Björn's act from the Miller VIP second floor lounge and it was awesome to see what had to be a PrideFest record-setting crowd from that vantage point. We really owe Miller, and Tom Reed, for their continuing support of both PrideFest and MAP/ARCW. The fireworks display that wrapped up the Saturday line up was awesome.

Speaking of ARCW, I bumped into Doug Nelson while topside. As we looked out over the crowd below, Doug commented, and I agreed, how it overwhelming it was that this was happening in our town. I challenge any other city to do such an excellent job. I loved seeing all the rainbow flags downtown, and all over the Summerfest grounds and to have such a huge turnout was impressive as hell. Milwaukee knows how to throw a party!

After the fireworks, so much of a crowd left that we created a traffic snarl on Harbor Drive and Chicago streets. Of course, it didn't help that the V100 Jam for Peace crowd from the Amphitheater was leaving at the same time.

I won't even go there when it comes to the dozen or so fundies, like Ralph Ovadahl and the rest of his cronies like perennial protester Robert Braun. Did you see how ugly they were? Must be bad genes! They all looked like white trailer trash. I don't know why they waste their time and energy... don't they realize we don't lis-

ten to them?

Missed the parade on Sunday, but I heard the largest marching contingent was LGBT youth. I was amazed and impressed the whole weekend that there were so many teens in attendance. *Obviously* our recruiting efforts are paying off with results! (Just kidding!) The youth outreach was thanks to the LGBT Community Center efforts... all the more impressive when you consider that the center isn't even open yet! PrideFest was also the kick-off of the membership drive for the Community Center, and the committee even had architectural renderings of two proposed buildings. One site is on ML King Drive, just north of the Schlitz complex, and the other on 1100 block of South 5th Street.

Unfortunately, I thought the Sunday afternoon main stage schedule left much to be desired. There was far too much "dead" time, right at the peak of the afternoon and the side stages weren't big enough to hold the crowd... George, La Cage, out-did himself doubling the size of the Dance Tent, but I think it was *so* big, it intimidated people... Over the three days, I managed to hit every food stand and considering that they were all volunteer staff, everything was tasty... The marketplace buildings were all crowded, so I'm sure all the vendors did pretty well, but I'm getting a little over all the rainbow gay-wear and gifts... Did you see the two decorated sailboats that cruised the Summerfest lagoon right before the fireworks? Both Minneapolis and Chicago have their Pride festivities the last weekend of June, so if you didn't get enough here at ours, a weekend trip might be in order.

Dynamic Duo that's what *The Advocate* calls the new power duo of William Waybourn and David Mixner. Both of these men have been in Milwaukee for fundraisers in the past, so those of you that have heard them speak, know they are two powerhouse Gay activists. In the past, Waybourn was instrumental in setting up The Victory Fund (which raises funds for "out" and LGBT supportive politicians) and more recently for GLADD. Mixner is a corporate consultant (and former Friend of Bill) and author. Their new public relations and marketing business, Window Corporation, will market our community to big, national corporations. (We're the new Hot market, you know!)

Madison in Top Twenty — The June 24 issue of *The Advocate* also names Madison as one of it's 20 most livable places in America, under the Surprise category, along with Minneapolis, New Orleans, Austin, Tucson, Columbus, Detroit, Baltimore, Denver, and St. Louis. *Once again, Milwaukee is neglected.*

Log Cabin Gay Republicans — are in a snit because of Rep. Mark Neumann's (R-Wis) double talk on hiring Gays. The guy is *not* our kind of people, and Log Cabin was foolish to trust him on Gay issues. I've always viewed him as a stealth candidate for the religious right and his true colors finally showed when he kowtowed to the religious right. Warning: This guy will probably run for the U.S. Senate against our friend, Russ Feingold.

I'd like to thank all of you who I bumped into at PrideFest for your encouraging words about my return to this column. I was a little put off when I heard some people complained (but not to my face) that I was too self-centered for discussing my health in the last issue. But hey, it sure saved me from having to tell the same story over and over again this past weekend. I've always been very open about things, and if some of you don't like it, there are plenty of other things to read in this issue.

I do want to apologize for some blatant typos last time. I wrote it by hand, and obviously the typesetter couldn't read my scrawlings to well. I know that the viral load is measured by a PCR test, not a PRC test.

Just realized that '97 marks my 25th anniversary living in Milwaukee. I'm sure glad the U.S. Army decided to send me here for the last year and a half of my tour of duty. I can't imagine how different my life would have been otherwise.

Putting Ellen in Perspective

Visibility: A Precondition to Liberation

by Arlene Zambeka

The "Ellen" naysayers are right in certain respects. The coming out episodes on "Ellen" may have just been just a last-ditch effort to boost "Ellen" (and ABC) in the ratings game. Ellen DeGeneres' own public coming out may well have been carefully orchestrated to promote "Ellen" (the show). As Robert Bray argues in a recent "Viewpoint" column in the *Washington Blade*, visibility is not tantamount to progressive social liberation.

But we have come a long way, if coming out as a Lesbian *boosts* a show's ratings, rather than sounding the show's death knell.

If media hype is what caused almost 23 million households to watch Ellen's coming out April 30, so be it. Almost a fourth of all households with televisions in the country watched a woman deal with being a Lesbian — not as a terrible secret that leads to suicide, but as a normal variation of human existence.

The entertainment industry has used the Gay-Man-With-AIDS theme as its most common way of dealing with a coming out story. Ellen Morgan isn't a

Gay-Man-With-AIDS. She is not dying, she is not even ill. She is, moreover, not even a Gay Man, but a Lesbian, which is not the same as being a Gay Man,



any more than being a woman is the same as being a man. Given the relative invisibility of Lesbians compared to Gay Men, on TV as well as in the society at large, having a Lesbian lead character is nothing to sneeze at.

Ellen Morgan, moreover, is not ashamed that she is a Lesbian, nor does she want to be straight. Think of those girls and women who watched the show who may have inklings that they are Lesbians, and who now may have permission to explore their feelings. (This is exactly why the religious right is so upset by the "Ellen" episodes — they portray being a Lesbian as normal, and convey the message that a woman can be a Lesbian and not be unhappy.) Think of those who know that they are Lesbians, but who live their lives in fear, never thinking of employing humor as a weapon against homophobia.

Think of the conversations generated within the millions of households who watched the episode, and around thousands of workplace coffee pots. Not all of the comments will be positive, of course, but just getting people to talk about an openly-Lesbian character, and to think about what it takes for a Lesbian to come

out, is a Big Step.

The underlying message in the last three "Ellen" episodes has been that the problem is with those who have difficulty with Lesbians. Ellen DeGeneres used humor to help millions of Americans get used to us.

While visibility certainly is not tantamount to liberation, it is a necessary precondition. It's hard to be liberated living in a closet. The more Lesbians who are vis-

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ible, either as characters or as real people, the easier it is for others to be visible, giving yet others permission to come to terms with who they are.

A critical element of my own coming out process in 1976 was seeing the play, "The Children's Hour." At the time, I did not know any Lesbians (or, rather, didn't know that I did). "The Children's Hour" is hardly a play that celebrates Lesbian liberation. But, setting aside the suicide at the end, Martha's attraction to her engaged roommate hit me like a thunderbolt. "So," I thought, "That was why I was so upset four years ago that my roommate was engaged to be married!"

A second critical element was watching a TV documentary that same year about Lesbians and Gay Men. Although I had already started to think I might be Gay, I imagined that Lesbians were obsessed with sex and couldn't maintain committed relationships. If that's what being a Lesbian meant, I wasn't exactly interested. I remember little about the documentary, except the scene of two women who were walking into their kitchen carrying their groceries. I remember thinking, "Oh, my God, they're normal!" I finally had a visual image that matched my own desire —

to share my life with another woman.

It all fit. Yes, I was like Martha, in love with a roommate engaged to be married to a man. Yes, I was like those women carrying groceries into their kitchen. Yes, I was Gay. (I couldn't yet say the word "Lesbian").

Lesbian media and cultural figures are important even when they don't say exactly what we want them to say. Because the personal is, indeed, political, their public coming out is a political act. Robert Bray attacks Ellen DeGeneres for failing to say "something transformative" in her *Time* interview. What "transformative" message does Robert Bray expect an Ellen DeGeneres, or a kd Lang, or a Melissa Ethridge to give in their interviews? It's enough that these entertainers came out.

Those who attack Ellen DeGeneres for her short-comings expect too much. They seem to want celebrities to be perfect role models and leaders. How does the "perfect" Lesbian look, dress, walk, and talk? Who, moreover, gets to define the "perfect" Lesbian? Who gets to define the "perfect" things to say in media interviews?

Because of Ellen DeGeneres, we can chalk up one more victory in the culture war. DeGeneres and her show "Ellen", despite their shortcomings, help this culture to see Lesbians as likeable and as a regular part of society, and encourage Lesbians to be proud and more visible. If this is not "transformative," I don't know what is. Maybe if there had been more Ellens when I was growing up, it wouldn't have taken me until I was 28 years old to realize I am a Lesbian.

Letters

Dear Editor—

What an interesting way to kick off Gay Pride Month, Congressman Mark Neumann doesn't want to hire gays to work in his office.

A Congressman or any employer should hire based on applicants' qualifications, not based on their sexual orientation. If Rep. Neumann was uncomfortable with hiring a female, a Latino or a person with a disability, U.S. law prohibits him from acting on those prejudices. Unfortunately, the law does not prevent him from discriminating against lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

The passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), S93/HR1863 would extend federal protection to include sexual orientation and prohibit employers from using sexual orientation as the basis for firing or decision about hiring, promotion or compensation.

What Congressman Neumann has vowed to do is strip a basic right of fairness and respect for millions of people in this country. If he was hiring staff for state offices he could be stopped, but we can't stop him and other elected officials on a national level from discriminating against gay people.

On behalf of 9 to 5, I urge all people who care about equality and diversity in the workplace, to let their elected officials know they support ENDA, and to use the power of the vote to say we will no longer tolerate this form of hatred and prejudice.

Let us remind Congressman Neumann, this isn't an issue of "lifestyles," it is an issue of our lives and livelihoods.

*Carmen Alicia Murguia,
Public Affairs Specialist, 9 to 5,
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EDITORIAL

PrideFest in August?

The awesome power of the sun to attract festival goers was very evident at this year's PrideFest. Despite an early stretch of typical Milwaukee spring weather (strangely reminiscent of last year's "rainfest") crowds streamed-in with clearing skies later on Saturday, and with the sun on Sunday people simply poured through the gates.

The simple lesson here is easy to overlook, no matter how well you plan, the success of any outdoor festival is largely dependent on weather, and the weather on Milwaukee's Lakefront in early June is, to say the least, capricious.

In addition to the weather, the PrideFest Council faces another major challenge next year. In 1998, Harley Davidson's "HarleyFest" will occupy Summerfest grounds on the dates that would be normally be PrideFest '98. Booked years in advance, this conflict leaves PrideFest with few workable dates at the Summerfest grounds.

PrideFest's choices are limited. After a great success this year, a move to another location next year, would send a discouraging signal to the community that the festival has taken a step backward. Holding PrideFest even earlier in June or late May would mean even heavier gambles with Mother Nature.

The wake of available June dates, and the predictably unpredictable lakefront weather in late spring, brings PrideFest to an August alternative. There are two open weekends in August which, contingent on working out lease arrangements with World Festivals, Inc., could be used for PrideFest '98. A move to August is exceptionally plausible, and one PrideFest is, and should be seriously considering.

Pride celebrations are traditionally held in June to mark the dates of the Stonewall riots. However, there is no official rule book or international Pride regulation which says a particular community's celebration of Pride must be in June. Celebrations of Pride through-out the world now take place during the entire summer.

After years of internal squabbling and public relations nightmares, PrideFest has clearly shown its ability to design and execute a superior festival. With proper planning, marketing and vision, an August PrideFest could truly be the premiere Pride Celebration in the Midwest with the potential for incredible expansion and drawing power.

A permanent move to August would be a bold stroke, and a clear sign of a commitment to growth and maturity for PrideFest and our community.

—William Attwell

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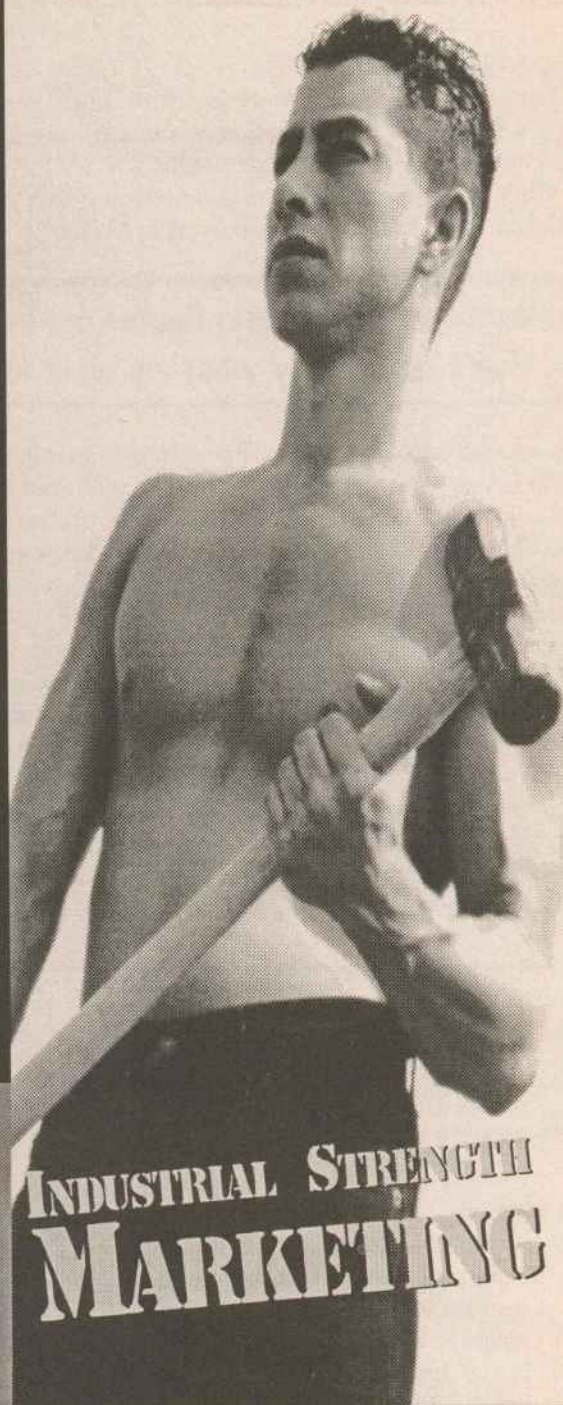
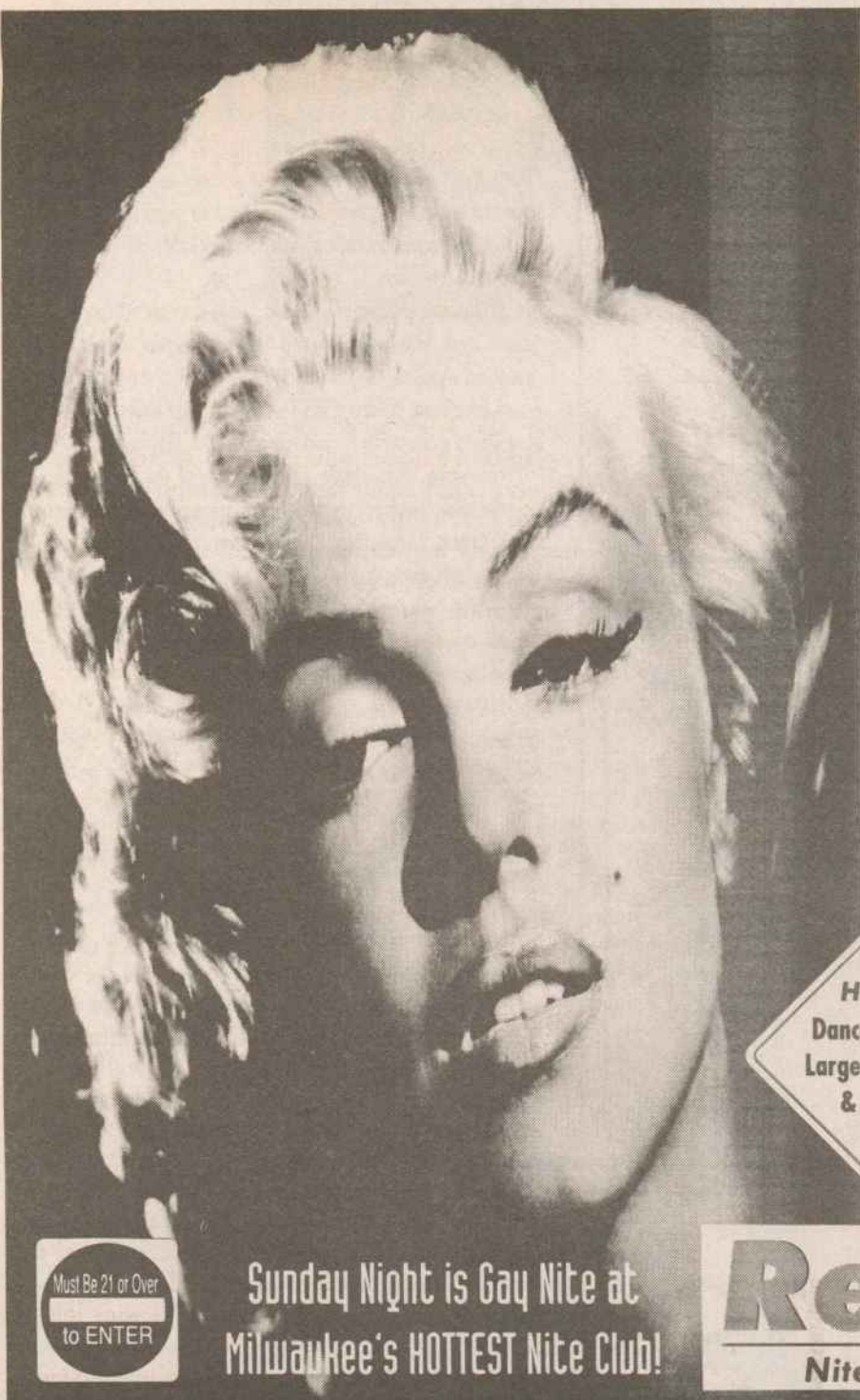


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There was never a question in my mind, even as a pre-teen, that what I wanted to do once I 'grew up,' would pertain to movies. I didn't exactly know 'what' it was that I wanted to do in the movie business, but I knew it was the field I would end up in.

My love for movies was so great that I subscribed to the *New York Times* at thirteen years of age, just because they had a better movie section and I wanted to be the first in my neighborhood and circle of friends, to know about what movies were on their way to Boston, since a lot of films are released in New York City long before they make their way to other cities.

Fifty-year-old, gay director, John Waters, the decrepit mind behind such cult classics as 'Pink Flamingos' and

'Polyester,' also knew where his career was headed and at twelve years of age started subscribing to *Variety* magazine.

His most talked about film, 'Pink Flamingos,' was originally released twenty-five years ago, while I and many others who frequent the movies today were still in the womb or mere dreams or nightmares of our parents.

Thanks to the resurgence of the 're-release,' Waters' most adored film 'Pink Flamingos' is back for all who loved it when it was originally released and for those who never had the pleasure of being entertained or disgusted by it.

"Hopefully the rerelease of 'Pink Flamingos' puts a stake through the heart of this new genre," says Waters, "Maybe it should play a double bill with [the just rereleased] 'The Garden of Finzi-Continis,'" he continues, with a wicked laugh.

Of course "Finzi-Continis" seems the least appropriate film to couple with "Pink Flamingos," seeing that it is a film about WWII and the Holocaust.

"The rerelease of 'Pink Flamingos' was planned way before the 'Star Wars' phenomenon. It was planned over a year ago when the biggest rerelease of the year was 'Belle Du Jour,' he adds trying to sound as if he or the film's distributor, Fine Line, are not jumping on the bandwagon.

As a child, Waters was quite the clever entrepreneur. "From the age of six, when my parents took me to the 'Howdy Doody' show, I always knew I wanted to be in show business. At twelve [years of age] I was doing three puppet shows a week, earning \$20 per show. A lot of money for a kid that young. After a couple of years though, I wanted to be cool and was too embarrassed to continue doing the shows."

Waters was well on his way however, to "clawing [his] way to the bottom."

"I never took myself seriously, but began making movies,

Fresh Waters

in between doing LSD and other such drugs," he says.

For those who are familiar with his films, stars such as drag queen extraordinaire, Divine, and Edith Massey, his regulars and favorites, create a special, if offensive, magic not familiar to any other film directed by him or anyone else.

"That was another reason I wanted to clean up and bring 'Pink Flamingos' back," he adds, "Both Divine and Massey are gone and this was the only way I could work with them again."

What he has done in addition to restoring the print that has been in his attic for years, is add thirteen minutes of footage that includes scenes where Edie, (Massey) tells sex stories to her eggs (you have to see it to believe it) and a semi-nude scene between Divine and Cotton (Mary Vivian Pearce).

Waters found his most revered actor, Divine, in his own Baltimore neighborhood. "Divine was an only child and not like anything you could ever imagine. He never went out of the house until he was seventeen, because of his self consciousness. I knew that he was the perfect person however, to play certain roles that I had in mind and I was right."

"Pink Flamingos," is considered and pegged one of the most disgusting films ever made and was compared to 'an exploded septic tank' by one critic when it was released originally. The rerelease version was slapped with the dreaded NC-17 rating. A rating less than a dozen film have earned that have been released in theaters since its inception seven years ago.

What could possibly be in a twenty-five year old film that cost pennies to make, you may ask? For starters, how about a scene where Divine eats dog shit?

The scene is probably the one most questioned in motion picture history as to its authenticity. Does Divine really pick up a piece of steaming dog shit and actually eat it?

"Did you see a cut in the frame while watching the film?" asks Waters, "It was the cheapest in both senses of the word, special effect in motion picture history.



—Divine as Babs Johnson in "Pink Flamingos." Photo: Lawrence Irvine.

Forget about 'Twister' and 'Independence Day. Will people still be talking about their special effects in twenty-five years?," he continues, laughing.

More to the point, 'Pink Flamingos' is the story of two families competing for the title, 'The Filthiest People Alive.' Divine, current holder of the title, lives in a pink/gray trailer with her mental mother Edie, delinquent son Crackers (Danny Mills), and traveling companion Cotton.

Across town live Connie and Raymond Marble (Mink Stole and David Lochary), proprietors of an illegal adoption ring. They kidnap young girls, impregnate them and sell them to lesbian couples.

The competition begins and the 'filth' never lets up.

The film is so disgusting that Divine forbade her parents to see it when originally released, and since she has passed away, Waters is going to make sure they do not see the new and improved version.

"Would you want your parents to see you dressed in drag, blowing someone and eating dog shit?" he asks

when questioned as to why Divine's parents have never seen the film.

Waters still keeps his main residence in Baltimore. The main setting for all of his films from 'Pink Flamingos' to 'Hairspray,' the 1988 film starring a then fat Rikki Lake.

"I am glad that 'Pink Flamingos' is resurfacing after all these years for a number of reasons. Mainly though, I think crazy people need nostalgia too — like 'that was the first time I got beat up by a date for bringing them to this film' or 'that was the first movie I blew someone at'. Also though, it is a great opportunity for young people to see the film as it was intended; amidst a large group, on a big screen," he says.

"I never thought I would survive twenty-five years in this industry, let alone the film 'Pink Flamingos' itself," he adds.

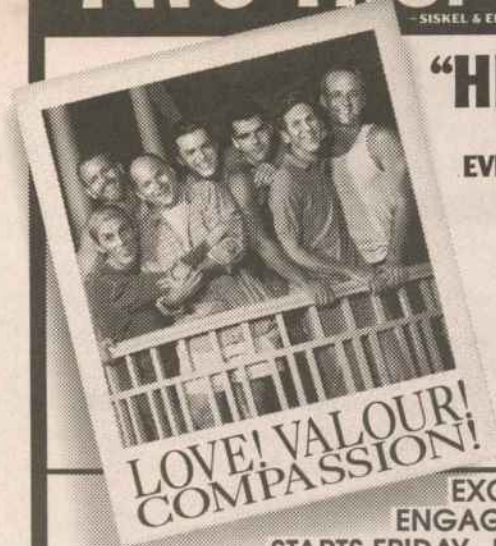
Next on Waters' agenda is a film called 'Pecker.' "I really don't have much to say about it. It is still in the planning stages. I have a lot of people in mind for the film. People I think would be perfect for it, yet they don't even know I am interested in them yet so I can't really mention names."

Will 'Pecker' most resemble 'Pink Flamingos' or the more tame 'Hairspray?' Who knows? For now however, all can wallow in the disgusting filth of Divine and friends in a most satisfying trip to the cinema. One word of advice though. Don't buy too much popcorn, because you won't be eating much of it once the film starts.

The re-release of John Waters' "Pink Flamingos" opens June 20 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

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Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con

by Andrew Sullivan
Random House/Vantage Paperbacks, ISBN: 0-679-77637-0 (\$14.00)

Review by Ed Grover

Two histories interact on these pages: the history and meaning of marriage and the history and meaning of homosexuality. "In *Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con* these questions are explored by clergy and jurists, historians and anthropologists, poets, conservative politicians, queer theorists and many others ... Andrew Sullivan gathers two thousand years of argument on same-sex partnerships into an anthology of historic inclusiveness and evenhandedness."

In the chapter on same-sex marriage in history, we hear from Plato and get remarks on both sides regarding Jon Boswell's book *Same-Sex Marriages in Pre-Modern Europe*. This book caused a furor when it was published in 1994. Included is a review by Brent D. Shaw that outlines the book's main arguments and attempts to refute them. The text of some of the Greek ceremonies is included—all the better for us to know them.

This is followed by a response that accuses Shaw of reviewing the book "as if he were reviewing recent popular accounts, even comic strips, rather than a scholarly work." Following this are some very interesting pieces. One called "Deviant Marriage Patterns in Chinese Society," is followed by a few early lesbian couplings (1863 and 1937) and an account of the astonishingly common same-sex marriages in Native American culture entitled "A Normal Man."

The section, In God's Name? The Religious War Continues, contains "the very biblical injunctions — from Genesis, Leviticus and Paul — and all the Catholic Bishops' defenses of the traditional notions of the meaning of marriage and family" that we will hear screeched at us by Ovadal and his minions while we peacefully try to enter PrideFest and joyously celebrate our very being. I suggest you read up on this one, folks!

There are some pro-pieces; one, by an Episcopalian Bishop on why he believes gay men and lesbians deserve the church's blessing, and one by a Rabbi encouraging Jewish gays and lesbians to return to their Jewish communities and teachings. In "What You Do," the author, not to be outdone, includes his response to Pat Buchanan's remark: "Andrew, it's not who you are. It is what you do!"

The Path of the Courts, contains many extracts of legal proceedings and Supreme Court rulings and opinions. The author asks the reader to "peruse these with care and then consult the full documents for a proper understanding of the legal precedents they contain." This is the section where we find the "ruling that roiled America": The Supreme Court of Hawaii's ruling that "banning same-sex marriage would violate the Hawaii Constitution's equal rights clause."

This is followed by The Debate on the Left, and The Debate on the Right, as to why we should, or should not have the right to legally marry. We go right into H.R. 3396: the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) transcripts from the House hearings with some very nice remarks from Senator Barney Frank, some negative ones from others and a few tid-bits from Sonny Bono, the ex-husband of Cher, and father of Chastity Bono, who is their lesbian daughter.

"African American congressman John Lewis cites the Declaration of Independence to invoke the rights of homosexuals to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' and compares this all to Martin Luther King Jr.'s sentiments on the subject of interracial marriage." In his statement urging his colleagues to oppose this bill he says, "This bill stinks of the same fear, hatred and intolerance [voiced against interracial marriage]. It should not be called The Defense of Marriage Act. It should be called the defense of mean-spirited-bigots act." Thank you sir!

The next section of the book is filled with pieces on lesbian and gay parenting — pro and con. Included are a poem and an article by two lesbian mothers who have come out to their children, and the rejection they have experienced, a voice rarely heard from in this context: the child's — and off we go to The Polygamy and Adultery Debate.

Next, we get some articles related to the "human dimension" of this political, social and moral discussion. Here we find articles written by gays and lesbians telling what it's like to plan for a marriage, to be married in a civil ceremony, not to be able to marry, ... and, among other things, to get a divorce.

Finally, in the last chapter called After Hawaii, What?, the nonrecognition rule between states is discussed along with one writer's comment that, "the only way for anti-same-sex marriage advocates to stem the tide is to revive anti-sodomy statutes to create intolerable obstacles to state recognition of same-sex marriages sanctioned by other states." This already seems to be in the works from what I've read in the press. Stay tuned for what these jerks will try next!

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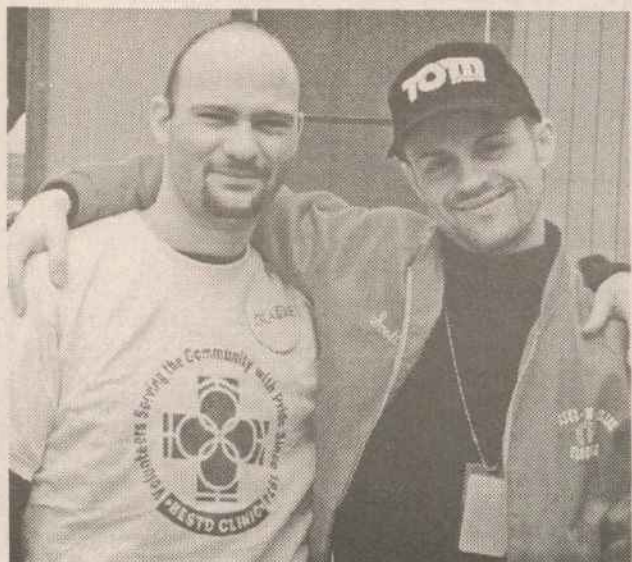
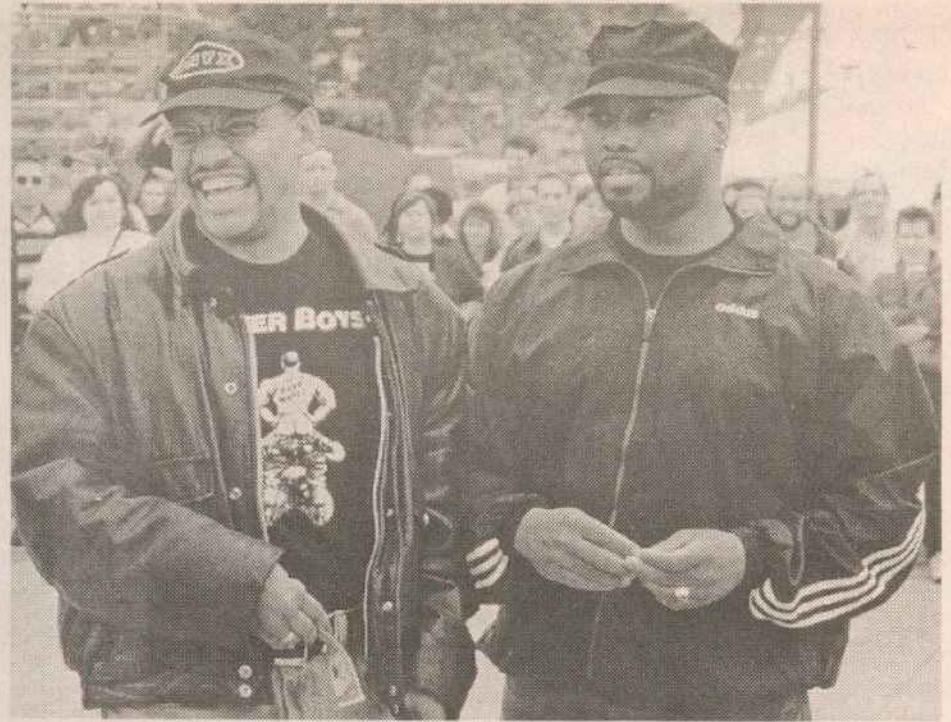
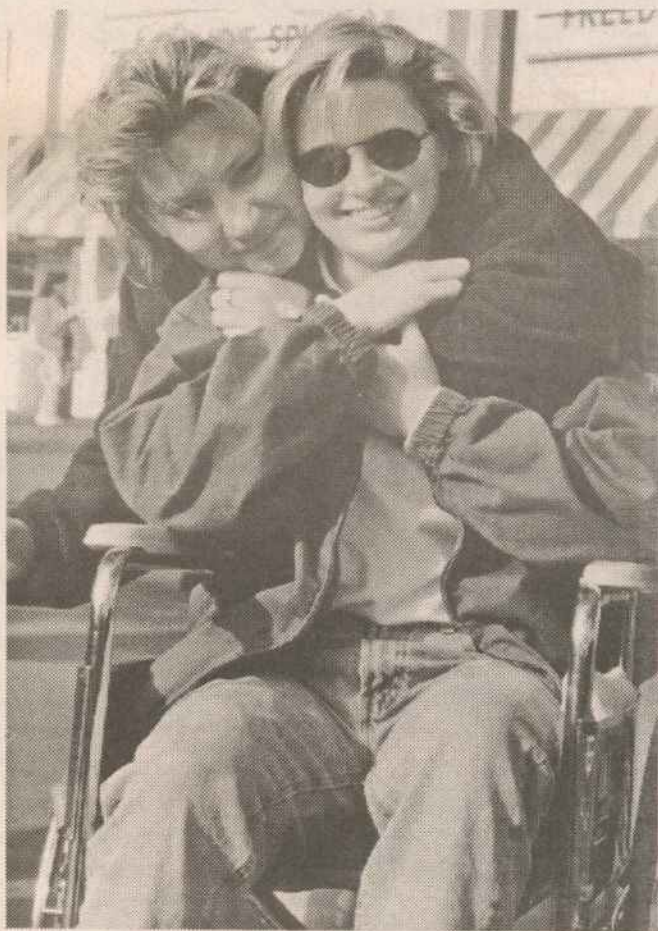
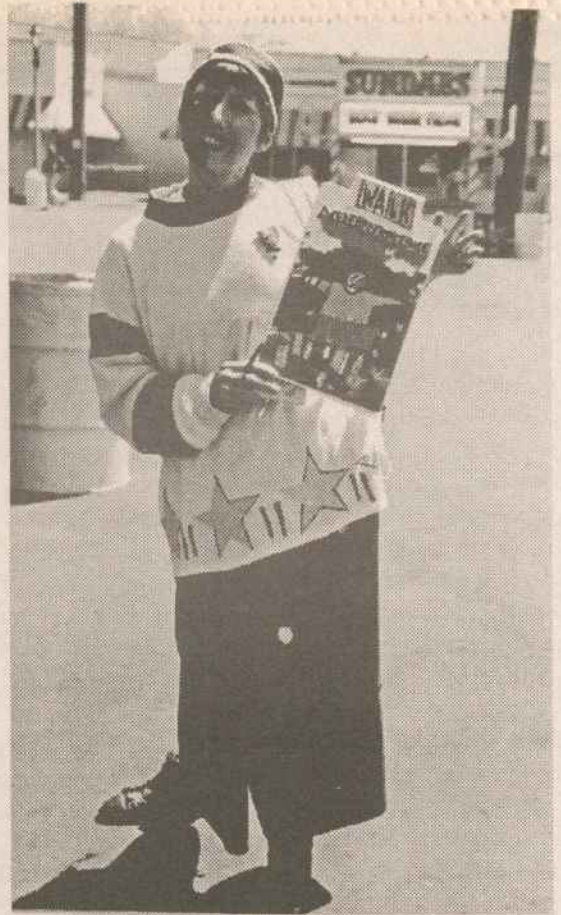


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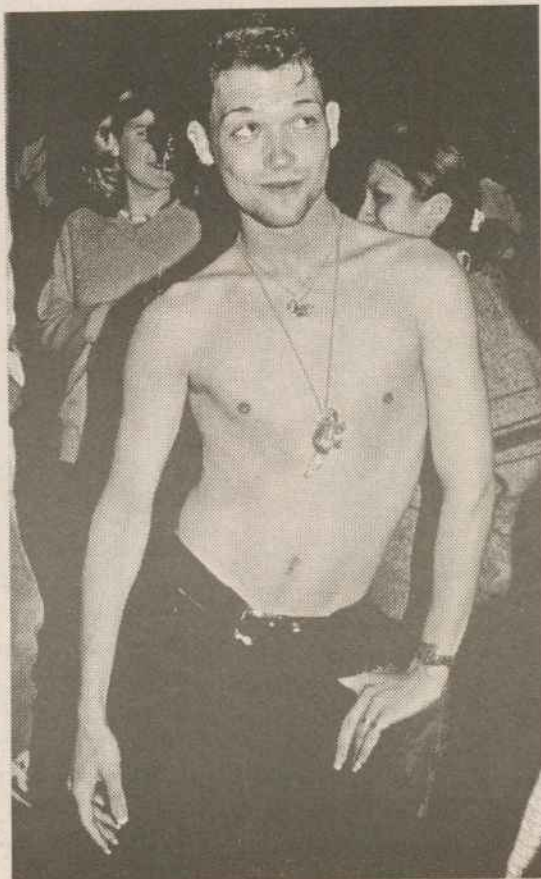
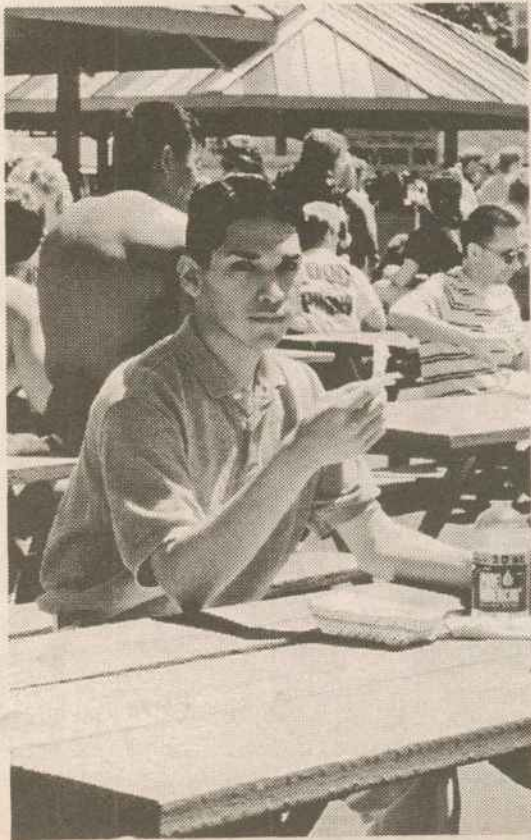
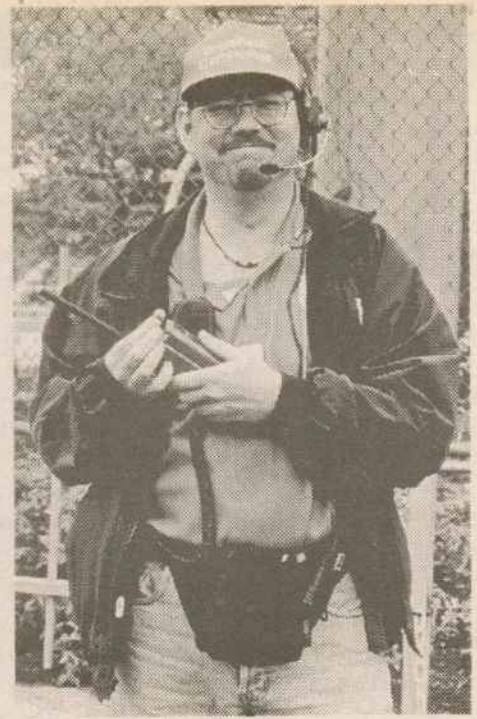
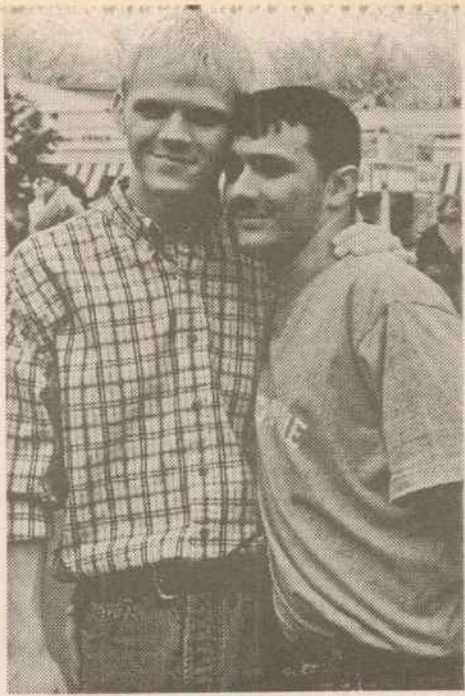
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The Art of Katt Yanda at BESTD

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Yanda, formerly of Appleton and Green Bay, received her formal training at The Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, primarily as a student of Harold Huber. Her works cover a range of subjects, and are very emotionally charged provoking viewers to respond emotionally to them. Her work can be compared with German-Expressionists, full of emotion, atmosphere and mood. Yanda chooses color spontaneously, rarely mixing but often layering to provide variation in tone and shade. While much of her work focuses on humans, often Native American, subjects also include winter scenes, dancers, cityscapes, horses, bar flies and rock stars. Media are also varied, including soft pastels, conte crayons, inks, oil pastels and paints.

Katt Yanda is a full time artist who has previously exhibited at the Gallery of Wisconsin Art, Grava Gallery, Katie Gingrass Gallery, Beans and Barley Cafe, and the Milwaukee Art Museum. Ms. Yanda was philosophically inspired by the poet Maya Angelou's words, "I look up the road I was going and back the way I came, and since I wasn't satisfied, I decided to cut me a new path."

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Peggy Hong and Anja Malesa at Woodland Pattern Book Center

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern is pleased to announce a book celebration and poetry reading featuring Peggy Hong and Anja Malesa, who will read from their new chapbooks presented by CrowLadies Press. Also meet book artist Lia Gima, the creator of "Hoofbeats," a letter-press book of poems by Hong and Malesa from the Book Arts Workshop of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Peggy Hong writes poetry, essays and reviews in Milwaukee, where she has resided and worked for over ten years. Her poetry has appeared in publications such as *IKON*, *Asian Pacific American Journal*, *Hawaii Pacific Review*, and *Porcupine*. Poet and novelist Diana Chang describes her writing: "A naturalness (that's artful, too) comes through; an ability to surprise; a gutsiness; the pulse of a female hormonalness..." "The Sister Who Swallows the Ocean" is an exploration of heritage and relationship through the landscape of the body. These are sensuous and sometimes humorous poems of pregnancy, birth and mothering.

Peggy Hong was born in Seoul, South Korea. She has a degree in writing from Columbia University's Barnard College where she received two awards in writing. She works at Woodland Pattern as Community Workshop Coordinator and instructor of creative writing for adults and children. She is a dancer and has taught, performed and written dance reviews.

Anja Malesa is a native of the Midwest, living always near Lake Michigan. The images of "Women I Should Be in Love With" are mythological, angry, and tender, a spiritual reckoning of wolves, grandmothers and sisters. "In the Circle of the



—Anja Malesa

Crow's Eye" is a collection of mothering poems, a personal biology of mother, father and child.

Anja Malesa is a Waldorf teacher and has been teaching in the Milwaukee Public Schools for nine years. From 1980 to 1982, she was co-editor of "Black Maria: Women Speak," a journal of art and writing by women based in Chicago. She was a co-founder of the Chicago Chapter of the Feminist Writers' Guild. She has taught writing to children and adults for fifteen years.

Lia Gima is a printmaker whose abstract organic images are influenced by her study of biology and her spiritual explorations. She has studied printmaking at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota at Miyagi University of Education in Sendai, Japan, at Santa Reparata Graphic Arts Studio in Florence, Italy, and at UW-Milwaukee.

A letter-press, limited edition book with drawings, "Hoofbeats," features poems by Anja Malesa and Peggy Hong, which Gima created images that reflect her response to each poem's emotional energy.

"A Book Celebration and Poetry Reading" will take place Wednesday, June 18th at 7 p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center located 720 East Locust Street. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 263-5001.

Wolf to Read from New Novel

Shorewood — Concentrating on the ages between ten and twenty-one, feminist author Naomi Wolf's new book explores female sexual rites of passage from erotic dreams and fantasies to first love. Wolf confronts the controversies over virginity,



—Naomi Wolf

birth control and abortion. On the darker side, Wolf examines the sex industry and sexual violence. These are several of the issues best-selling author Naomi Wolf tackles in her new book, "Promiscuities: The Secret Struggle for Womanhood." Naomi Wolf dissects the myth of the "Barbie Doll" syndrome as she writes, "In Barbie's life, events were merely excuses for ensembles. Her story could really go nowhere. Which meant, perhaps, that once we got over the excitement of getting provocatively dressed and undressed, our story too would go nowhere. We were fixated on Barbie, but we also despised her."

Naomi Wolf graduated from Yale in 1984, and won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. Her previous book "The Beauty Myth" was named one of the seventy most significant books of the century by *The New York Times* and, along with her "Fire With Fire," was a bestseller. Wolf lectures widely on women's issues and is a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University. She currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Naomi Wolf's lecture will take place on Wednesday, June 11th at 7 p.m. at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Rosenberg Exhibition Highlights Gift to UW-Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee — The exhibition "Folly, Hope, Redemption," consists of fifty-five paintings, sculptures, and works in other media drawn from the Rosenberg Collection. The collection came to UWM in 1974, and remains the most substantial gift ever made to the art museum. "Folly, Hope, Redemption" includes pieces by Arp, Calder, Hepworth, Kandinsky, Miro, Picasso, and other major modernists, and is organized around such basic themes as Biomorphous and Geometric Expression, Line/Play, The Female Figure, Modern Landscape, and the Human Condition.

The exhibit and illustrated, interpretive catalogue were developed by graduate students in the Department of Art History's Art Museum Studies Program. "Folly, Hope, Redemption: Selection from the Blanche and Henry Rosenberg Collection" is on display through August 24th in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Art Museum located 3253 North Downer Avenue. Hours at the museum are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The museum is closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. For more information, phone (414) 229-5070. There is no admission charge.

Broom Street Theater Presents Chekhov's "The Three Sisters"

Madison — Broom Street Theater presents its latest production "The Three Sisters," a hilarious comedy written by Anton Chekhov and directed by Joel Gersmann. This classic Russian play, in which three sisters try to leave their boring country town for the bright lights of the big city of Moscow, is presented in a new translation specially made for Broom Street Theater by Ed Czerwinski. What's also different about this version of "The Three Sisters" is the cast of ten men in all the roles.

"The Three Sisters" was originally produced by Moscow Art Theater in 1901 under the direction of the famous actor Konstantin Stanislavsky. Stanislavsky, who also gained fame as a teacher for his acting course known as "The Method," creat-

ed the part of Battery Commander Lieutenant Colonel Vershinin. Olga Knipper, Chekhov's wife, created the role of Masha the sister who falls in love with Vershinin. Prior to the world premiere performance of "The Three Sisters," Stanislavsky thought "The Three Sisters" was a tragedy while Chekhov insisted that the play was a rib tickling comedy. Stanislavsky won the argument and the play became a hit as a serious play.

Executing the challenging roles of the three sisters are John Sable as Olga, Joe Wiener as Masha, and Mathias Maas as Irina. Callen Harty portrays Lieutenant Colonel Vershinin. The cast also includes Dan Jacobson, Mark Edwards, Aaron Obeman, Rob Matsushita, Richard Vorndran, and Philip Strowman.

All shows of "The Three Sisters" are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from June 6th through July 13th at the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson Street. Tickets \$7 at the door only. Call (608) 244-8338 for additional information.

Inertia Assembles New Project

Milwaukee — Continuing its tradition of producing challenging original works, Inertia Ensemble will showcase new plays by Milwaukee writer John Van Slyke and Anthony Lyons in "Project: June." The opening weekend of the production will also feature acclaimed performance artist, actor and director Mark Anderson and his newest work, "End of Story."

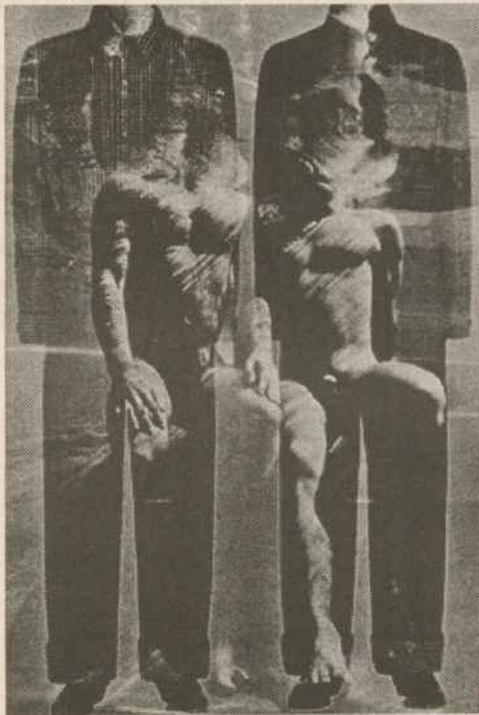
Comprised of nine short plays and scenes, "Project: June" will feature engrossing new works by Inertia Ensemble company members John Van Slyke and Anthony Lyons. The ninety-minute production includes two short plays adapted from short stories of the crime, or "noir," genre: "Bottle of Milk for Mother" by Nelson Algren and Jim Thompson's "Pay as You Exit." Each is representative of the spectrum of 1930s-50s suspense fiction; the first is a gritty, dramatic portrayal of urban crime, the latter, a darkly humorous tale set on an isolated rural road. Works by John Van Slyke will also be performed, including an insomniac's view of late-night t.v., "Taming the Mind through T.V.," and a scene from a contemporary domestic drama, "Push and Jerk."

"Project: June" will feature Jessica Anderson, Brandi Baucoco, Patrick Hayes, Christopher Libby, Anthony Lyons, Meghan Nugent, Brian Mitchell, Stacy Mitchell, Scott Shulick, John Van Slyke, and Kathleen Wittman. Individual plays will be directed by Anthony Lyons, Scott Shulick and John Van Slyke.

As it mounts its eighteenth production since 1993, Inertia Ensemble continues its commitment to bring live theatre to an audience-to taverns, cafes, schools and neighborhoods-always with the ultimate goal of encouraging the next generation of theatregoers. Inertia will perform "Project: June" Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th at Brewed Awakening, 1208 East Brady Street. For reservations or additional performance information call (414) 332-8976.

Queer Arts Resource Launches Arts Exhibition on the Web

San Francisco, CA — The Queer Arts Resource Exhibition has gone on-line today at <http://www.queer-arts.org>. Challenging conventional views of aesthetics, cultural diversity and sexual identity expressed in the visual arts, QAR promotes the conspiracy of artists and art lovers to "push the envelope" and pursue their creative vision by providing an open and stimulating context for the display and discussion of queer content.



Captured on the digital canvas within the walls of QAR cyberspace, the new gallery exhibition features: "Scavengers and Seers," a group show with Tim Burns, Alan Disparte, Martin Freeman and Bruce Pagacz; four artists who create figurative sculpture from found objects. Curated by artist Joel Hoyer and written by Jim Fisher, Executive Director of Visual AID, a San Francisco-based organization that provides grants and services to artists living with AIDS.

A survey of the work of photographer Robert Flynt in conjunction with his new monograph, "Compound Fracture." Thomas Avena and Adam Klein discussing their hot new book, "Jerome: After the Pageant."

An on-line bookshop in association with Amazon.com, a calendar of events and exhibitions as well as a directory of organizations for gay and lesbian artists with direct links to interactive www sites. An archive of the QAR Fall '96 exhibition, "The Body Transformed," awarded highest ratings and a "must see" by Excite and NetGuide.

Queer Arts Resource is a nonprofit activity under the auspices of The Tides Center of San Francisco. As such, it seeks tax-deductible donations for ongoing program support as well as on-line sponsors to fund upcoming exhibitions.

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

La Postina

I had an encounter with my postal carrier the other day that caused me to think of the movie *Il Postino*. Just as with that movie, this meeting involved an attractive postal employee (my postal carrier) and a poet (me). The circumstances of this encounter differ only in a few incidentals: it did not take place at a remote and scenic villa on an Italian island; the postal carrier does not deliver mail by bicycle; I am not on the verge of winning the Nobel Prize in Literature; she has never once asked me for advice on either poetry writing or seducing a woman; neither of us is male; to the best of my knowledge, the postal carrier did not take up her line of work to avoid being a fisherwoman; and though I am occasionally wistful about my homeland of Wisconsin, I have never been exiled from there. At least not officially. Other than that, it's just exactly the same. Despite the uncanny similarities of my situation to that in the movie, I like to think of it more like *Il Postino* meets *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. We all have our delusions — as I shall soon illustrate.

Anyway, in my version of the movie (*La Postina*) the postal carrier—whose charms I have written about previously in a column titled “A Woman in Uniform”—comes knocking on the door late one Saturday morning. As the knock sounds, I am buck naked in the bathroom, slathering on lotion; my girlfriend is in the shower, cleaning up her own act. Actually, because we have neither transparent walls nor fancy-schmancy security cameras, we don't know who it is that's at the door. I am all for letting that piece of information remain a mystery, given my current state of undress. My girlfriend, however, who is expecting a package to be delivered, expresses an interest in me responding to the knock. So I put on my robe and open the front door to find the mail carrier crouched at the doorstep, filling out some form, at eye level with my naked knees and the hem of my robe.

This *sounds* like it should be the prelude to, if not something illicit and tawdry, at least something sexy and flirtatious. But that is not how the writers have elected to script my life. For instance, I am not, as you might be thinking, wearing a lacy little wrap from Victoria's Secret. I am, instead, wearing my old ratty terry cloth robe. It is patchily sticking to my skin as a result of the freshly applied lotion. My hair is hanging in wet, limp curls, and my legs, which, as you recall, are directly in her line of sight, have a winter's worth of hair growth on them. I am profoundly aware of the fact that if I bend over to pick up the packages on the stoop, she will be seeing much more than my hairy little legs. I can't tell if she is chatting with ease

about our piece of registered mail from the odd godpeople who want to open a church down the block — as if she often chats with practically naked people on her route — or if the chatter is to cover up her own unease. My cleavage is showing — and we're talking about the legalities of notifying the neighbors about opening a church. This seductive moment isn't going at all the way I might have hoped. And yet another discrepancy between *Il Postino* and *La Postina* emerges: in the former, it is the mail carrier who is somewhat awkward, ill at ease, less than urbane; in the latter, it is me, the poet.

But really, what more could be expected from someone like me who, after seeing the movie *Bound*, commented, “Why can't they make any movies about nice lesbians”? It's time I face the truth: I am just not cut out for the role of seductress.

While images of Marilyn Monroe in *Some Like It Hot* and *The Seven-Year Itch* or Lana Turner in *The Postman Always Rings Twice* might be flitting across my mind's eye, my heart is firmly ensconced in Marian the Librarian from *The Musicman*. I have often said that I would like to know what it feels like to be glamorous for just one day, but when I go out shopping, do you find me among the bustiers and low-cut gowns and high-heels? Of course not. Put me in a department store, and I am drawn like a metal filing to a magnet to the jockey cotton underwear, the rugby and flannel shirts, the Doc Martens. Some of that, no doubt, is pure practicality: eraser schnibbles and pencil filings are so not the right accessories for a low-cut black satin gown — I don't *care* what all the *other* copy editors are wearing. Actually, they're all pretty much wearing what I wear: jeans, button-down shirts, sensible shoes.

Clothing, though, is not the only road to seduction — look, for instance, at what Gina Gershon is able to do with a sleeveless undershirt and a little plumbing schmutz in *Bound*. Attitude is obviously the answer there. Again, I refer you, in my case, to Marian the Librarian. You would think I was raised by Victorians or cloistered nuns! (Come to think of it, my dad *did* seldom leave the house ... And I always thought we were Lutheran. Hm.) A lot of other women, though, manage to escape their early *Leave It to Beaver* lifestyles and go on to become Marlene Dietrichs in cropped ribbed-knit shirts and navel rings. So what's the deal with me?

The only conclusion I can come to is that I am right where I want to be, perfectly content playing Ozzie Lu to Kathy's Harriet. And yet, I'm a lesbian, for god-sakes! That's tantamount, according to the likes of Jerry Falwell, to having a license to be kinky and loose and siren-like, luring innocent women and children to our lusty shores. And here I am, in my thread-worn terry cloth bathrobe, wishing that the cool morning air wasn't flowing quite so freely from chest to knee and that the mail carrier, in spite of the rich fantasy life she has inspired, was anywhere but at my door just now. I could flirt or concoct double entendres or arrange some accidental slippage of the tie on my robe; it never even occurs to me. Instead, I am thinking, Kathy will be glad her coffee beans have arrived, and what are we having for lunch today? and I hope there's a fun movie at the Pickwick we can go see tonight.

For all his reputation as an enchanter of women, the poet Pablo Neruda, in *Il Postino*, is a homebody with eyes only for one woman. Just like me.

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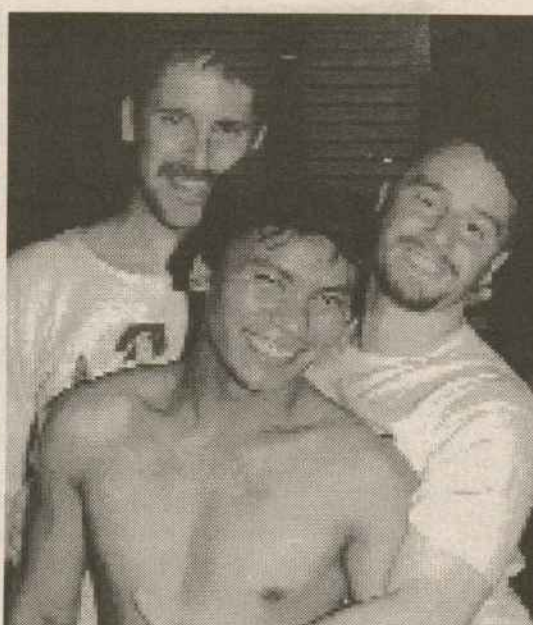
—Drag in a Bag at the Ballgame. Oh my! Photo: Jamie



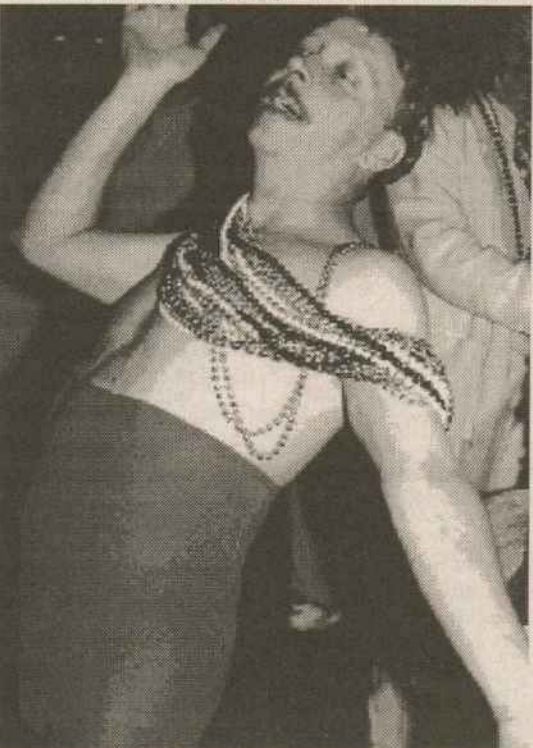
—The judges decisions are final at the Ballgame! Photo: Jamie



—Spotted at PrideFest... who are these clowns? Photo: Jamie



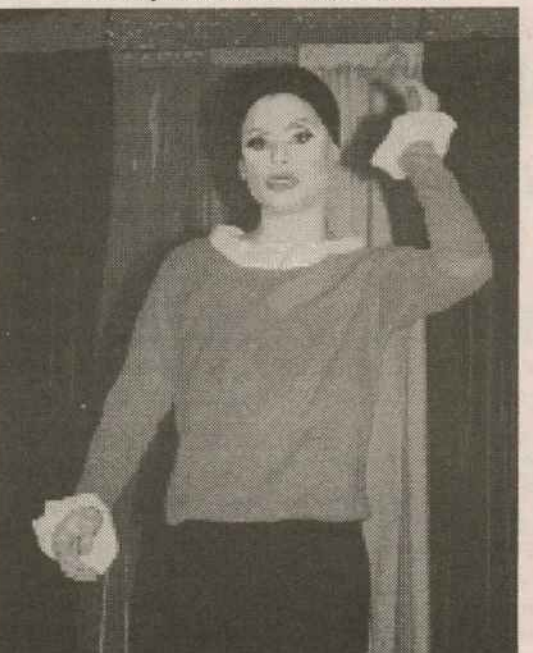
—SWS Docks Memorial Day Party, pass the bean salad. Photo: Jamie



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Out of the Stars

by Charlene Lichtenstein

Horoscope for June 12 through June 26

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Sun in Cancer stresses ancestral baggage that we schlep around for years. Approach family members one more time and, without compromise, rid yourself of the garbage that they've fobbed upon you. Call it a period of relative enlightenment. Partners, on the other hand, may need some extra special handling when Mars upsets the applecart of domestic harmony. This is the area for compromise.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Taureans are the proud spokesbulls of the month with Sun in Cancer. Words heal like balm so make the most of this planetary energy to bring people together and create a community. While you hope to be a peacemaker, Sun square Mars may inevitably create conflict, particularly on the job. If so, so be it. Sometimes you have to tear the old structure down in order to rebuild.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Recognize the importance of financial planning when the warm Sun enters protective Cancer. If you've planted money seeds, you may see something sprout. If you've been less than diligent, it's a great time to begin the strategic process. Think long term, cousin; Sun square Mars may entice you to buy a lottery ticket instead of an annuity but remember that slow and steady ultimately wins the race.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

The Sun in your own sign guides you to magnificent opportunities and new beginnings. Flex your rainbow colors, comrade. It's an excellent time to meet and greet since first impressions will go extremely well and will lead you to wonderful friendships. Family matters, on the other hand, may hit a temporary snag with the Sun square Mars. Wait until next week before you disown anyone.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions are pushed Out into the open, ready or not. Your padlocked closet unhangs and bursts open, thanks to the Cancerian Sun. Let it all hang out Leo; there is nothing in there to be ashamed of. Be generous with your time and energy by volunteering for a good gay cause but the less said about your efforts the better; Sun square Mars won't tolerate bragging. Tough luck kiddo!

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Pride month has never been so exciting and energizing! Your social circle provides you with affirmation and pride when the Sun enters sentimental Cancer. Use this time to get more involved in gay support group activities and movements. But watch your finances, friend; The Sun square Mars can make any venture an exorbitant one.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Take your career to the next level when the fabulous Sun sits in Cancer. The big pinstriped kahunas are listening and may be inclined to act on your behalf. Keep a beady eye on the maneuverings of Mars as it squares the Sun, though. Queer Libras may sit on the sidelines while others run with the ball, but don't worry; by next week you may be handling a ball or two.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

We don't call you "The General" for nothing, cousin. Queer Scorps can bring the Gay Pride movement one giant step forward with their keen sense of strategy, their combativeness and the Sun in Cancer. Don't trip on your first step though with the Sun square Mars. Wage war by amassing community support first, then take it to the streets.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Sun in Cancer turns up the sexual heat to a prideful boil so take a dip or two in the hot tub and see who pops up or dives in. Remember too that the sun also illuminates; Gay Archers can learn a bit more about their inner motivations and hot buttons. However, the Sun square Mars may push one heated button too many among friends. Don't forget your pals.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Even the most independent gay Goat may long for companionship when the Sun enters Cancer. If you have a partner, enjoy each other to the fullest this prideful time! If you are still searching for your dreamboat, it may be a great time to wander the piers. Don't compromise a relationship for the sake of your career when the Sun squares Mars. Find time for both.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Sun square Mars may make travel a little frustrating, but who cares? Stay close to home while Sun in Cancer gives you indefatigable energy to tackle any job. Tackle each onerous, lousy little task one by one and get 'em all out of the way once and for all. Aqueerians may also decide to revamp their diets at this time so they can be the vamp once again.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Don your party hat and enjoy yourself when the Sun dances into Cancer. Pink Fish feel the imperative to have a great gay time so release your gay muse and see what develops. Channel your inspiration into carefree and loose fitting outlets; The Sun square Mars adds a bit too much passion in the passion department. May I suggest a warm handshake?



Jock Shorts

Milwaukee Classic Wrap-Up

Milwaukee — Sidetrack Rage of Chicago and the Ball Game Rangers of Milwaukee are the champions of the 17th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament, held over the Memorial Day weekend. 14 teams from Minneapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis joined 6 Milwaukee teams.

Each team played 3 games on Saturday, and they were split into two categories, the top 10 playing in the "American" League, and the other 10 in the "National" League. The teams then played in a double elimination format. In the American, Sidetrack defeated the champions from the last two years, Club 219 Pride of Milwaukee.

The Cincinnati Comets took third place. In the National, the Ball Game Rangers repeated their championship of last year, coming from behind by 9 or more runs in two games against the St. Louis Buzzards. The Buzzards finished in second place, and the M&M Mustangs of Milwaukee took third place for the third year in a row.

The awards banquet and ceremonies were held on Sunday night following the games at Serb Memorial Hall. The winning teams' players each received championship Milwaukee Classic t-shirts, while the 2nd place finishers received medals.

Typical of the weather for the past few years, Sunday was very cold, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players. Milwaukee once again showed its out of town guests another great tournament.

The Milwaukee Classic was the first of 2 tournaments that the Saturday Softball League will host this year. Another tournament, the Midwest Invitational Softball Tournament (M.I.S.T.) will be held over the Labor Day weekend, August 30-31. Teams from Detroit, Columbus, and Cleveland will be joining other softball teams from around the country for "Milwaukee's first M.I.S.T. tournament."

Club 219 Pride remains the only undefeated team in the Saturday Softball League after 3 weeks of play, by defeating Cream City Foundation and the Ball Game Rangers.

Previously unbeaten Mama's Family suffered losses to both Balistreri's and M&M Mustangs, and dropped into a tie for second place with Balistreri's and Manoeuvres of Madison. The Ball Game Rangers and M&M Mustangs are tied for 5th place. In Between got into the win column with a victory over Triangle. No games are scheduled for June 14th and June 21 will be position week, where games will be decided by who is in what place in the standings.

Ozabooboo Golf Tournament

Milwaukee — 45 golfers from Minneapolis, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale and Milwaukee will participate this year in the Ozabooboo Golf Tournament. The golfers will tee off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 14th at the Scenic View Golf Course in Slinger. The tournament started in the late 1970's by Arturo Olazabal and Tom Look, and is named after Arturo who passed away three years ago.

A welcome party will be held at the Ball Game on Friday, June 13th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Following the completion of the tournament, the golfers will be treated to a steak cook-out dinner by Flo and Swanee at the Ball Game. Awards will then be presented to the winning team, with special awards for the longest drive, longest putt, and closed to the pin on selected holes. Tom Look will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the awards. For the team finishing in second place, Tom Look says "They get nothing."

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Pridefest, 1997

First of all let me apologize, this column is going to be brief, it's being put together Monday morning at 5:30, the day after deadline. Why? Pridefest, HELLO!

One word to describe Pridefest this year? FABULOUS!

It started Friday with opening ceremonies at 6:00pm, a little late, but rumor has it that that was the Mayor's doing. Anyway, there were some pretty big names there, helping us get Pridefest 1997 underway.

After opening ceremonies, comedian John McGovern hit the Alyn Hess Stage and got the crowd warmed up with his comedic memories and views of Milwaukee. After that it was the musical talents of Jillian Clark, followed by Singational.

To cap the evening off, the Possum Queen Finals hit the big stage. As you may remember, Possum Queen had only a couple of participants when it all started and they raised a couple hundred dollars. Seven years later and lots of hard work by people like Charlotte Lorain and Victoria Maxwell, this event has grown huge.

Possum Queen raised just over \$21,000.00 last year. This year, you the community through the Possum Queen event, raised over \$25,000.00! Jackie O. Gasm from



—Hangin' at B's Vanessea Torrez Fundraiser

M&M raised the most amount of cash and will be Miss Possum Queen, 1997.

The weather Friday? It sucked.

Saturday's weather wasn't that bad. It was definitely overcast, but didn't dampen the spirits of the crowd. Saturday was filled with shopping at the marketplace, the classic car show, music and lot's of great drag shows.

The evening ended with the ABBA-esque Swedish band, Björn Again at the Alyn Hess Stage. This group was fantastic! They kept the crowd swingin', swaying and dancing to ABBA music.

This years dance tent was much larger than last years and drew quite a crowd in the evenings.

What big event at the Summerfest grounds would be complete without fireworks. The lakefront was jammed with festival go-ers to catch a great fireworks show.

I woke up at 8:30, Sunday morning, peaked out my window to a bright and sunny sky! After last year's miserable weather, the big bright blue skies were a welcome relief!

The parade on Sunday was great. Many people lined the streets of Milwaukee to celebrate Gay Day here in Wisconsin. Only a few pesky protesters tried to shove their shit down our throats, but were drowned out by a very enthusiastic crowd. (Did you see the one on the grounds wearing sweat pants and no underwear? He sure knew how to get the attention of a gay man!) After the parade, all sorts of awards were given out to parade participants.

Sunday was also filled with lot's of shopping, more great music, dancing by the Cream City Squares and of course more shows by Wisconsin's best divas.

All in all, this year's Pridefest was a huge success and helps insure a spot at the festival grounds next year. I did want to mention some of the sponsors that helped make Pridefest the success that it was. Those sponsors include; all of the individuals and couples in the Proud Crowd, Afterwords Bookstore, Caffe A Go Go, Downtown Auto Body, Fest City Singers, C.A. Klein, M&M Club and Singational Productions LTD., along with many others. A few of the bigger sponsors included Miller Brewing, the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.

I know I have not mentioned every detail of Pridefest but am hoping that the 11 rolls of film I shot will help fill in the blanks.

Due to time and space issues, I have dedicated this entire column to Pridefest, so if there were other events that happened since the last issue, we are going to run the pictures I took with a little explanation in the captions.

Until next issue, I hope you had as much fun as I did at Pridefest this year and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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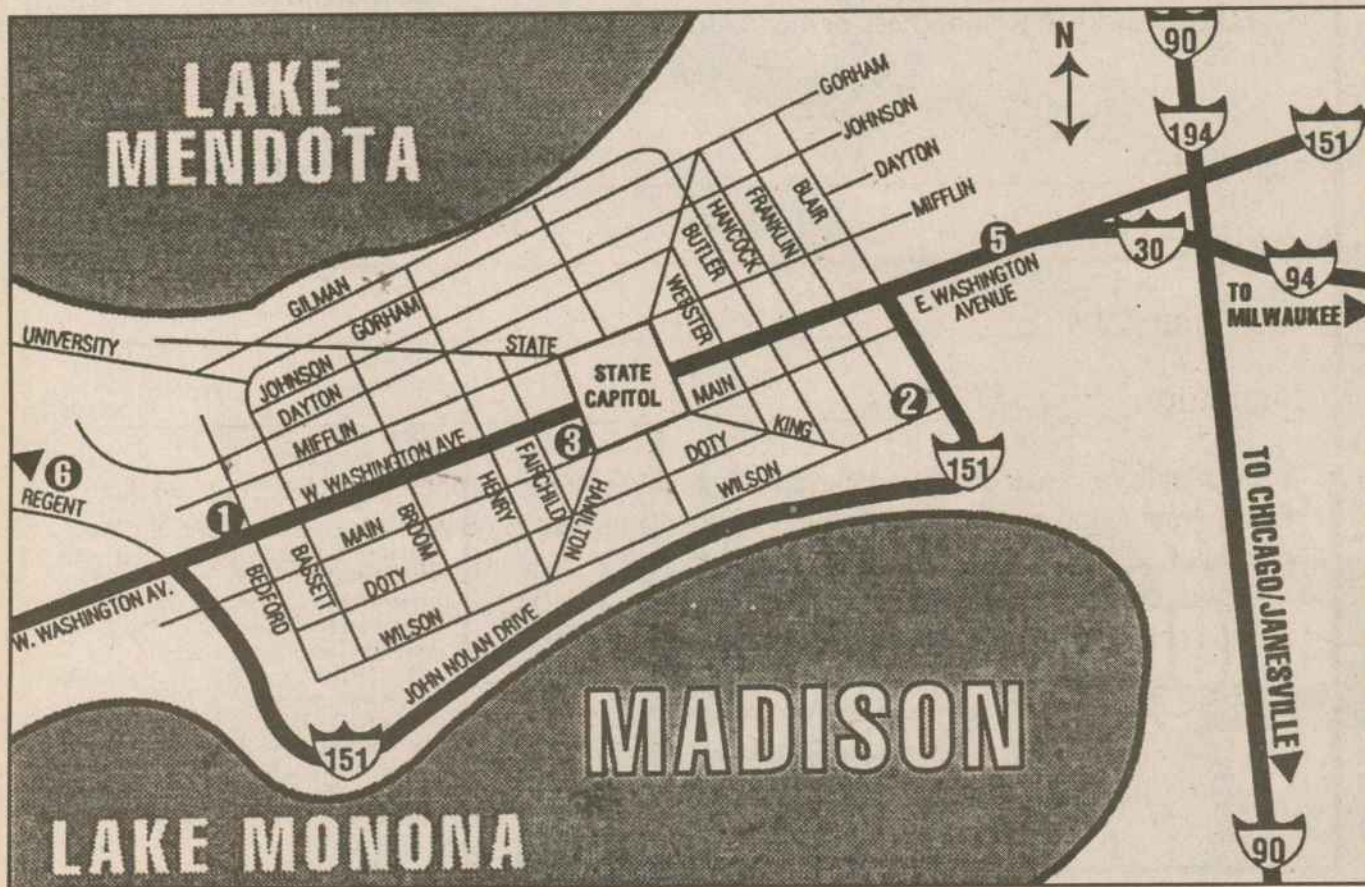
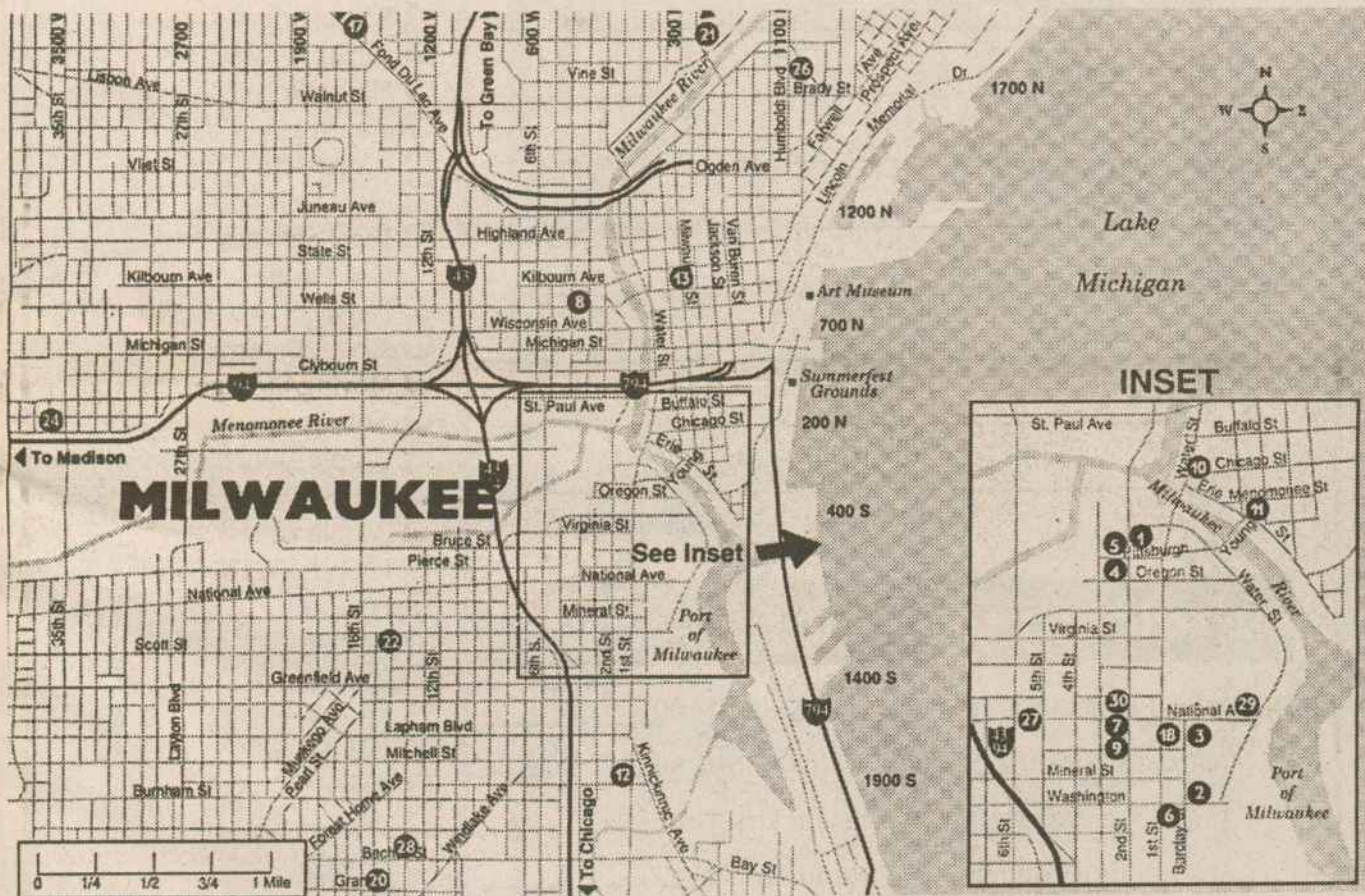


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MEDICAL

- Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233933-3600
- BESTD (Brady East STD) Clinic (STD diagnosis and
treatment; HIV tests) 1240 E Brady 53202272-2144
- BESTD Womens Clinic
1240 E Brady, 53202272-2144
- Gay Mens HIV+ Support Group
BESTD Clinic272-2144
- Gay Men's Support Group for Partners of HIV+ Men
BESTD Clinic272-2144
- Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W Viet, 53208342-4333
- Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)
HIV/AIDS Service Organization, 820 N Plankinton, 53203
Office/Staff273-1991
AIDS Information273-2437
- Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233219-7908
- St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry
(Nursing Care)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226259-4664
- STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212264-8800
- United HIV Services
(Continuum of HIV services/care)
10100 W. Bluemound Ave., 53226259-4610
- Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium
(Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program)
820 N Plankinton, 53203273-1991

BBS/INTERNET

- Alternate Lifestyles BBS
(Gay listings, messages)933-7572
- Back Door BBS, 23 lines, messages, chat,
games, graphics, Women's area,
Internet Mail744-9336
- Dr. Porvitis DYM-BBS (e-mail, matching,
sub boards)873-2838
- Dr. Porvitis Wildcat BBS (e-mail, graphics,
sub-boards)873-1680
- GLINN Multi-Board Super System (news, personals
guides, files, on-line games, graphics)289-0145
- ManTalk BBS (e-mail, chats)282-1124
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BARS

- 12 B's Bar (MW, D)
1579 S. 2nd, 53204672-5580
- 1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd 53204273-7474
- 3 Boot Camp (M, L/L)
209 E. National 53204643-6900
- 4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
231 S. 2nd 53204291-9600
- 5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
219 S. 2nd 53204271-3732
- Emeralds
801 E. Hadley, 53206265-7325
- 6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
1100 S. 1st Street 53204647-9950
- 2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)
200 E. Washington 53204 643-9633
- 7 Grubb's Pub (MW, F)
807 S 2nd St 53204384-8330
- 30 In Between
625 S. Second, 53204273-2693
- 27 Just Us (MW,D,F)
807 S. 5th St, 53204383-2233
- 22 Kathy's Hut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201647-2673
- 7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)
801 S. 2nd 53204383-8330
- 17 10% Club
4322 W. Fond du Lac447-0910
- 26 Mama Roux (MW, F)
1875 N Humboldt, 53202347-0344
- 10 M&M Club (MW, F)
124 N. Water 53202347-1962
- 24 Renez CoZ Corner II (DJ, W/M, G/S)
3500 W Park Hill Ave (I 948 35th)933-RENE
- South Water Street Docks
354 E. National, 53204225-9676
- 20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
1534 W. Grant 53215383-5755
- 13 This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202278-9192
- 18 Triangle (M, V)
135 E National 53204383-9412

- 9 Zippers (Mw)
819 S 2nd, 53204645-8330

RESTAURANTS

- 8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F)
720 N. Old World 3rd St 53203291-9889
- Cafe Knickerbocker
1030 East Juneau, 53202272-0011
- Chip and Pys
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon,241-9589
- Cielito Lindo
733 South 2nd St., 53204649-0401

- 7 Grubb's Pub
807 S 2nd St, 53204384-8330
- Harry's Bar and Grill
3539 N. Oakland Ave, 53211694-6800
- La Fuente
625 South 5th St, 53204271-8595
- 10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch)
124 N. Water 53202347-1962
- North Shore Bistro272-0111
- Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer351-6100
- Pier 221 (Cafecateressen)
221 N. Water St.

- The Wild Thyme Cafe (Lunch, Brunch)
231 East Buffalo276-3144
- Walker's Point Cafe (10am-after hours)
1106 S. 1st St. 53204384-7999

HELP LINES

- The Force
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(referrals)444-7331
- Gay People's Union Hotline562-7010
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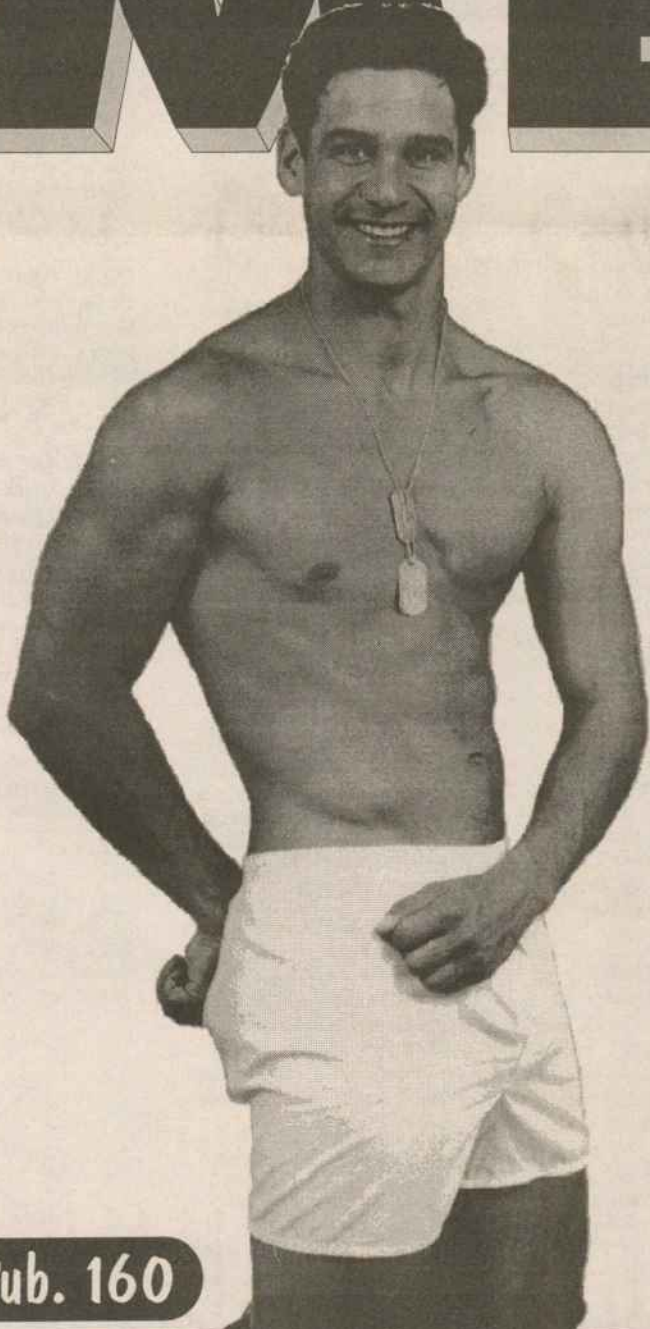
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REAL LIFE, REAL LOVE This educated professional longs for male companion who is relationship oriented, as I am. I'm a 49 year old, White male, 5'8, 168lbs, with interests in travel, the theater, art, antiques, humor, and conversation. Are you ready 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

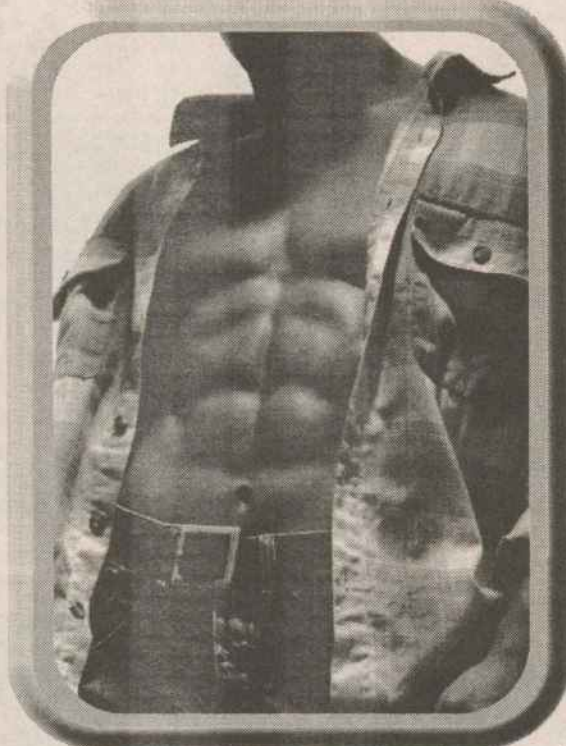
I'M HOLDING BACK I'm a 25 year old, boy next door with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like to go to movies, and listen to music. To find out more, call right away. (Milwaukee) #11433

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SADDLE UP AND RIDE I'm a Gay bottom boy looking for hot top men to have fun with. If you like topping hot bottoms then I'm the one for you. (Milwaukee) #20351

DIAL-A-MAID I'm a 44 year old, Gay, White Transvestite. I'm looking for a position as a maid, or servant. I like to cook and clean, and be domesticated and feminized. I have a car and can travel. (Milwaukee) #20281

SLICK RICK Hello. I'm 36 years old, 5'8, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Brown eyes. I'm looking to get into the leather scene. I am a total submissive, obedient, and eager to please bottom. I seek a master 40 to 50 years of age to train and utilize me. (Milwaukee) #20929

DO AS YOUR TOLD! I'm a 50 year old Gay White male. I'm 5'11 with Gray and Black hair, Green eyes. I'm pretty and dominant. I seek a very submissive bottom who is capable of total service and worship. (Milwaukee) #20856

SQUIRT ON ME I'm a 40 year old Gay White male looking for a relaxed gentleman who want to use a White boy. (Milwaukee) #19075

SOME OF US WANT TO BE ABUSED I'm 6ft, 160lbs, White, submissive, slave. I'm seeking a dominant Black man or a group of dominant men to use me on a regular basis. (Milwaukee) #12191

SMOOTHIE? I'm 6'1, 175lbs, 30's. I swim and I dance. I have a nice smooth body. I like to give and receive massage. (Milwaukee) #17702

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

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

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

KEEP IT QUIET I'm whispering because I don't what anyone to know what I'm doing. I'm an attractive, Single, White male, 6ft, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeking a clean, discreet, and serious, partner for my first sexual experience with a man. (Racine) #1273

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

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

HIKE AND BIKE I love outdoor activities like hiking, camping, and biking. I hope to meet a guy, 18 to 35, who shares these interests, and likes to have a good time. I'm an attractive, 30 year old, White male, 6ft, 150lbs. (Redgranite) #30882

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

ALL COOPED UP I live in northeast Wisconsin, north of Wausau, and I'm tired of being cooped up, in my house, all alone. I'm an attractive, 33 year old, White male. You should be between 18 and 30, and have some time to spend. #1280

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

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

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

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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BI POLAR SYNDROME This masculine, good looking, Bi, White male, 30, 5'10, 175lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks other Bi men, in the area, for fun times. (Abbotsford) #33638

SMOOTH SATISFACTION This clean, discreet, White male, 27, 5'8, 175lbs, with a well built, smooth, body knows how to satisfy. I seek other White males, 18 to 27, for fun. Let's meet somewhere and decide where we want to go from there. (Appleton) #1148

APPLE'S WAY I'm ready to start a relationship with a sincere, non smoking, Gay, White male, 23 to 27. I'm an easy going, attractive, 24 year old, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with short Brown hair, Hazel eyes, and a swimmer's build. I enjoy working out, electronics, bowling, and photography. If you're Mr. Right material, let's get together. (Appleton) #30977

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

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

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

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

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

BENEATH THE SURFACE It seems to me that personal statistics and measurements don't mean much at this point. I'm looking for someone to get to know. If you, too, are interested in what's inside, let's talk. (Eau Claire) #34100

FRESH GOODS I'm new in the area and want to meet buddies for frequent, uninhibited, get togethers. I'm a very well built, good looking, White male, 30, 6ft, 175lbs. If you're masculine, and serious about hooking up, let's give it a go. (Eau Claire) #33358

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

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

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

DON'T PULL THE PLUG I'm here to plug up some holes. This horny, masculine, top seeks hot bottoms for long sessions. (Fox River) #1570

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

CHEESE NEAR THE BAY I'm a 27 year old, Gay male, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I'm looking to meet other guys in the Green Bay area. Give me a call (Green Bay) #19721

KNOCK ON MY BACK DOOR I'm a 46 year old Bisexual married White male looking for a discreet man for fun and games. I am new to the scene and I'm eager to learn. If you want to have fun with a hot virgin call me. (Green Bay) #18380

CHEESE LOVER I need a hunk of cheese. I'm a very attractive, White male, 26, 6'2, 190lbs, and in great shape. I'm honest, athletic, and seek someone like me, 18 to 30, who lives in the area. (Hudson) #34658

RAT RACE REMOVAL If you like older men and believe in outdated virtues like sincerity, honesty, intelligence, Peter Pan, laughter, fidelity, lifetime relationships, and are tired of city life and the rat race, here I am. My birth certificate says I'm 63, but I'll never believe it. Maybe we're the missing piece in each other's life. Let's talk and find out. (Hurley) #31090

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

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



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

NICE AND EASY I'm the quintessential nice guy. This 32 year old, White male, 6ft, with dark hair and a slim build, enjoys social activities as well as fun, private, activities. I'd like to meet you and explore new interests together. (Madison) #1079

CURIOUS AND COMFORTABLE I'd like to meet another Bi curious guy for relaxing times and exploration. I enjoy eating out, cooking, long walks, going to the park at night, and watching TV. (Madison) #34097

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

TATTS AND TRANS This 40 year old, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with a slim build, very long hair, and tattoos, wants to meet a Transvestite or Transsexual for fun. Wanna come out and play? (Madison) #31124

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

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

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

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

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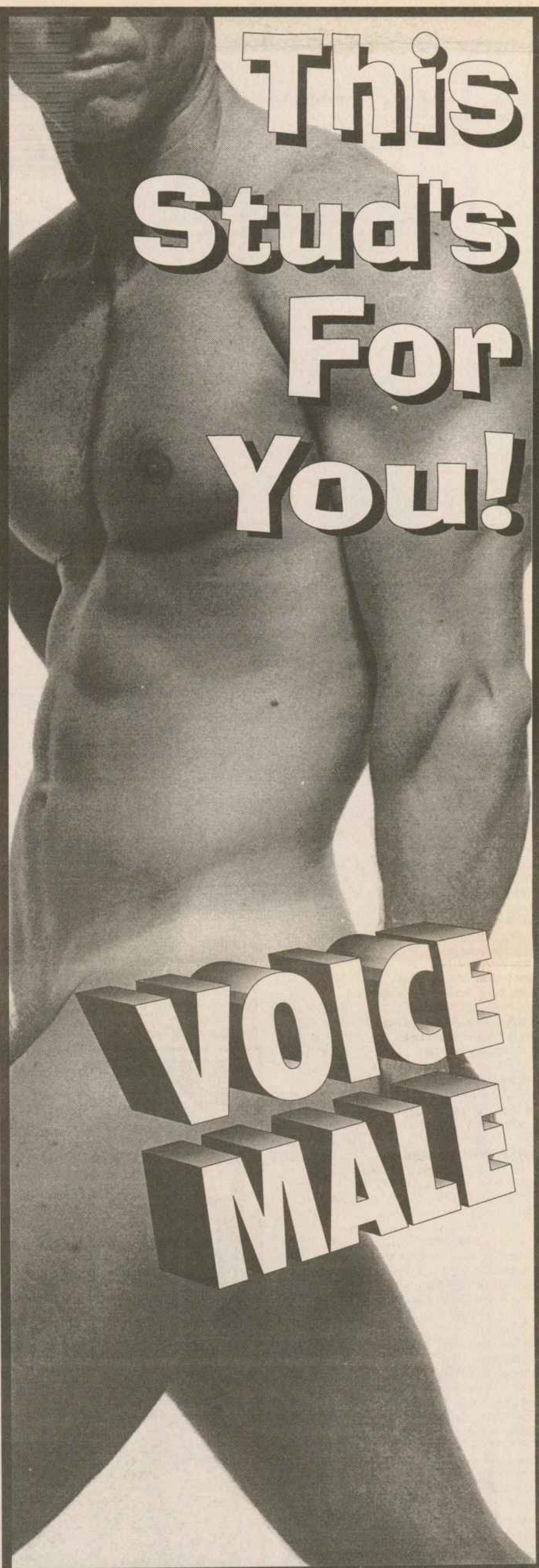
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