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Gays Testify at Senate ENDA Hearing

Washington, DC (AP) — Kendall Hamilton's work at an Oklahoma City restaurant was so good his manager recommended he be hired to manage a new restaurant, he told a Senate committee last Thursday.

Hamilton's evaluations were good, and he had previous experience serving, working as a host, tending bar and training new waiters and waitresses, he said.

After a series of seemingly successful interviews in 1995, his prospects hit a dead end when a fellow employee went to upper management with what she considered disturbing news: Hamilton was gay.

Shortly afterward, Hamilton's boss called him into his office to say that his sexual orientation had destroyed his chances to become a manager for the restaurant chain.

It turned out that the manager's job went to a person who had been with the chain only nine months — "and it was someone that I trained," Hamilton told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

He approached a civil rights attorney with the hope of pressing a legal challenge. But he was told that nothing in Oklahoma law, federal law or the U.S. Constitution protected him against being fired because he was gay.

At the hearing, he asked the Senate to pass a bill that would outlaw job discrimination against gays.

"I don't want any special treatment," he said. "I just want the same chance that everyone has. I think we need to make sure that people are treated equally."

The bill, introduced by Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., would prohibit the use of a job applicant's sexual orientation as a basis for hiring, firing, promotion or compensation.

A similar bill failed in the Senate on a 50-49 vote in 1996. President Clinton said he was disappointed that the bill was defeated, but gay-rights advocates hoped that with aggressive lobbying this year, it could pass both the

Senate and the House.

Conservative opponents rejected that idea Thursday, although none accepted invitations to testify at the committee's public hearing.

"It is clear to me that this hearing has been orchestrated carefully to exclude this committee's Republican majority and those groups which are critical of preferential treatment under law for homosexuality," Andrea Sheldon, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, said in a written statement.

The Family Research Council described the legislation as a "homosexual quota bill" that would grant special rights to people based on their sexual behavior.

Jeffords said he changed this year's anti-discrimination bill to meet the concerns of senators who argued against it last year on grounds it could clog the courts with new lawsuits, give gays preferential treatment or force companies to send the government statistics on the sexual orientation of their employees.

"The bill now prohibits the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) from collecting such statistics and from compelling employers to do so," Jeffords said. "The new legislation precludes the EEOC from entering into a consent decree that includes quotas, or gives preferential treatment based on sexual orientation."

A study released Thursday by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, found that discrimination lawsuits have not increased significantly in the 11 states that have passed their own anti-discrimination laws, he said.

Parental Advisory for "Ellen" Returns

New York, NY — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) today expressed dismay at ABC's decision to reintroduce the controversial "parental advisory" warning on the October 29th episode of its hit show "Ellen." The advisory, normally used for explicit violence, sex or language, was



removed from the show two weeks ago after protests from star Ellen DeGeneres, GLAAD and others who complained that the advisory represented a double standard in regards to sexual orientation.

Ellen DeGeneres has spoken out about the double standard of giving Ellen the advisory when many much more explicit heterosexual sexual situations, graphic violence, and even other same-sex kisses (Spin City, Relativity, Laverne & Shirley) did not warrant the severe warning. GLAAD spoke with representatives of both the program and the network, urging a resolution which was fair to lesbians and gay men, and mobilized national support for removal of the advisory two weeks ago.

"ABC's decision to reintroduce the warning constitutes a double standard for lesbian and gay content on television that is simply unfair and un-American," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bono. "ABC made history last April when Ellen came out. Now ABC is telling Americans, especially young people who are struggling with their own sexual orientation, that there is something explicitly wrong and harmful about living openly and honestly."

Media Round-Up: Ellen, Al and the Kiss

In the past several weeks, it seems that everyone has had something to say about ABC's hit show Ellen, the controversy surrounding ABC's double standard to place a parental advisory warning on it (and then remove it), Vice President Gore's applause for the show's encouraging America to look more closely at sexual orientation, and the joking kiss between character Ellen Morgan (DeGeneres) and her best friend Paige (Joely Fisher). From the insightful to the dreadful, here are some of the highlights of recent media commentary:

Richard Cohen defends Vice President Gore's support of Ellen in the October 21 Washington Post, stating that the effect of Ellen, as Gore noted, is "that people will see that Ellen the perceived heterosexual was not all that different from Ellen the announced homosexual. Now this subversive stuff, the Kryptonite of bigotry. For once you realize that the object of your loathing is pretty much like you, hate becomes difficult."

The "Winners and Losers" section of the October 20 Time calls Ellen DeGeneres a "Loser," saying "Yep, she's a prima donna. She comes out, lip locks a gal pal on air, and wants the kids to watch." James Collins in the October 27 issue complains that in the new season, "Instead of being integrated into the show, Ellen's homosexuality has become the show... Ellen is now as one-dimensional as Bewitched, where every story line, every moment, every gag relies on the same device."

Cincinnati Appeals Court Rules Against Human Rights

Cincinnati, OH — The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled for the second time that Cincinnati voters may legally reject human rights ordinances protecting gay men, lesbians and bisexuals from discrimination.

The U.S. Supreme Court had remanded the case to the 6th Circuit to reexamine the issue in light of the high court's ruling that a similar Colorado law was unconstitutional.

The plaintiff, the Equality Foundation of Greater Cincinnati Inc., said it would appeal today's decision upholding Issue 3 — a city charter amendment passed by voters in November 1993.

Cincinnati and a Colorado group called "Equal Rights Not Special Rights" had challenged a lower court's invalidation of the Cincinnati amendment.

A three-judge appeals court panel stated: "Although the United States Supreme Court in Romer affirmed the Colorado Supreme Court's decision striking down Colorado Amendment 2, it rejected the reasoning of that court which had posited...that, under 'strict scrutiny' review Amendment 2 deprived homosexuals in Colorado of (a) fundamental right."

One of EFGC's lawyers, Scott Greenwood, stated: "Apparently, they (the appellate court) didn't read the same Supreme Court opinion in our case or in the Romer case that we did. They were vacated the last time. That means we won in the Supreme Court. The opinion that they were supposed to write was to make this case consistent with (the U.S. Supreme Court) opinion in Romer."

Acremant Gets the Death Penalty in Oregon Slayings

Medford, OR (AP) — A former accountant who admitted killing a lesbian couple after they refused to give him money that he wanted to rekindle his relationship with a Las Vegas stripper was sentenced to death on October 27.

Robert Acremant, 29, lured Roxanne Ellis, 53, and Michelle Abdill, 42, to an apartment in December 1995 and tried to force them to write him \$50,000 in checks from their property management business.

When they refused, he bound and gagged them with duct tape and forced them to lie in the back of a pickup truck next to boxes containing a Christmas tree and a present for Ellis' granddaughter. Then he shot each twice in the head.

The slayings sent a shudder through the gay community of southern Oregon. Partners for 12 years, Ellis and Abdill had worked for the defeat of a statewide measure to limit the rights of homosexuals and had cared for AIDS victims.

Acremant pleaded guilty last year to two counts of aggravated murder. The jury took four hours Monday before unanimously sentencing him to death by injection.

The defense hinged on the testimony of a psychologist who testified Acremant's life, built on hard work and achievement, descended into chaos. Acremant left his accounting job to develop software, but the venture failed. He then began drinking heavily, the defense contended, after being spurned by stripper Alla Kosova.

Two months before the women were shot, Acremant shot Scott George of Visalia, Calif., after a night of drinking in what was supposed to be another robbery. He faces a sentencing trial later for that slaying.

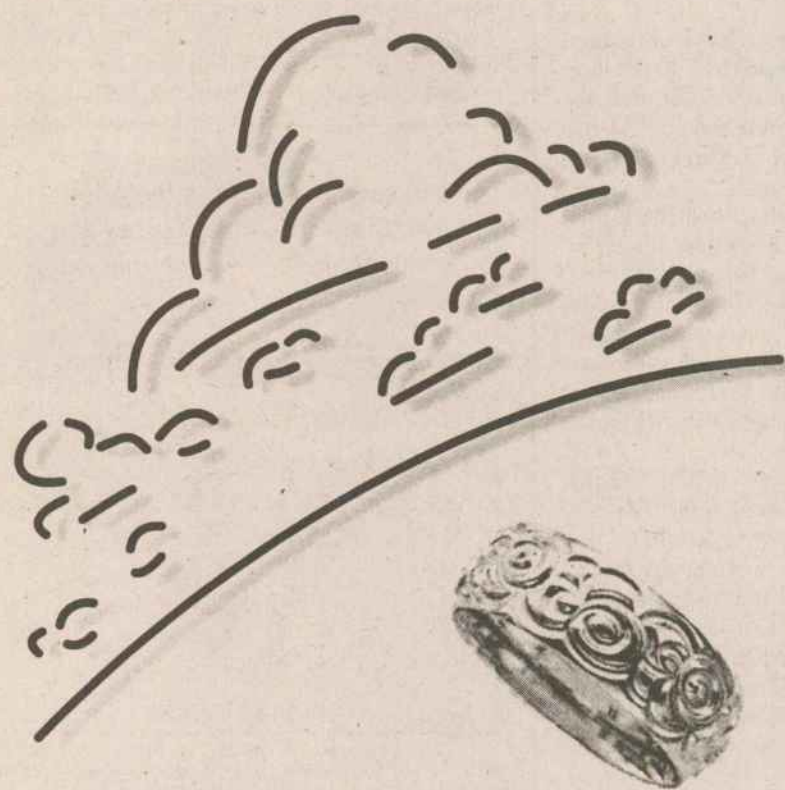
Prosecutors painted Acremant as an evil and greedy man who assembled guns, silencers, disguises and how-to books in a black duffel bag and was ready to keep on killing as long as he needed money.

"His little death kit was all set up and ready to go," prosecutor John Bondurant said.

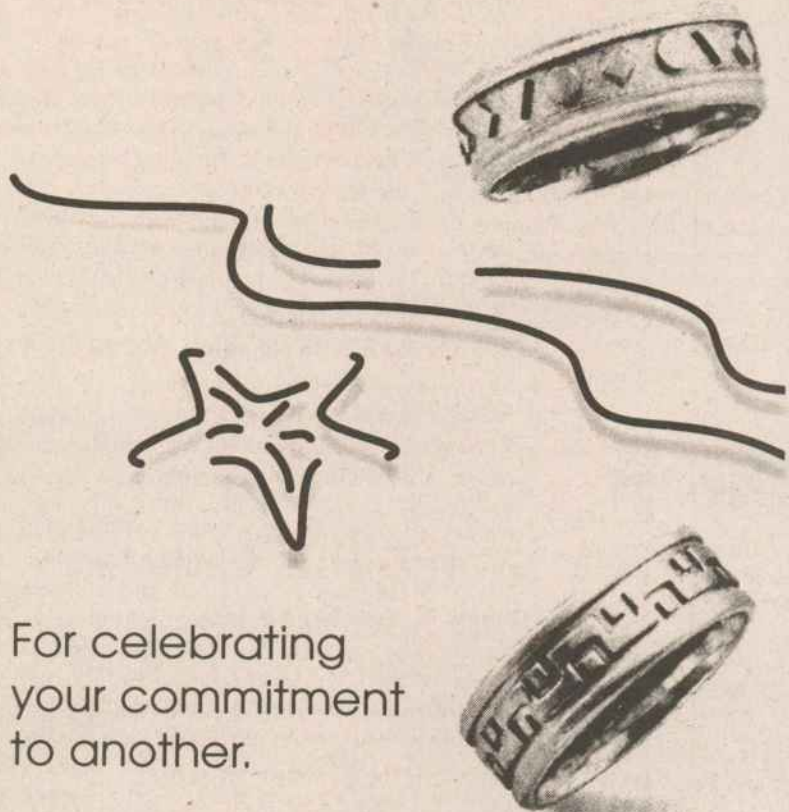
The defense wanted the jury to sentence him to life in prison without parole.

Acremant's mother turned him in after recognizing a police sketch. Acremant confessed, saying he targeted the women because they were lesbians and he figured they wouldn't have families that would miss them.

On Our Cover: Lesbian stand-up comic, Marga Gomez will appear at UWM on November 21 and 22. See story in The Arts. Photo: Bruce Talbot.



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State Increases AIDS Funding

Madison — Wisconsin's AIDS community is set to receive \$1,968,900, a 15 percent increase, in state AIDS funding to provide health and social support services for Wisconsin residents living with HIV and AIDS.

The state funds are used by community-based AIDS service organizations to provide case management, legal counsel, early medical intervention and other support services to people with HIV disease.

"The Governor and the Legislature have recognized that the AIDS epidemic is far from over and that the State is an important partner in the fight against AIDS," said Doug Nelson executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). "Our HIV/AIDS caseload throughout the State has never been higher and the State's increased commitment will help us meet the increasing demand for services."

Nelson also praised state lawmakers for increasing funds for other State AIDS programs including: \$398,400 for the AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program which assures individuals access to new, costly AIDS medications and \$541,158 for a unique insurance program which allows the State to purchase private health insurance for low-income people with HIV and AIDS to assure health care coverage and reduce state Medical Assistance Program costs.

The funding to provide health and social support services to the following areas include: Milwaukee—\$1,049,726; Kenosha—\$142,205; Green Bay—\$102,450; LaCrosse—\$63,432; Eau Claire—\$62,995; Wausau—\$56,903; and Appleton—\$24,030.

"More than 1,545 people with HIV and AIDS in the Wisconsin will directly benefit from the State's support," said Nelson. "Funding these important programs will give many HIV infected people greater hope for their futures, a better standard of living and renewed opportunity."

Couple's Registry Begins in Oak Park

Oak Park, IL (AP) — Ron Rauch and Phil Bellerive made history as Oak Park's gay registry went into effect last Monday. They were be among the first four same-sex couples to sign up for the registry, established by the village and the first of its kind in Illinois. Rauch, 59, a title examiner, and Bellerive, 37, a computer technician, have been partners for 12 years.

Rauch remembered the first public

hearing on the registry in 1994 and the residents, Bibles in hand, who opposed the gay lifestyle.

"They were calling us scum of the sewer, filth of the earth and river rats," he said. "It was just so outrageous that I had to walk out."

Rauch also recalled his and Bellerive's early years working with the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association. "We were in on the original meeting eight years ago to form the association," he said.

Though it is largely symbolic because Illinois does not recognize same-sex marriages, couples are eager to sign up, said Alan Amato, a spokesman for the association.

"It's terrific," said Amato, "Oak Park is making history. It's the first municipality in Illinois to recognize its gay and lesbian couples."

Another couple who will sign up is Betsy Ritzman-Stith, 42, a pastoral counselor, and Cheryl Haugh, 45, a chiropractor, who say they were "married" on Nov. 4, 1993. They have two children, a 13-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl. Ritzman-Stith and Haugh wed in an American Baptist United Church of America church after deliberating with their clergyman.

"My son reads the newspapers," Ritzman-Stith said. "He thought it was illegal, and we'd be arrested. You can't imagine what it's like for a kid to know his parents are going to get in trouble for loving each other. Whether you're straight or gay, you want social respect. I think [the registry] is a measure of some respect in Oak Park."

Rauch said he and his partner just "want to feel welcome as part of the community. We live just like everybody else."

ACLU Investigates High School Rights Case

Eaton, CO (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union is investigating whether the civil rights of several Eaton High School students were violated when they were suspended for staging an alternative school spirit week.

Mark Silverstein, legal director in the ACLU's Denver office, said Tuesday he will review the case.

"It sounds like there may have been egregious violations of the students' First Amendment rights," he said.

ACLU actions could include phone calls, letters or even litigation on behalf of the students, he said.

Sixteen students were barred from the rural Weld County school last week after they organized alternative events during homecoming week, including activities recognizing gays and promoting safe sex.

Some parents objected, and school officials deemed that the students' methods were disruptive, said Principal Gene Huser.

The students were suspended when they disobeyed a school order to halt their plans, Huser said.

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NJ Judge Approves Adoption by Gay Couple

Ruling Expected to Have National Impact

Hackensack, NJ (AP) — Jon Holden and Michael Galluccio, a gay couple, say they considered Adam part of their family since they became his foster parents when he was 3 months old.

Two years later, that feeling is officially sanctioned by a state judge in a decision that could have an impact on gay rights in New Jersey and the nation.

The Bergen County men were granted joint adoption of their foster child, becoming what activists believe is only the second homosexual couple in New Jersey with such a decree.

Holding 2-year-old Adam, his cheeks smeared with lipstick from his grandmothers, the men spoke to a clutch of reporters outside the Bergen County Courthouse after an hour-long closed hearing last Wednesday.

"From the bottom of our hearts we are so gratified," Holden said. Galluccio added, "We are thrilled." Adam smiled and grabbed at the microphones.

The decision is just part of a continuing battle by the two men, who are also leading a class-action lawsuit seeking to overturn a state regulation that bars unmarried couples from joint adoption.

Similar rules exist in many states.

The state did not oppose the petition of Galluccio and Holden to adopt Adam, although it maintained that the previous such case was approved in error, said lawyers who attended the hearing.

Wendi Patella, a spokeswoman for the state Division of Youth and Family Services, which placed Adam in foster care, said she could not discuss his case because of privacy restrictions, and also could not comment on the pending lawsuit. She did say, however, that DYFS attorneys did not attend the hearing.

Since the state allows unmarried individuals to adopt, many other New Jersey gay men and women are adoptive parents. Many are couples where one partner is the biological parent, or where each partner adopted the child separately.

"It is definitely a step closer to recognition of same-sex marriages," said Rebecca Isaacs, political director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Galluccio and Holden, in their mid-30s, have been together 15 years and live in Maywood, said Michael Adams, a staff attorney with the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, which assisted in the adoption petition and is also backing the class-action lawsuit.

Adam became their foster child after being born addicted to cocaine to a woman who was HIV positive. Drug therapy will probably keep Adam free of the virus that causes AIDS, but he will have permanent health problems, Adams said.

"It's incredibly difficult" to find homes for such children, Adams said, adding that thousands in New Jersey alone await placement.

Galluccio and Holden also became foster par-

ents in January to a newborn girl, but cannot begin adoption proceedings until parental rights end, Adams said.

Galluccio is a manager at a telecommunications company, while Holden stays home.

The adoption ruling by state Superior Court Judge Sybil R. Moses appeared to be narrowly tailored. "The judge made her decision in the best interests of the child on the facts in front of her," said the men's lawyer, Barbara Fox, who declined to address specifics.

The ruling does not necessarily predict the outcome of the class-action lawsuit, which Moses will hear in November.

The lawsuit seeks to overturn the state regulation, charging it violates state and federal constitutional rights to equal protection.

"If you're going to penalize people with different treatment, there has to be a legitimate governmental reason, and there isn't here," Adams said. Because homosexual marriages are not recognized, he said, "this rule has a disproportionate effect on gay and lesbian couples."

If they were denied joint adoption, Galluccio and Holden would have to each try to adopt Adam on their own, which could add a year and about \$2,000 to the process, Adams said.

And because only one could adopt at a time, if something happened to the adoptive parent before the other adoption was final, the other man would have no parental rights, he said.

The ACLU had no list of which states bar unmarried couples from joint adoption, said another staff attorney on the gay rights project, Jennifer Middleton, who said that enforcement varies widely.

"Nobody is really monitoring what is happening from family court to family court in every state. For the most part, these are private matters that nobody wants to bring a lot of attention," Middleton said.

"I think it's all a relatively new phenomenon."

Only two states, Florida and New Hampshire, bar all gay men and women from adopting, said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

"In the remaining states, there are formal or informal policies which discourage approval of adoptions by a lesbian or gay couple," Kendell said.

"But even in those states, as in New Jersey, the single most important factor in a judge's determination about an adoption is the child's best interest. And if it is clear that the child's best interest will be promoted by granting the adoption, then the policy will most often be disregarded," she said.

Her group estimates that between 8 million and 13 million children are being raised in households headed by a gay person, which includes children born during marriages that ended.

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Illinois Condoms Recalled

Springfield, IL — Illinois health officials are recalling some 270,000 condoms distributed during the past 19 months to local health departments, saying they don't work properly.

The condoms with spermicidal lubricant were purchased from Ansell Inc., which says recent tests show the condoms do not comply with standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Some of the condoms deteriorated before the end of their shelf life (varying from 1997 through 2000) and may not work properly to prevent pregnancy or the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases.

Illinois Public Health Department officials told local health departments to stop using the Ansell condoms they still have. State officials note they also had about 260,000 condoms in storerooms that had not yet been distributed.

Sentencing in Murder of Noted Gay Geophysicist

San Diego, CA — An angry judge sentenced a former martial arts expert to a prison term of 25 years to life for the murder of a world-renowned gay geophysicist, telling the defendant he should "rot in hell."

Superior Court Judge William Mudd made his remarks after Paul Cain, 26, told the court he didn't get a fair trial.

Mudd criticized Cain for blaming the 73-year-old murder victim, Stanley K. Runcorn, for the 1995 killing, while denying any responsibility himself. "I hope you rot in hell, sir," the judge told Cain. "You, sir, are the epitome of self-righteousness. You can't see the forest through the trees."

Runcorn had been in San Diego at the time of his death to consult with a colleague about a proposed scientific conference to be held at the Vatican. He was one of the scientists who developed the widely accepted theory of "continental drift," a concept explaining the formation and movement of the world's continents.

LA Sex Club Can Stay Open

Los Angeles, CA — A City Council committee has voted to allow a gay sex club called The Barracks to remain open despite the protests of neighbors who complain about lewd activity in public and limited parking.

The Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommended the club stay open as long as it abides by 23 conditions, including placing security guards on the premises and offering a 24-hour hotline for complaints.

The recommendation will go before the City Council for a final vote Nov. 5.

The Barracks has been operating without permits since January even though it is 500 feet from a residential area, a violation of adult entertainment laws, and near Lockwood Elementary School.

Hate Graffiti Hits Catholic School in San Diego

San Diego, CA — University of San Diego authorities are searching for whoever scrawled hate messages in a dormitory bathroom stall and on a bulletin board at the schools' legal research center.

"It's clearly the work of people who are sick and twisted," said university spokesman Jack Cannon.

The racist, anti-Semitic and anti-gay graffiti was found in a stall at Campion Hall, and on the bulletin board at the center, Cannon said, and included swastikas, along with phrases like "die nigger scum" and "death to faggots."

Public safety investigators believe students are behind the vandalism, but are not ruling out the possibility that someone else took advantage of the open campus, a Catholic-run school with some 6,000 students.

"The university regards this with the utmost gravity," Cannon said. "We work to provide racial harmony."

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SAGE/Dane Explores Senior Housing

Madison — Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE), in Dane County and South Central Wisconsin wants to learn about the housing needs of the older LGBT population. Just as gays and lesbians are estimated to be 10% of the general population, it also can be estimated that 10% of the general senior population is also gay and lesbian. SAGE/Dane anticipates that most general needs are met as a part of the general population, but there can be a feeling of isolation among LGBT seniors when they have either few close friends or lose them as they age.

These concerns will be addressed at a Housing Forum in Madison on Saturday, November 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Society Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive. After the concerns are presented, desired changes or alternate solutions will be discussed. Once we know the alternatives or changes that we want, implementation possibilities will be addressed.

SAGE/Dane is especially interested in future housing needs. Caregiver needs will be considered for those seniors who choose to stay in their own homes as long as possible. It is anticipated that participation in this forum will lead to the development of housing and caregiver options that meet these identified needs.

We have begun preliminary discussion with a gay-friendly housing developer. It is hoped that ideas from this forum will affect your housing choice in the future. Your interest and participation is critical for future planning. We would like to consider housing that can adapt as needs change.

SAGE/Dane invites older lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people in South Central Wisconsin to contact them with their comments or concerns about retirement living. We welcome input from all adults interested

in immediate and future housing issues.

If you would like to attend (or cannot attend and have input you would like to contribute), please call 1-800-733-6024 for more information. Attendance and parking are free.

Annual HIT "Welcome Show" at Club 219

Milwaukee — The 19th Annual Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) *Welcome Show* will again be held at the Club 219 on Thursday, November 27, 1997 at 10 p.m. The *Welcome Show* is put on by members and friends of the H.I.T. Board of Directors to entertain the bowlers participating in this year's tournament. This year, bowlers will be coming from all over the United States, Canada, and other foreign countries.

Any individual or group wishing to become "friends" of H.I.T., and who wish to donate their time and talent, are invited and encouraged to participate. This year's theme is *HIT the Holidays*. Any entertainment relevant to the recognized holidays would be appreciated. Be sure to bring your own music.

There will be a rehearsal on Sunday, November 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Club 219. For additional information, call the H.I.T. Hotline at (414) 332-7142.

Erotic Lesbian Nonfiction Sought For Anthology

Los Angeles, CA — Alyson Publications, the leader in gay and lesbian publishing, is seeking submissions for an upcoming anthology in which lesbians describe the time they introduced a virgin woman to lesbian sex.

This anthology will be a collection of true, erotic, first-person stories by women from around the country and the world talking about their experiences seducing a virgin woman. It should provide a sometimes romantic, sometimes passionate, and always sizzling look at the many ways in which a lesbian can initiate another woman to the pleasures of a sexual encounter with another woman.

This book is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in 1998. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 1997. For guidelines, send SASE to Virgin Guidelines, Alyson Publications, P.O. Box 4371, Los Angeles, CA 90078; E-mail to alyson@advocate.com; or go to <http://www.alyson.com>.

"Party with the Puppies" Fundraiser Set

Kenosha — An evening of dinner and greyhound racing benefitting the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project will be held Friday, November 7, beginning at 6 p.m. at Dairyland Greyhound Park, 5522 104th Ave. (HWY 158 and I-94), Kenosha. Dinner will be served until 7:30 p.m. with races starting at 7:15 p.m.

A donation of \$25 per person or \$150 for a table of six includes parking, clubhouse admission, racing program, buffet dinner and one raffle ticket.

Raffle prizes include a weekend "un-winder" package for two at the Abbey in lake Geneva, Gurnee Mills gift certificates, Miller Brewing Company party packs, dinner at Fitzpatrick's Crystal Inn in East Troy and a basket of fine wines. Additional raffle tickets will be available the night of the event.

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ARCW Helps Save AIDS Housing Funds

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) announced last week that hundreds of people statewide living with HIV and AIDS are now a step closer to not losing their homes or housing assistance — a direct result of ARCW's advocacy work and recommendations to federal legislation that will save Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) funding. Prior to the changes in federal language, statewide HOPWA dollars were scheduled to be eliminated in 1998 and only Metropolitan Milwaukee residents living with HIV and AIDS would have received assistance.

"ARCW is pleased that our advocacy led to changing this federal law to create an opportunity to save as much as \$300,000 in federal AIDS housing funding for the State of Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson ARCW executive director. "Other than Milwaukee, funding to all areas of the state was literally on the brink of extinction, which would have left hundreds of people living with HIV and AIDS homeless."

ARCW helped save funding dollars for AIDS housing services in Madison, Green Bay, Eau Claire, LaCrosse and Wausau when the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved the Veterans Affairs (VA)/Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations Conference Report.

According to ARCW, the report included key language crafted by ARCW that now gives the Secretary of HUD the authority to grant Wisconsin up to \$300,000 in HOPWA funding to be used throughout 68 Wisconsin counties. Metropolitan Milwaukee is scheduled to receive \$400,000 in HOPWA funding in 1998. Prior to ARCW's changes, the federal funding formula would have cut Wisconsin HOPWA dollars by \$268,000 and restricted distribution to only Metropolitan Milwaukee in 1998.

ARCW is contacting HUD to assure that the Secretary uses his new authority to save the homes of people with AIDS in Wisconsin.

"Rep. David Obey and his hard-working staff deserve a lion's share of the credit for this success. Rep. Obey heard loud and clear the dramatic impact the elimination of HOPWA funding would have on his constituents and people with AIDS throughout much of Wisconsin. He responded with strong leadership to address this very difficult issue," said Mike Gifford ARCW director of public policy.

The VA/HUD Conference Report moves next to the President's desk for final approval later this month. HOPWA funding is used throughout Wisconsin to directly benefit people with HIV disease and AIDS through rent assistance, financial counseling, housing referrals and residential housing programs. Annually, ARCW serves over 1,400 people living with HIV and AIDS through its housing programs statewide.

Connie Highsmith Nominated to National Nurses AIDS Group

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Health Services, Inc., has announced the nomination of Connie Highsmith to the office of President Elect in the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC).

Connie Highsmith is a Wisconsin resident who has been in the National spotlight both in speaking, writing, and as an outstanding provider of medical care to her clients living with HIV. She has also served on her Association Boards of Directors since 1996, and was the founding chapter president of the Southeastern Chapter of ANAC.

The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care is the largest HIV/AIDS nursing organization in the United States. There are also international affiliates stretching from Japan to Canada. By stepping into a national leadership role Connie shows in a very positive way the contributions that nurses, even from lower incidence areas, can make in this epidemic.

ANAC wishes to congratulate her and wish her well during her term! Please join ANAC in celebrating this nurses on-going contributions to clients living with HIV in Wisconsin, to the nurses and health care professionals in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. Connie's address is: 1512 East Marion, Shorewood, WI 53211.

Business Financing Symposium '97

Milwaukee — An annual, hands-on, small business financing symposium aimed at helping new and existing small business owners learn to run and finance their businesses more effectively will be held at The Italian Community Center, 631 East Chicago Street from 7:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 1997.

The symposium, sponsored by Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC), features morning workshops and afternoon presentations by financing professionals, and a day-long business-services fair.

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The cost for the symposium is \$30 if registered before October 25; \$35 after October 25; or \$50 at the door. For more information call WWBIC at (414) 372-2070.

Reeling '97: Annual Chicago Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

Chicago — Reeling '97: The 17th Annual Chicago Lesbian & Gay International Film Festival will present over 100 long and short films in two theaters.

The Music Box Theater, at 3733 N. Southport Avenue will show the films from the opening night screening of *Bent* on Friday, November 7 through Thursday, November 13. Then, Chestnut Station at 830 N. Clark Street, will show films from Friday, November 14 through Thursday, November 20. The Opening Night screening of *Bent* at the Music Box Theater, and the Gala Reception that follows at Circuit, 3614 N. Halsted St. are specially priced at \$25.

Bent is the highly adaptation of Martin Sherman's award-winning and groundbreaking stage play. The stage play was the first to bring the Nazi persecution of homosexuals into the spotlight. The stellar cast includes Lothaire Bluteau, Clive Owen, Brian Webber and Sir Ian McKellen, with Mick Jagger in the role of the nightclub owner Greta.

The party in honor of Cheryl Dunye, director of this year's lesbian hit *The Watermelon Woman*, is at Girlbar, 2625 N. Halsted St. at 11 p.m. immediately following the November 13th screening at the Music Box Theater. Admission to the film and party is \$15 (\$7 for the film only).

Reeling '97 will also present two photography exhibitions: *The Legacy of Magnus Hirschfeld: One Hundred Years of the Gay Movement in Germany*, and *Transvestites*. The exhibitions will open with a reception on Thursday, November 6 at 3641 N. Halsted St. The exhibition will also be on display during the Opening Night Gala on Friday, November 7th, from 9 to 11 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9 from noon to 5 p.m.

Ticket prices for individual shows are \$7 each. Advance tickets for all programs are available at Chicago Filmmakers, 1543 W. Division St. beginning October 21, Monday through Friday

from noon to 5 p.m. Various discount cards and passes are available. Checks, cash, Master Card and Visa are accepted. For up-to-date program information, call the Festival Hot Line at (773) 384-5533. You can write for a brochure to: Chicago Filmmakers, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, IL 60622. The brochure contains a tickets by mail order form.

Chicago Filmmakers is also on the Web at www.chicagofilmmakers.org or by e-mail at reeling@chicagofilmmakers.org. Please see the Calendar in this issue for more listings.

Christian Science Group Forming

Milwaukee — Members of Emergence International, Christian Scientists supporting Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals met in St. Louis, MO for their annual association together on October 16 through 19, 1997. The speaker was a Journal listed Christen Science Practitioner.

This was the 14th annual gathering of Emergence. Many cities in the U.S. and abroad support groups for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Christian Scientists. Groups meet weekly and monthly to provide support to one another and often include readings from the Bible and writings of Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. In addition, groups offer fellowship, friendship and camaraderie.

A new group will be forming in the greater Milwaukee area. For more information, please call Emergence International at 1-800-290-6653, or locally contact Earl at (773) 281-8619.

Pride in Wisconsin Government Holds Awards Night

Madison — Pride in Wisconsin Government is pleased to announce its first Annual Awards Reception to be held Saturday, November 15, 1997, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ancora Coffee Roasters, 112 King Street, Madison.

Pride in Wisconsin Government is an organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered public sector and government employees in Wisconsin, and their allies. As part of its mission statement, Pride in Wisconsin Government seeks to recognize contributions by and for LGBT public employees.

This year's award recipient is the Teaching Assistants Association, the graduate student assistants' union at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in recognition of their continuing efforts to

memorial

Marianne (Terry) St. James

Marianne (Terry) St. James passed away at her home on the south side from a heart attack on Saturday, October 18, 1997. Visitation was at Witkowiak Funeral Home, on Thursday, October 23. Burial will be next to her partner, Mary Lacombe (1951-1992), in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Marianne was born in Milwaukee and lived in the area for most of her life. She was a funeral director by profession, retiring about 15 years ago due to a heart problem and stroke which left her partially disabled.

Recently, Marianne worked part-time as a driver. She loved to hang out at Vuk's Bar, and also Kathy's Nut Hut and Just Us. She adored her two cats Pudder and ShuShu. She leaves behind numerous friends including: Eleanor, Scott, Tom, Rick, Dorothy, Punch, Larry, Catarina (Chris), Jodi, Kevin, Big Tom and Angel.

She is survived by her mother and half-brother in Milwaukee; four children and one grandchild in Iowa. She was preceded in death by one daughter.

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A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door. For more information write to: Pride in Wisconsin Government, c/o The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701-0310, or call (608)255-8582. E-mail: dross@execpc.com.

Plymouth UCC Installs Openly Gay Pastor

Milwaukee — Andrew Warner will be installed Associate Pastor of Plymouth Church-United Church of Christ on November 2. The public is invited to the 3 p.m. Service of Installation at the church, 2717 East Hampshire Street.

The installation follows Warner's October 26 ordination by the Metropolitan Boston Association at First Church in Cambridge, Mass. He earned an undergraduate degree in religion at College University in Hamilton NY. While at Harvard Dignity School, he wrote a mas-

ter's thesis entitled "God's Work of Art-Male Homosexuality According to Gregorian Theology." His work at Plymouth will focus on strengthening its children and youth ministry as well as adult education.

"What excites me about the ministry," said Warner, "is helping people find meaning in their experiences. My ministry addresses the *how* and *what* questions of life."

Founded in 1841, Plymouth is one of the oldest churches in Milwaukee. It became one of the first in the Milwaukee area to welcome openly gay and lesbian members when its members voted in 1991 to become an "Open and Affirming" church. With Warner's installation, it becomes one of the first to call an openly gay pastor. For more information call (414) 964-1513.

Bi Definition Accepting New Members

Milwaukee — Bi Definition, Milwaukee's bisexual social, support, and activist organization, is accepting

new members and will discuss bisexual visibility and other issues on Saturday November 1 at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. starting at 7 p.m.

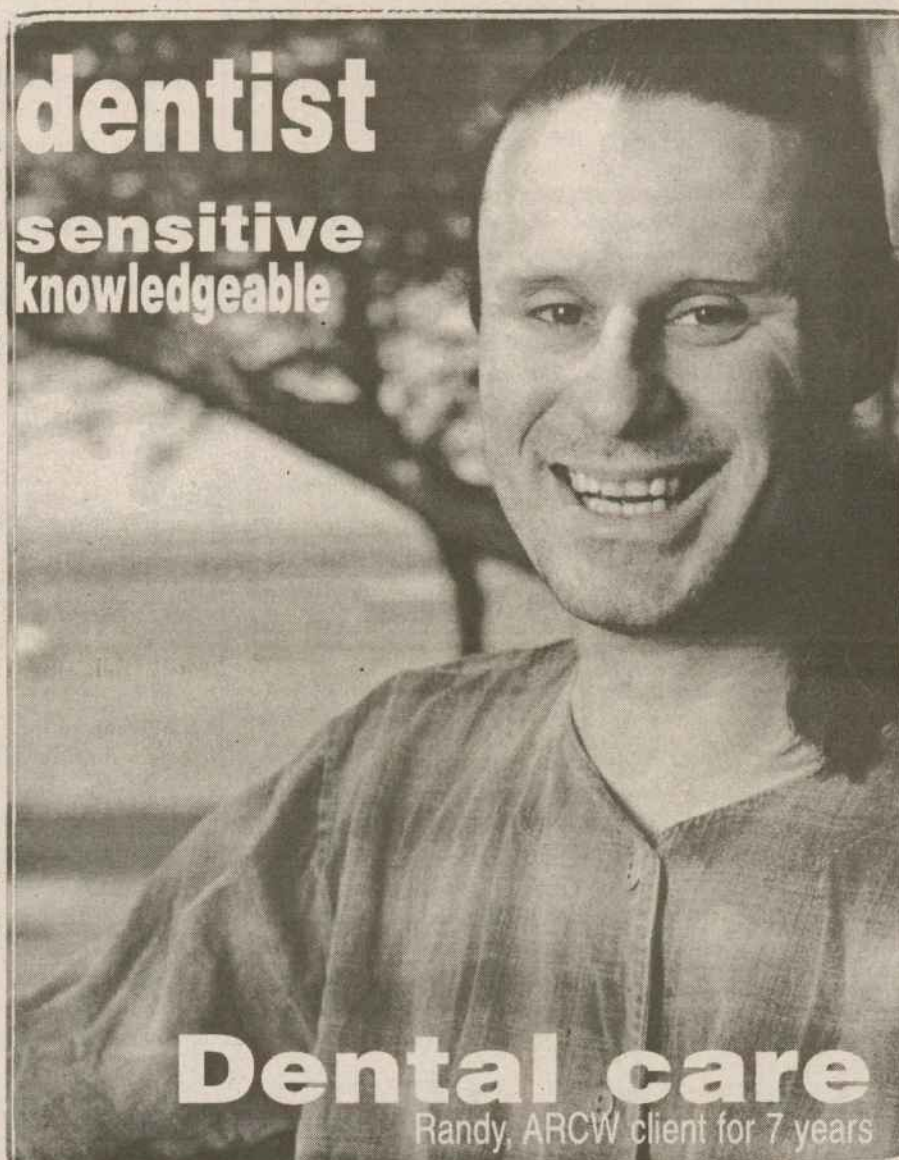
The organization gathers on the first Saturday of each month, and provides information about bisexuality, local, midwestern, and national bi-activities as well as offering time to talk about personal questions and concerns. This is accomplished via fact sheet handouts, newsletters and group discussion.

Nominal cost of an annual membership is just \$10, which includes newsletter mailings and free admission to all bi social/discussions at BESTD Clinic. Otherwise, \$3 covers the cost of a single gathering. In case of extreme financial hardship, a donation of time can be arranged for membership.

Bi Definition strives to have a diverse membership, so a special invitation is extended to all various ethnicities, youth/aged, orientations and physically and mentally challenged persons.

For further information, please call Carol at (414) 562-4058 or Steve at (414) 483-5046. E-mail bidefinition@netwurx.net or write to P.O. Box 07541, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

I always write this column on Sunday night to meet the Monday morning deadline. Thanks to the 7th game of the World Series, I'm just now getting started at 11:20pm. What a game! I'm not really a huge baseball fan, but this World Series piqued my interest because it was the old line against the new. Lots of people had it in for Miami because it's a young expansion team, and detractors felt the fish 'hadn't paid their dues'.

Cleveland is an old town, and the Indians are rich in history. Miami has really come into its own in the 90's and now their Marlins have risen to the top in just five years. Too bad Milwaukee's least favorite former player, Gary Sheffield, played a strong role in the Marlins season.

However, former Whitefish Bay grad, Craig Counsell, who grew up a Brewers fan, saved the Marlins in the 9th. His team was down one, there were two outs, and he hit a pop-up fly to right to bring in the tying run, sending the game into extra innings. He was on third base in the bottom of the 11th, and was able to score the winning run. Pretty heady stuff for a rookie second baseman.

Many people in this country hold Miami in high disregard. The drugs. The Cubans. The Central and South Americans. Too many haves and have nots. *Too many gays*. I think a lot of it is jealousy. A big chunk of the country was sitting out an October snow storm and THEY are sweatin' their ta-ta's off. Aaargh!

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel sports writer Michael Bauman was real snide in his Sunday column, complaining how the Marlins "were planning the route for the victory parade — go to the marina, take a right before the cocaine smuggling boat" before they lost the sixth game to the Indians. Guess Bauman was so sure the Indians would take game seven. Don't be so parochial next time, Mr. Bauman. Want to go to a parade?

The Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, also known as "The Pageant" had been cancelled, but now has been rescheduled from November 2 to February 15. Organizers had originally cancelled the event because they only had 2 contestants (one in each category) by mid-October. Then contestants and ticket holders pointed out that contestant application ads that have been running in Wisconsin's gay press since only mid-September, were printed with an application *deadline of October 29th*.

The Pageant Committee hopes to have at least 10 contestants in each category by the new January 15 deadline. (I'd rather see 5 or 6 GOOD contestants in each category.)

The Pageant had already sold a respectable number of tables for 10 for dinner. It is usually the best attended of any of the pageants in the state, even though the winner does not go on to any other national competition. All of the other gay pageants that crown a Wisconsin titleholder (USA, America, Continental, Entertainer of the Year) send the state winners onto nationals. In addition, USA and America hold numerous preliminaries prior to their state pageant, saturating the market.

The reason for The Pageant's popularity? Historically it has been heavily bar supported, with various bar titleholders vying

for the state crowns. The Pageant originally started out as Miss Gay Milwaukee and Mr. Groovy Guy over 25 years ago. I guess it comes down to whether you think a pageant is successful by counting the crowd size or the number of contestants.

While I'm on the subject of drag... some of that, and a bit of everything else will be on stage when Goldie Adams comes out of retirement for a Milwaukee AIDS Pantry benefit show on November 18, just in time for the Thanksgiving season. Goldie hung up her heels and wig a number of years ago, but the desperate need to stock up MAP's pantry convinced her to get back on stage. Lots of special guests, some whom are putting their bar politics aside for a good cause, will join her Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:30pm, at Club 219. *Yes, I said 10:30!* All donations will go for food, so cough up \$6 at the door; or, bring 4 non-perishable food items and pay just \$3.

This week's AIDS Update: new studies prove that two HIV positive people, even those whose viral loads are "undetectable", can re-infect each other with a third strain of the virus and cause a superinfection. So those of you who have been practicing or even thinking about participating in unsafe sex, especially 'bare-backing' or condom-less anal sex, better quit playing Russian Roulette.

There are many strains of HIV that have already mutated and are resistant to current AIDS drugs. If one person with HIV is exposed to another infected with a second form of HIV, it can produce a third, mutant virus, called a recombinant. That third, new virus would contain the genetic codes of the first two.

Safer Sex advocates have been warning about this, but they didn't really have the studies that proved it happened until now. It's already known that even without reinfection (with a second virus via unsafe sex) HIV can mutate and become resistant to current anti-retrovirals. Reinfection just clouds the treatment picture even more. *Wake up and smell reality!*

Bare backing and other non-safe sex by gay men, and the controversial publicity surrounding it, could cause a huge public backlash against AIDS funding, and the gay community in general.

Educational campaigns against the slide into unsafe behavior started out in the gay community and the gay press. Unfortunately, a large percentage of gay people *do not* read the gay press, so some of our nationally known personalities started talking about it in the mainstream press. Then, those people came under attack for airing our gay dirty laundry to the rest of the world.

The rest of the world hates us already. It's hard to ignore how we've been historically attacked and despised. Michael Warner, an out gay editor and English professor commented in the *October Out*: "The culture always holds out a bribe: Clean up your act and we'll tolerate you. But it's our messy act that we're



Rise Frankenstein!

by Patrick Flaherty

To be gay or lesbian in Milwaukee is often like being some mad scientist's cadaver, poked and prodded like an object to satisfy the powerful's morbid curiosity. The Milwaukee Common Council's recent 14-3 vote against domestic partnership benefits for city employees is the most recent example.

The domestic partnership ordinance, advanced by the Domestic Partnership Task Force and sponsored by Ald. Paul Henningsen, was an advance in that — rather than fending off negative legislation — it sought to proactively extend health and funeral leave benefits to both the same sex and unmarried opposite sex partners of city employees. But the deep resistance the ordinance faces made it understandable why our community so often nurtures its victimhood rather than seriously challenge our second class status.

The initial 14-3 defeat at the Common Council on October 15th left a lot of us feeling victimized. I and the other members of the Domestic Partnership Task Force feel bad that all of the hours we spent working with the Council and generating constituent pressure yielded only three measly votes for fairness. Certainly all the voters who called from every aldermanic district urging support for the ordinance feel ignored. So must the majority (62%) of Milwaukee households not headed by a state-recognized married couple, since the Council said essentially that their families have no worth.

But of all the people in Milwaukee smarting after the Council caved in to Ralph Ovadahl, the Ayatollah from Monroe, and his Wisconsin Christian United crusaders, it's doubtful that anyone on the Council shares our remorse. Sure, there might be a few pangs of conscience from the erstwhile progressive voices of the Council, like Ald. Don Richards, who voted against the ordinance after he told a Domestic Partnership Task Force member he was with us. Richards, who I have the pleasure of serving with on Progressive Milwaukee's Board of Directors, is usually a vote for fairness, but gave in to the Ayatollah even as Progressive Milwaukee's staff person (and a Richard's constituent) testified in favor of the ordinance. Or there's Ald. Marvin Pratt, once a leader on civil rights issues, who clearly struggled with the issue but ultimately lacked courage. And there's Ald. Marlene Johnson, who broke her pledge of support for domestic partnership to her constituents in the gay/lesbian Riverwest Rainbow Association.

Then there's the moderate votes on the Council that this ordinance needs — people like Aids. Wayne Frank and Jeff

Pawlinsky (who were elected and govern with the help of our community's members). And then there's Ald. Jim Witkowiak, who received key campaign donations from the countless lesbian bars and other businesses in his near-southside district. Among those probably feeling

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regret are Witkowiak-donors who genuinely care about our community, like Sherry Street, the Mayor's liaison to the lesbian community; and the owners of In Between, Boot Camp, La Perla and the Triangle (the Triangle actually exceeded campaign contribution limits to Witkowiak in the last election!) While these community supporters who helped elect these aldermen may feel betrayed, it's doubtful that these Council Members feel any regret. Why? Because they view our community like a corpse — distasteful and not about to fight back.

While we'll never be able to win over the Council Axis — people like Aids. Schramm and Nardelli (who learned to love uniformity in their pre-Council careers in the police and military, respectively), and Breier (who feigned indecision to the growing number of lesbian constituents in her Bay View district while actively working behind the scenes to kill the ordinance), Milwaukee's lesbian and gay community can win domestic partnership! We can do it by getting past feelings of powerlessness and hurt and fighting back. We can start by calling our Alderperson at 286-2221 and stating our views — or even better, by calling the Domestic Partnership Task Force at 384-1781 to get involved for the long run. We can do it, ultimately, by stop playing dead, and rising to turn on those who use us for political gain. Picture it — a sort of lavender Frankenstein, on the rampage!

fighting for in the first place, and anyone who accepts that bribe is going to lose."

Yet, gays often "eat our own", with constant in-fighting and poor or superior attitudes about differing segments of our vast rainbow tribe. I get tired of hearing bitchy complaints about the Bar People, the Drag Queens, the Leather Queens, the Dykes, the Sluts and the Uninvolved. Not everyone is an Activist, and we're certainly not all Politically Correct or want to be Monogamous. But the fact is, we're all those groups, and much more. Just Remember: *We're all in the same boat and the rest of the world hopes it's The Titanic.*

Our sexuality is what makes us a distinct people. It's what all the battles have been about over the last 30 years. We have to preserve our sexual freedoms, but we've got to temper the excesses in this age of AIDS. We didn't cause AIDS, but particular behaviors made it spread. We must live up to our responsibilities, but still demand that society meet our needs.

We've got to love one another, take responsibility, and add a healthy dose of respect. I feel it is my responsibility, as a gay columnist to constantly remind you, and educate you, as I learn more myself.

It's not all fundraising hearings in Washington D.C. these days. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill that would make job bias against gays and lesbians a civil rights violation, is being discussed in the Senate. On October 23, Raymond Smith, the Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Corp, told a Senate panel, "No company can afford to waste the talents and contributions of valuable employees as we compete in a global marketplace. It (non-discrimination) is good business sense, and it is good citizenship."

All the New England states now have non-discrimination laws, forming the first "block" in the country without gay bias. Of course, they, and the other states that have passed such protective legislation, are years behind Wisconsin's historic law.

Correction: Last issue I said James Witkowiak was the alderman for the 2nd district. His Walker's Point aldermanic district is actually #12. (I confused the numbers because that same area is the Milwaukee Police Department's 2nd district.) It didn't change the fact that he voted against domestic partnership legislation.

Letters

To the Editor:

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center would like to thank the Human Rights League (NRL) for Lesbians & Gays for the opportunity to collaborate on this year's successful National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Celebrations. HRL advocates for the political interests of the LGBT community on local, state and national levels.

The NCOD week of celebrations presents an annual opportunity for all of us in the LGBT community to renew our commitment to ourselves, friends, families and allies. This week provides an unparalleled forum for us to express our political, financial, legal and individual needs.

The Center was proud to collaborate with HRL on important events including the Friends, Families & Allies Reception, a financial strategies workshop, a seminar on forming LGBT employee groups, the Public Officials Reception and the Outcoming Dance.

At the Center's October 11th Town Hall meeting, a common question was "What is this LGBT Center?" The answer is simple, the Center is a group of volunteers dedicated to addressing the needs of Milwaukee's LGBT community. Currently, several of the Center's committees provide programs such as workshops, social events and collaborative events with other organizations. "But where is it?" The Center's

Facilities Committee is currently in negotiations to secure a building that our community can call a "home of Our Own."

A home of our own is important to the Milwaukee LGBT community because there is not a central place for gathering, organizing and advocacy. The Center will provide this with office and meeting spaces, as well as continuing educational and entertainment programs when it opens in Spring of 1998.

Next October, it is very possible that some Coming Out Day celebrations will be hosted in a "Home of Our Own," where youth and adults can come out safely every day.

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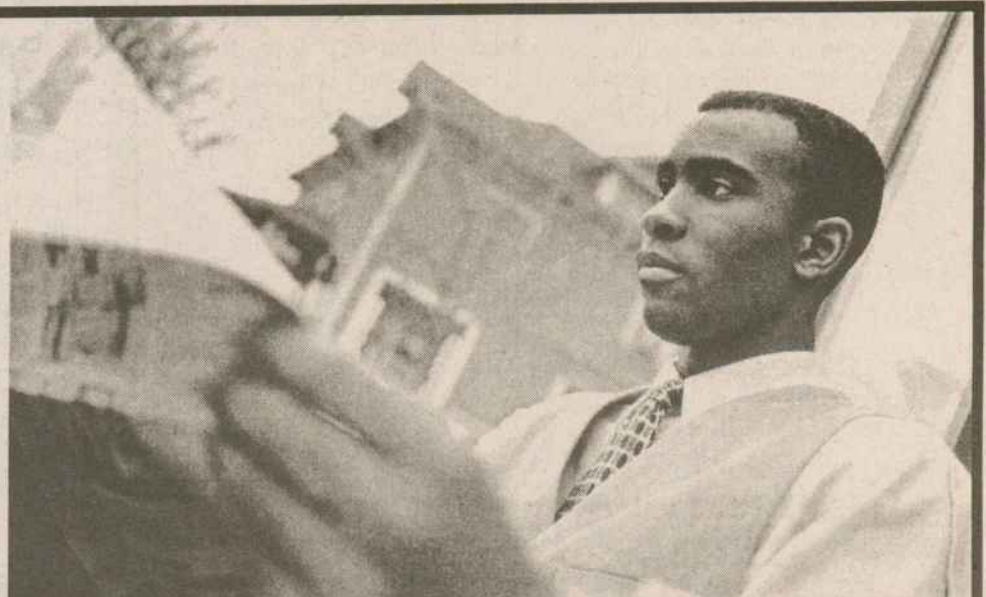
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Increasing Number of Couples 'Fighting Dirty' in Court

*News analysis by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff*

Many gays and lesbians around the country are familiar with high-profile child custody battles like those of Sharon Bottoms and Mary Ward. Bottoms is still fighting to regain custody of her son Tyler after a Virginia judge ruled she was unfit to raise her own child because she is a lesbian. Mary Ward died last year at the age of 47 shortly after judge in Florida said the woman's 11-year-old daughter "should be given the opportunity and the option to live in a non-lesbian world" and awarded custody of the girl to Ward's ex-husband, a man who had been convicted of killing his first wife.

But a new kind of same-sex custody battle has been brewing in American courts with much less attention — in part because these new court fights are arising from the breakup of same-sex partners rather than battles with lesbian-hating relatives, non-gay ex-spouses or homophobic judges who think convicted killers are more likely to be better parents than homosexuals are.

According to Kate Kendell, the executive director of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), however, there are growing numbers of nasty custody fights in the country's courts where lesbian mothers are using anti-gay arguments in an effort to prevent their ex-partners from having custody or even visitation rights with their children.

Kendell pointed out this disturbing new trend during the annual meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association late this summer in San Francisco. Kendall told the hundreds of physicians, medical students and other health care professionals attending the three-day conference that such mom-vs-mom cases are increasingly taking up the center's legal resources.

Kendell told the conference, "It indicates not that there are more lesbians breaking up, but that there are more lesbian couples with children."

NCLR is hardly a stranger to malicious and mean-spirited homophobic attacks in custody fights when lesbians or gay men end their heterosexual marriages

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and become the objects of anti-gay attacks in the courtroom.

But Kendell says that for the first time in the 20 years NCLR has worked as a non-profit public advocacy legal group, it is now handling as many mom-vs-mom custody battles as it is divorce custody cases against a gay or lesbian parent by a

heterosexual ex-spouse.

Kendell says nonbiological moms, who may have changed thousands of diapers and been involved in every step along the way in rearing the couple's child, have no legal leg to stand on in U.S. courts. "When gay or lesbian couples split up," she succinctly says, "there are no rules."

She told the conference that despite this alarming new trend, most gay and lesbian couples actually do work out amicable arrangements when they break up — including reasonable visitation rights

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with the children. But, she adds, when a couple can't find a friendly way to settle their breakup differences, some are now resorting to exploiting a co-parent's lack of any legal standing to bar any visitation rights at all.

Calling such legal tactics "unconscionable," Kendell said, "We have got to be willing to play by the same rules as heterosexual couples who end their relationships, or our families will never attain equal respect and legal recognition under the law."

NCLR is now working on 10 mom-vs-mom custody battles around the U.S., Kendall says, but adds that so far it has not worked on any similar custody fights among gay male couples breaking up.

She said she has no real explanation why, but it may be that gay male couples are much less likely to have children in their own relationships because obviously neither can give birth. If either man has a child from an earlier heterosexual relationship, the custody issue has probably already be legally settled. And if a male couple adopt a child, the custody issue is also undoubtedly legally settled in the adoption agreement.

And when mom-vs-mom custody battles go to court, Kendell says the results are decidedly mixed, often depending on which state the couple is in. California, she says, lags far behind many other states because of two state appeals court rulings in the early part of the decade which basically labeled the nonbiological parent a "legal stranger."

In one Missouri mom-vs-mom court case last year, one of the women tried to convince the court that not only did the other woman have no legal custody or visitation claims concerning a 3-year-old boy she had given birth to, but that the two women weren't ever sexually or romantically involved.

Fortunately for her, the other woman in the case was able to offer an array of evidence to document her continuing involvement, including family photo albums, videotapes of birthday parties and other events, and "baby books" that included a wealth of details about not



only their infant's development but also comments that made it clear the two women were intimately involved.

While these nasty custody court fights are harmful to the gay rights movement in general, the greatest harm may well be to the children, Kendell says.

"It makes the child tremendously insecure and fearful about bonding in the future," she says. Rarely if ever, Kendell told the gay and lesbian health conference, is it in a child's best interests to yank any parent from his or her life.

Embarrassingly for American rights activists, while gay and lesbian couples in the U.S. still have only the shadowiest legal standing, Canadian rights advocates, courts and politicians have shown themselves much more willing and able to deal with legal issues surrounding same-sex couples than their U.S. cousins.

In 1996 the Ontario Family Law Court declared the province's definition of "spouses" to be unconstitutional because it simply could not accommodate same-sex couples who find themselves in court to resolve domestic disputes. The court then went on to rule that same-sex couples who dissolve their relationships should legally be treated the same as a divorcing opposite-gender couple in terms of property settlements, alimony support, and other areas under family court jurisdiction in the province.

Then earlier this year, the province of British Columbia became the first in Canada to ensure that homosexual couples have the same rights and responsibilities for child support, access and custody as heterosexual couples. The legal change effectively gives gay and lesbian couples the same legal status in court as any "spouse" in a marriage would have under similar conditions, including employment or government benefits, custody claims, property settlement, inheritance, and so on.

The impressive advances in recognizing the legal standing of gay and lesbian couples made recently in Canada are a stark contrast with the uncertain and shaky position couples have in American courts, where they can be held inferior as parents to convicted killers.

That some homosexuals are willing to adopt homophobic tactics in courts to win their legal battles with ex-partners, Kendell and other rights advocates say, is an unconscionable and outrageous way of exploiting the judicial vagaries of America's courts concerning same-gender couples.



LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Christopher Krimmer

Editor's Note: This is the final segment of a three-part series on same-sex domestic violence. This article addresses how Wisconsin law protects gay and lesbian victims of domestic abuse.

Most people narrowly define domestic violence as a non-gay problem where a husband beats his wife. Fortunately the state of Wisconsin was wise enough not to adopt such a limited definition.

Wisconsin statute 813.12 defines domestic violence as the intentional infliction of physical pain, injury, illness, or sexual assault on another member of the household. A threat to engage in any of this behavior is also considered domestic violence, even though the victim may not be physically hurt. What separates domestic violence from other types of physical assaults is that the perpetrator and the victim both need to be adult family members or adult household members.

Even though there is no explicit reference to same-sex couples in the definition, gays and lesbians are covered by the statute so long as the perpetrator and the victim both share a household.

The Wisconsin legislatures who introduced the domestic violence bill back in the 1970's intended for the inclusion of gays and lesbians. However, they were astute enough to realize that there would be great opposition by the more conservative state legislatures if the statute specifically referred to "gays and lesbians."

In fact, the first draft referred to "intimate partners" but some legislatures objected to this language because it allegedly implied that the state was condoning people living together and having sex outside of the marriage. A compromise was finally reached by the use of the term "household member." The term still had the same effect of protecting gays and lesbians but did so without offending the conservative legislatures.

A single episode of domestic violence can result in both a criminal and civil case. The difference between the two really boils down to who or what

entity institutes the case. In civil court, it is the victim who commences the case. In criminal court, it is the state of Wisconsin through its prosecutor's office — that institutes the action against the defendant. Generally, the victim will act as a witness in the criminal case as opposed to a civil action where the victim is a party or litigant of the case.

In a civil case, the person being abused asks the court to grant him or her a restraining order against the perpetrator. If the judge grants the restraining order, the perpetrator must obey the conditions stated within the order. Generally, the condition is a "no contact order," which means that the perpetrator must not contact the victim under any circumstances. However, there are sometimes "no hit orders," which allows the perpetrator to still contact or even live with the victim but the perpetrator is forbidden to inflict any intentional physical pain upon the victim. The protection accompanying a restraining order is that if the perpetrator violates the conditions set forth in the order, he or she will face increased penalties as well as criminal prosecution.

If you believe that you or someone you know is being abused by a live-in lover do not hesitate in contacting one of the many domestic violence organizations in the state. A good majority of the volunteers and staff members in the organizations realize that domestic violence is not limited only to non-gay relationships. You can find these organizations listed in the Yellow Pages under "Domestic Abuse Information and Treatment Centers."

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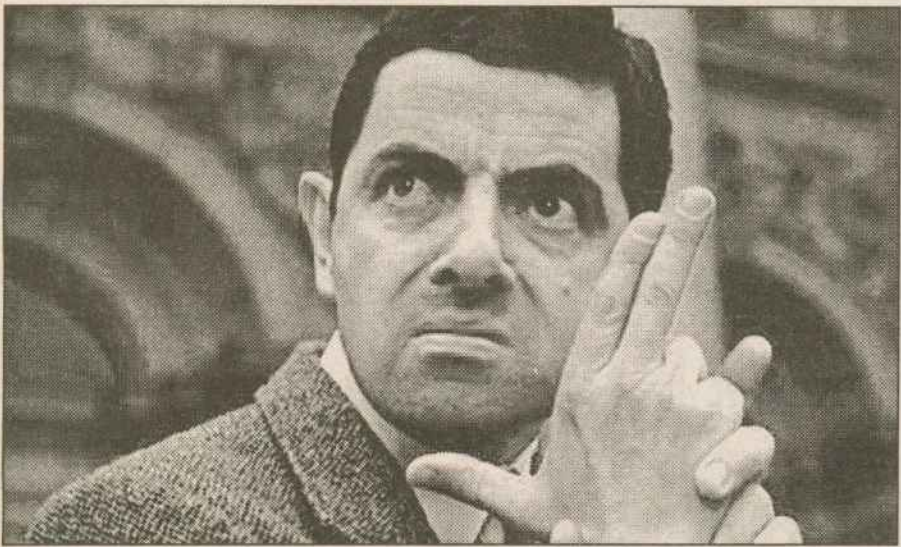
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Get Beaned

Rowan Atkinson Prepares "Mr. Bean" for Big Screen

Interview by Tim Nasson

There is a lot to say about "Bean" the movie and Rowan Atkinson, more affectionately known as Mr. Bean (a character who seems a cross between Pee-wee Herman on Prozac and Dennis the Menace). The big screen "Bean", (filmed primarily in the United States, more precisely, L.A.), which is being released in the states on November 7 by Gramercy Pictures, has already played to packed houses throughout the world and has taken in over \$100 million. In fact, during the weekend of October



17 through 19, "Bean" placed in the 'Top Ten' list of highest grossing films in North America. The first time a movie has ever placed in the 'Top Ten' while not also being released in the U.S.. It made more than \$2 million in Canada alone.

Though many Americans may be familiar with the "Bean" character, which was portrayed in the United States on PBS from 1990 through 1995 in "Mr. Bean", it never really took off as "Absolutely Fabulous" did. It seems that the film producers felt that if they rolled "Bean" out slowly throughout the world first, (hoping it would be as huge a success as the television show) that it would turn into a must see with American audiences; a bunch of nosy people who would want to see what all the fuss was about.

"I would never claim that the story or the film is a masterpiece," says Atkinson, seated in a suite at the Beverly Hills Four Seasons, not in the faintest way, resembling the idiotic, inarticulate character "Bean". "But it certainly is a story that was good enough to translate to the big screen."

One who have seen the television show or the many short films portraying the "Bean" character, would know that "Mr. Bean" never speaks. He is more or less a dimwit, content with being a pest to everyone around him without needing to utter even a word.

"It certainly was a big decision to let him speak in the movie," says the real "Bean". "The decision tied into our (Atkinson's and the co-writer's) desire to make him more three dimensional, unlike the two dimensions he seems on television and video."

"On television, "Bean" never accepts responsibility for his actions, but in the movie he does," Atkinson adds.

One of Beans' more juvenile, yet seemingly innocent actions, happens early on in the film. He is on a plane, coming to America, in the first class section no less, trying to make a sick child laugh. He grabs a barf bag, that unbeknownst to him is filled with ... "It was really filled with Campbell's Cream of Condensed vegetable soup," says director Mel Smith, with a laugh, later in the morning.

Other gags include a scene in which he enters the shower unwittingly while the male guest he is rooming with is in it. Additionally, he knows not that flipping the bird is an insult and proceeds to continuously do so, to first the dismay of and then amusement of many.

It is not only little kids who love "Bean" the world throughout. Even the biggest of all the kids in the world is a fan.

"I did get a nice letter from Steven Spielberg a couple of years back, asking if I would consider working with him on a feature length "Bean" film," says Atkinson. "But we had already begun production on the film that is now complete."

Coming in at just under an hour-and-a-half, "Bean" is full of the sight gags and nonsensical behavior that have made him a world-famous character. The film also includes a mostly American cast, with Burt Reynolds, Andrew Lawrence (Joey's little brother), and Pamela Reed, among the many other familiar faces.

"The only scene in the version that is being released in the United States that is any different than the version that was seen everywhere else in the world is the 'turkey-on-my-head' scene," says Atkinson.

"That gag had been done in one of the "Mr. Bean" television episodes and was a little too familiar with British and other foreign audiences."

"It's funny," he says, "During test screenings, the turkey scene was the one scene that got the best response from American audiences yet the one scene that got the worst response from audiences in Britain."

Of course it must have been ghastly to have a turkey over your head, I commented. "It was a pretty awful thing to have to subject ones' self to for a cheap laugh," says Atkinson, "But thankfully it wasn't a real turkey. If it were I would have subjected myself to large doses of salmonella. You certainly don't want that getting in your ear lobes," he says.

"Thankfully I don't suffer from claustrophobia," he adds with a chuckle.

The choice to film "Bean" in the U.S. was not a difficult one.

"No one ever told us to set the film in Los Angeles. But we needed to get "Bean" out of the grey, London suburbia that he was so accustomed to. If we had set the film in England, I doubt it ever would have gotten made. The thought of "Bean" getting out of a cab and blinking in the sunlight when he arrives in Los Angeles, was just too good to pass up. He is not an out of place kind of guy like "Crocodile Dundee". "Bean" is such a selfish guy that he is an alien no matter where he finds himself."

Understanding and/or warming to "Bean's" brand of humor doesn't seem like a hard thing to do.

"It requires no education whatsoever to enjoy "Bean"", says Atkinson. "In actuality, "Bean" disturbs some people WITH an education who are looking for something more witty. Nonetheless, in the movie version of "Bean" there are less visual gags per minute of screen time than on television and more of a story line that one must follow."

Atkinson admits that he "is relatively left alone by fans. I tend to lead an ordinary life."

He also concedes that "'Bean" the character tends to ring bells with people of all kinds. Don't you think that everyone has a relative or friend who behaves somewhat the way "Bean" behaves? Or even more directly, don't you think we ALL have a little "Bean" in us?"

Whatever the case, be prepared to get "Beaned" on November 7. If every other country in the world's box office take is any indication, it seems that "Bean" will be taking U.S. theaters by storm.

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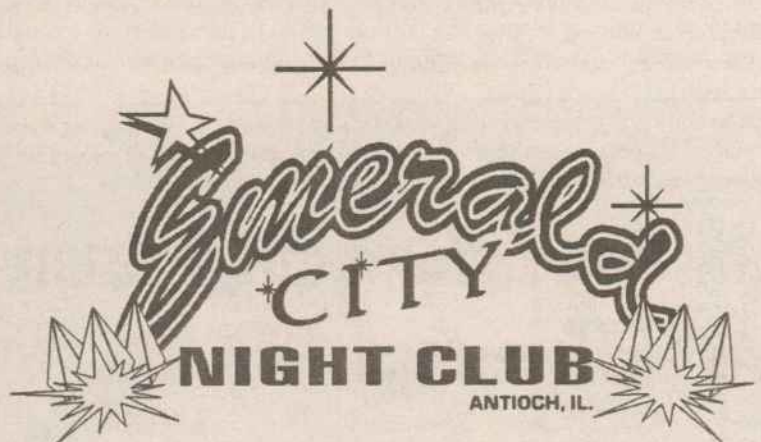
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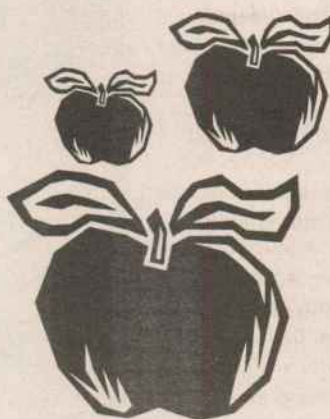
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GLAMA Nominations Sought

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Full eligibility rules and category definitions can be found on the entry form available online (www.glama.com) or by requesting one from GLAMA at (212) 592-4455. You can also request one via e-mail at glama@nycnet.com.

"The first awards show was to some extent a test to see what was out there," said Michael Mitchell, creator and executive producer of GLAMA. "We learned about many artists of whom we had previously been unaware and saw how we might be better able to welcome them into GLAMA for our second year."

"We also recognized that the categories as they were defined could use some further clarification," said Tom McCormack, GLAMA Creator and executive producer. "We are trying to balance our need to build GLAMA gradually with our desire to acknowledge the available recorded work."

The new added categories are "Band," "Instrumental Recording," "Music in a Dramatic Setting," "Dance Music," "Comedy," and "Video of the Year." "The new categories allow for judging panels that can better serve the artists who are out there," said McCormack. "Where it seemed there was a significant amount of recordings being made by queer artists to justify a new category, we created one."

Ko-Thi Dance Company Presents "HARVEST Festival '97"

Milwaukee — Ko-Thi Dance Company will present its *HARVEST Festival '97* on November 14 and 15, 1997 at the historic Pabst Theater located at 144 East Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee. Performance times are at 8 p.m. *HARVEST* will feature premier works by Artistic Director and Founder Ferne Yangyette Caulkner and Senior Ko-Thi Dance Company members. As an added treat, Ko-Thi will also feature guest artist — *Forces of Nature Dance Theater Company* from New York City and Ton Ko-Thi—the children's performing wing of Ko-Thi.

CALL, choreographed by Ferne Yangyette Caulkner, represents a theatrical burial ritual, inspired by the planet's civil wars. Overwhelmed by the obscene number of mass graves and human suffering throughout the world, Ms. Caulkner has created a healing work, providing an acknowledgment of departed souls allowing them to relinquish their "walk" on earth.

Using cross chants from Native American, African and European cultures, traditional imagery from Caribbean and African religions, along with a commissioned sculpture by Muncer Bahauddeen, this new work provides color, texture, movement and sound in the Ko-Thi tradition.

Additionally, Ko-Thi is proud to present two new works choreographed by senior members of the dance company. Trina Gandy has choreographed *Wolof Sodon*, a work based on a traditional slave dance from Senegal, West Africa. D'Angelo Boston and Phaleshia Pinder-Fearon have choreographed *Sabar*, derived from the national dance of Senegal, West Africa. Orchestration for the entire concert will be composed by the Ko-

Thi Dance Company Musician Ensemble.

Forces of Nature, the featured guest artist, creates a "living book" from which audiences of all ages may experience the talent, histories, mythologies and accomplishments of the African Diaspora and its influence in American Dance.

Ko-Thi Dance Company is a professional affiliate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Fine Arts, Department of Theater and Dance, and is a Corporate member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). Ko-Thi is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the state of Wisconsin.

Ticket prices are \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$30. Group, family, senior, and student discounts are available. Tickets for *HARVEST '97* are available through the Pabst Theater Box Office or by calling (414) 286-3663.



—Scene from "Tap Dogs". Photo: Michael Le Poer Trench

Dance Group "Tap Dogs" Plan Milwaukee Performance

Milwaukee — Tap Dogs, the irreverent, rocking theatrical experience that turns tap upside down on an industrial, construction-site set, will play a limited engagement of 8 performances only at Milwaukee's Riverside Theatre from December 2 to December 8. Tap Dogs has become an international award-winning sensation since its premiere in Australia in 1995, having played sold-out engagements in over 100 cities around the world.

Tap Dogs was created and choreographed by Dein Perry and features a cast of the best tap dancers from Australia and the US. Tickets for Tap Dogs can be charged by phone by calling (414) 276-4545 or at the Riverside Theatre Box Office and all TicketMaster locations.

The Comedy of Latina Lesbian Marga Gomez to be Featured at UWM

Milwaukee — UWM Live, the new performance series offered by the School of Fine Arts will feature the stand-up comedy of Marga Gomez as the second of five offerings.

Celebrating the release of her first comedy recording, *Hung Like a Fly*, Marga Gomez will perform at the UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall on November 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. The recital Hall is located at 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets for each performance are \$15/\$12 (students) and can be purchased by calling the Fine Arts Box Office (414) 229-4309, or at the door.

Marga has been hailed by Robin Williams as "a lesbian Lenny Bruce" and praised by *The New York Times* as "deliciously cheeky... a comic marksman." Her stand up act has been featured on HBO's *Comic Relief*, Showtime's *Latino Laugh Festival*, and Comedy Central's *Out There*. With over ten years of national performing experience, Marga has developed a unique and unpredictable repertoire that can switch from political to x-rated in a heartbeat and is aimed at everyone.

Racing against Ellen DeGeneres, Marga desperately tried to be the first lesbian to

come out on national television, but sadly the Home Shopping Network would not air her call. Her new goal is to be the first out lesbian on *Baywatch*, undergoing a painful bikini wax to seal her commitment. Swimming lessons are next.

A Harlem born and bred Latina, Marga currently resides in Los Angeles where she landed a role in the upcoming sci-fi thriller, *Sphere* starring Dustin Hoffman and Sharon Stone. She also landed a guest starring role on *Tracey Takes On* for HBO.

Gomez is also the writer/performer of two theatrical monologs, *Memory Tricks* and *A Line Around the Block*, which were produced by the New York Shakespeare Festival to critical acclaim. Marga's third theatrical monologue *Marga Gomez is Pretty, Witty, and Gay* has also received critical acclaim around the country.

For more information call the Fine Arts Box Office at (414) 229-4308.



UWM-Madison Readies Production of "As You Like It"

Madison — The University of Wisconsin-Madison's University Theater presents Shakespeare's classic comedy *As You Like It* November 7 and 8; 13 through 15; and 20 through 22 in the Mitchell Theater, located in Vilas Hall on the University Campus. All performances start at 7:30 p.m.

This production, directed by Karen Ryker, focuses on the characters' relationships as they explore the different roles everyone plays throughout his or her life. The blank page of the Forest of Arden gives the refugees from the Court an opportunity to re-create themselves: Powerful ruler to optimistic friend, witty fool to lascivious lover, uneducated stablehand to courtly wooer, even girl as boy! As Rosalind discovers another side of herself by playing a boy, everybody around her must change how they look at her, and perhaps also how they look at themselves.

In the Forest of Arden, free from the restrictions of the sophisticated, treacherous Court where fighting for position turns brother against brother, the characters find a gentler celebration of community and brotherhood and can explore all the possibilities for changing themselves "As they like it."

Guest set designer Charles Caldwell, Assistant Artistic Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival has created a changeable world for this production where the separate realms of the Court and the Forest are defined by costumes, lighting, and sound, designed by graduate students Sydney Catron and Barry Gawinski, and senior Paul Stoltenberg.

The work of three more guest artists also enriches this production: Kevin Coleman, Master Teacher of Text and Director of Education for the internationally recognized Shakespeare & Company, worked with actors on textual and performance skills, and fight choreographer Lee Ernst has added to the danger of the Court. The Forest of Arden features music composed by Sarah Jo Burke, a Madison-area resident who has contributed to previous UW shows.

Tickets are \$11 for the general public, \$8 for students, and may be purchased in person or by phone.

(608) 262-1500, from the Vilas Hall Box Office, which is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On performance days the Box Office will be open until curtain time. For more information call (608) 262-1582.

Chamber Theatre to Preview Wayne Frank's "Freddy"

Milwaukee — The Chamber Theatre is proud to present a staged reading of Milwaukee Alderman/Playwright Wayne Frank's newest play "Freddy." Scheduled for one night only on the Cabot Theatre stage of the Broadway Theatre Center on November 3, 1997 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Broadway Theatre Center box office, 158 N. Broadway, or by calling 414/291-7800. \$10 tickets include a coffee and dessert reception with Wayne Frank before the reading. Audience members will be asked for their input by completing a brief, confidential survey following this unique dramatic presentation.

Freddy portrays the impact of Milwaukee politics, media, and the cut-throat world of professional sports on one conflicted man. "It takes a classic tale of a ruined man and uses it as a mirror of society," said MCT Artistic Director Montgomery Davis, who will direct the staged reading. "The audience will get a chance to see how a play goes from page to the stage, and how its reading can lead the playwright to make changes in dialogue, structure, and character development." The reading culminates an intensive two week developmental workshop process.

Wayne Frank's last play, the adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, was one of Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's best selling and most critically acclaimed productions of its history. MCT also produced his first play in 1994, a Vietnam War thriller, the bridge at Duc. His only other play war stories of the 20th century was produced at Milwaukee Repertory Theater in 1995.

The developmental workshop and public reading of *Freddy* will include Jim Butchart, Bill Leach, Eric Ness, David Rommel, Bill Jackson, and Jim Tasse as *Freddy*. Jyn Pieper will stage manage the reading.

Admission is \$10 to the reading of *Freddy* on

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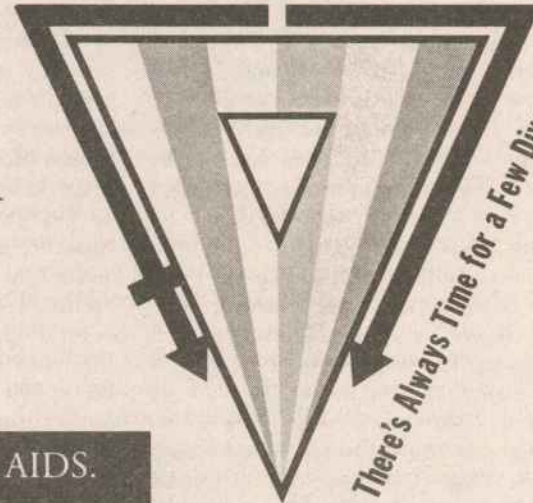
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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

In a Holiday Mood

Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner, and I find myself thinking, of the throwers of that first big American pig-out, "These are my people." Oh sure, there's the bond of loving a good meal, but I'm speaking now more of their heritage. Despite the fact that I am fifteen-sixteenths German, that one-sixteenth English often seems to be a dominant factor in making up who I am.

Of course, there is the issue of: Just how eager is anyone to embrace their Germanness? The Germans, who brought us Adolf Hitler, Nietzsche, and sauerkraut. The English, in contrast, brought us Monty Python, Virginia Woolf, and—kidney pie? Well, nobody's perfect. At any rate, the point is that I sometimes feel like I could out Puritan the Puritans.

Look at the evidence: First, there's the whole sex thing. I still blush like a virgin when there's explicit sex talk going on. While everyone else was yucking it up during that scene in *Chasing Amy* where the one guy and the woman are comparing notes on sex-related injuries, I was squirming in my seat, waiting for the devil to tap me on the shoulder and ask for a sip of soda. And at a post-commitment ceremony party for two male friends of mine, some friends of the grooms were telling us about the male strip joint where they held

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the bachelor party. One of them described in great detail their close encounters of the sex-play kind. Color me mortified.

I tried, at first, to pass this feeling of mine off as simply the difference between gay men and lesbians, but when my girlfriend pointed out that there were strip clubs for lesbians, too, I knew I had to fess up to my internalized puritanism yet again. If some strange woman were shaking her bare breasts at me, I suspect I'd freeze like a deer caught in headlights, if you'll pardon the expression. Terror, I'm sure, would have a firm grip on my heart. I am tempted to think I'd fit into Hawthorne's world rather well—me, Goody Zipter, sitting there stitching up a big old red "A" with all the other Goodies — except that I've always believed you can do whatever you want, as long as you don't demand I follow suit. Take being heterosexual, for instance. It's fine with me if you want to live that kind of lifestyle — just don't expect me to.

Then there's the whole work ethic thing. I know that might seem like I'm stretching this idea of connection between them and me, given the whole frenzied capitalist climate today, but I bring this ethic into play in, well, play. It's only been in the last few years, for instance, that I've allowed myself to stop reading a book if I'm not enjoying it. Before then, enjoy it or not, if I started it, I had to finish it. And work itself? How about three jobs instead of one? Full-time (up until a few months ago) editor, part-time teacher, part-time writer. I'm not sure if this illustrates the saying "An idle mind is the devil's workshop" or "No rest for the wicked," but I can tell you this: I seldom watch TV without also doing some other task at the same time and I rarely only eat lunch at lunchtime. Imagine what I'd be like if I drank caffeine. It sometimes exhausts my girlfriend merely to look at me.

And the similarities don't stop there. The Puritans and I both, as my girlfriend suggests, are known for wearing heavy black shoes, although theirs have big buckles on the top and mine are Doc Martens. And if I would just adopt their plain black dress, all of my fashion problems would be over. That might be exchanging fashion problems for social problems (What sort of lesbians, e.g., elect to hang out with someone who always wears a black dress and a bonnet?), but I guess you can't have everything.

The one area where my Puritan compadres and I diverge, however, is the whole intolerance thing, as I previously alluded. That sort of difference will arise in the best of families, though. Look at Candace and Newt — and they're not even a generation apart, much less four centuries apart. So I figure I deserve a little slack on that one. To give another example, just because I don't love weinerschnitzel doesn't mean I'm not Cherman, as my great-grandmother might have said, except that I believe she *did* love weinerschnitzel, along with neck bones and rutabagas. (No wonder I'm a vegetarian.) And I *am* German, like it or not: the terrific need for order, a certain, albeit often begrudging, respect for authority, and a passion for potatoes, strudel, and dark beer.

But either of my so-called ethnic identities pale in comparison to my lesbian identity. And what I want to know is, when will there be a national holiday to celebrate lesbians and what will we eat for it? (Hey — get your mind out of the gutter: remember it's Goody Zipter talking here!) A date in August might be appropriate, as the closest we come so far to having such a holiday is currently celebrated in that month in a small town in Michigan. That's all well and good, but why not have a holiday where everyone else in our family has to drop everything they're doing and come to *our* houses, for a change, and follow *our* customs? For instance, instead of telling the story of the Pilgrims or the baby Jesus, we could tell our coming out stories and hang labyruses around the house—if two women stand under a labyrus, they have to kiss. I just made that up, but if it works out for you, hey: go for it. Then after a big traditional meal of tofu pups and Dove bars (individual traditions may vary), everybody can kick back and watch a WNBA game.

In the meantime, think about getting your family used to the idea of this new holiday: serve the mashed potatoes in the shape of a lambda; use a labyrus to carve the turkey; read a few poems from Sappho. Then eat pumpkin pie and bicker, like everyone else.

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Madison Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Practice/Instruction. Beginners welcome. 8 p.m. FMI Call (608) 244-8674 (evenings)

Saturday, November 8

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Wednesday, November 12

SAGE/Milwaukee - Evening Women's Bowling (Milwaukee): Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Ave. at 7 p.m. Bring \$2. FMI call Ball Barb at (414) 264-5020.

Bar Specials:

Sundays:

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 P.M. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, 50¢ Tappers. \$5.50 Beer Bust. 9 p.m. to close. Free Hot Dogs & Nachos served all day!

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 219 Girls! Don't miss Wisconsin's Premier Drag Show.

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! 6 to 10 p.m. \$1 rail drinks!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Bloody Marys \$2. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): 5 P.M. - close. Women's Night 2-4-1 Taps, Miller bottle, and Rail.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Customer Appreciation Night. LaCage Showcase, Super Bust, DJ & Dance. No cover.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join M&M on Pucker Sundays for brunch. Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): Any domestic bottled beer \$2. Any shot \$3 or less is \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill hours 4 to 8 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. \$5 for Miller Lite. After 8 p.m. all taps are 50¢ off. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

Red Corvette (Milwaukee): Gay night! Male strippers.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Beer Bust (top beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close. Half off rail drinks and domestic beer when you "Take It Off" for Spike (shirts only, guys!).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys & Mimosas - \$2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, top beer 80¢ (until 6 p.m.) \$1.75 rail drinks - 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1 Bloody Marys!

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

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): All Budweiser products are \$1.

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 8 p.m. to midnight.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Watch iMelrose Place! from 7 to 8 p.m. Margaritas \$2. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

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

Mad Bar (Madison): All rails and domestic bottles of beer \$2.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. Domestic bottles of beer, taps of Miller Lite & rail drinks \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢) \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Drink specials daily.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails - 3 to 8 p.m. (tickets good until 9 p.m.).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 75¢ tappers!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.25, rail drinks \$1.75. 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Monday. \$1.50 Doctors!

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Vodka Special all night! Vodka Drinks \$1.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks 7 to close. \$5.50 Beer Bust!

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust 8 to midnight!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Competitive Karaoke with Mark & Sammie. Free & anonymous HIV testing & counseling sponsored by Lake County Health Dept. \$2 well drinks.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Pull-tabs on all drinks. Full-price, half-price, 25 cents.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1 7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Draw for a Dream Trip! 8 winners nightly. Grand Prize drawing every 90 days. Next drawing: Trip for 2 to San Francisco.

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

Mad Bar (Madison): Bottles of Miller Lite \$2. Any shot that's \$3 or less is \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off of every drink. All top beers 50¢ off. Shots of Pucker \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price — 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Charity Night! All sales are donate to the Rockford AIDS Care Network.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Progressive Night! Starts 9 p.m. to close. \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half hour to closing.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini pitchers \$2.50.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 top-shelf, \$1.75 rail drinks.

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixers all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Rail pitchers \$6.

Wednesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Leather/Western Night. Drink Specials and a Chance to Win \$100 Cash.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 rail drinks, 50¢ tappers 7 to 11 p.m. \$2.50 pitchers all night.

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D's Place (Milwaukee): Daily specials. Cans/bottles of beer (no premium) \$1.30, Bottom-shelf shots \$2, Middle-shelf \$2.50, Top-shelf \$3.25, rail. drinks \$1.50.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Ladies Night 8 p.m. to midnight 2-4-1!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): "Ellen" at 8:30 p.m. One of the hottest Gay Dance Parties in the country. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. \$1 domestic bottled beer. Live DJ at 10 p.m.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Import Night. Half-price on import bottles of beer.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust!

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

Mad Bar (Madison): All rail drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. All rail drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms & Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda /& juice 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Scandals (Madison): Happy Hour 9 p.m. to close. \$1.50 Rolling Rock. Live DJ.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): Double Bubble all day. 2-4-1 cocktails open to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottles of beer, rail drinks and wine: \$1.50!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$4, to 80¢ glasses of beer.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ darts.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Super Bust! (tap, wine and soda).

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 langnecks. Pit open.

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D's Place (Milwaukee): Daily specials. Cans/bottles of beer (no premium) \$1.30, Bottom-shelf shots \$2, Middle-shelf \$2.50, Top-shelf \$3.25, rail. drinks \$1.50.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! \$2.50 Long Islands 8 p.m. to midnight.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Ladies Night! \$2 well drinks. DJ Bange at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Men's Night. 2-4-1 all taps, Miller bottles and rail. Restaurant open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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Mad Bar (Madison): Ex & Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Cuervo \$2.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. Bottles of Special Ex & Special Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Cuervo \$2. Shots of Totto \$1. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good 'till 9 p.m. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close..

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers. \$2 Seven-Crown & Captains!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.75 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer/Wine/Well drinks \$1.50. DJ Jes One.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): ShowBiz Thursdays are back! Always a great mix of comedy, show tunes & more. \$6 rail bust!

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): DJ Jeff's party. 10 p.m. to close.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): After Work Cool Down! Mondays through Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. \$1.25 rail drinks.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): New & Improved Friday Night Dance Party. Everything's \$1.50—Shots, Absolut, Caronas. DJ Bange.

Just Us - Just Us Bust (Milwaukee): Beer \$7, rail drinks \$10, call drinks \$15. DJ Doug plays your requests all night! Fish Fry. 5 -10 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): LaCage Showcase. Show starts at 11 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry.

Mad Bar (Madison): Rail whiskey drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off of every drink. Rail whiskey drinks \$2. Shots of Pucker \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

Saturdays:

Club 94 (Kenosha): DJ Jim's party 9 p.m. to close.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Super Saturday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Country Dance. Free dance lessons 7 p.m. to midnight with the Shoreline Dancers. DJ 'till close.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill open 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off of every drink. Bottles of Rolling Rock \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50. 9 to 11 p.m. DJ dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Scandals (Madison): Hour 9 p.m. to close. Live DJ. \$1.50 domestic beer, \$2 rail drinks.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Cold Schnapps shots \$1.50.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 80¢ top beers, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhounds. All until 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!

Bar Events:

Thursday, October 30

(see Halloween Events)

Friday, October 31

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Saturday, November 1

Boot Camp Saloon - Club Night (Milwaukee): Firebirds Club Night starting at 10 p.m. Fund-raiser for the Raphael House. Drawings & drink specials begin at midnight. FMI call (414) 299-9709 and leave message.

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Book Review

by Ed Grover

My Life With Barbra: A Love Story

by Barry Dennen



Here's a book for Barbra Streisand lovers and loathers; I'm one of the later, but for those who collect this kind of memorabilia, this is one they should read. (Prometheus Books, ISBN: 1-57392-160-2, \$24.95) Barbara — before she changed her name to Barbra — dumped every gay person in New York who helped her with her career. She used everybody she could use, and then some! Hair burners, makeup queens, dress designers, actors, and display queens — the whole gang — everybody went! It's easy to understand why the book opens with Barbra making a phone call to the author and whining "Why do they all hate me?"

When I was in New York, I heard the "B" word a lot and it wasn't in refer-

ence to her first name. I remember her being at the Red Lion, a popular gay bar in the Village. She won the singing contest three weekends in a row and went on to sing at Jimmy Daniels' jazz club, *Bon Soir*, on West Eighth Street.

In this memoir there is a look at male homosexuality in the years before Stonewall. We meet everyone who helped her in the early days before she landed the part in "I Can Get It For You Wholesale" on Broadway.

She was discovered by Arthur Laurents in 1962, who says in *Gay Metropolis: 1940 to 1996* (Houghton/Mifflin): "One day this girl came in [to audition] wearing these bizarre thrift-shop clothes. She was 19 and started to sing, and I thought, 'My God I've never heard anything like this.' I new she was going to be a star right then and there — and she made sure you knew."

Writer Walter Clemons is credited with this description of Barbra at the Red Lion: "...She was hostile and terribly nervous. She had no contact with the audience and was hunched over the microphone and made something that was supposed to be patter, but [she] was so convoluted and interior that all you felt was hostility and terrible resentment from this ugly girl. ... It was memorable not because we saw a great star, but because we saw this awful girl."

But I digress from the author's memoir; let's give him a little credit for getting it all down from an insiders' viewpoint.

The publisher has even given us *The Barbra Streisand Fact Sheet* (my comments are in *Italics*), and I quote:

... "Number of joints Barbra Steisand smoked before she was famous — 1. *How many after?*"

... "Number of gay men Barbra dated seriously before becoming famous — 1. *Oy Veh!*"

... "The item Barbra got caught stealing from the Brasserie restaurant — a cream pitcher. *So, sue her!*"

... "The people Barbra believes hate her the most — fans. *She's probably right.*"

... "The order in which Barbra placed her "worries" in 1992 — 1, life; 2, career; 3, image. *So, reverse it already!*"

... "The "worry" she described as constant — money. *We should worry so much.*"

... "Two of the reasons she does not like to do public appearances — Fear of being killed; stage fright. *and cameras!*"

... "The "biographer" Barbra least wants to write about her — God. *Right on!*"

... "The actor who has unpublished recordings of Barbra's first singing lessons — Barry Dennen." *Those should be worth a bundle.*

There, aren't you glad you know all that fascinating stuff? Doesn't it make you want to run out and get the book and find out all the rest of the dirt?

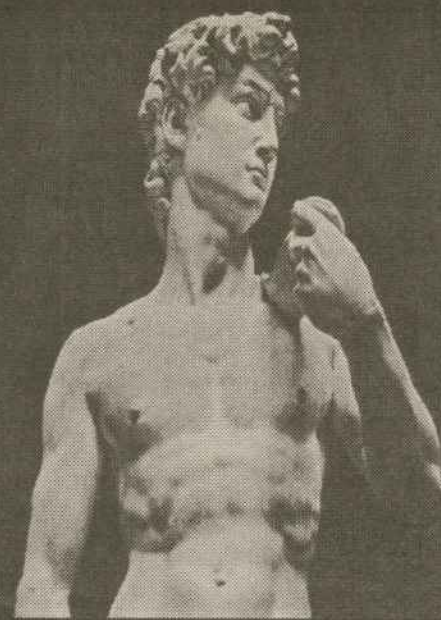
And, here's a little bit of dish I just got from the Hollywood Grapevine: Barbra and Barry aren't speaking since the book's publication. It seems she called and asked him not to publish and he refused.

The author is a thirty-five year veteran of stage and screen. After years of bisexuality, marriage and two children, he has finally come to terms with his passions and now lives with his *boyfriend* in Hollywood, where he writes movie scripts and children's books — among other things.

Thanks to everyone who made the celebration of my 60th Birthday special. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Book Clubs, Classes and Readings:

Thursday, October 30

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Caroline Myss, Ph. D. will discuss "Why People Don't Heal & How They Can" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, November 1

Woodland Pattern - Reading/Music (Milwaukee): Mark Turcotte, bass fiddler & Mitch Covic, poet will perform. \$6 general/\$5 advance tickets & members. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

Sunday, November 2

Woodland Pattern - Latino Book Reading (Milwaukee): A collection of poetry and prose by Latino writers in Wisconsin. Participating readers will read from "I Didn't Know There Were Latinos in Wisconsin" at 2 p.m. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

Monday, November 3

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Will Self will read from his novel "Great Apes" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181

Tuesday, November 4

Gerber/Hart Library - Gay Men's Group (Chicago): The group will discuss the works of E.M. Forster including "The Life To Come, Dr. Wollcott, Arthur Schnitzler" and "The Other Boat" at 7:30 p.m. All gay men are welcome. FMI call (773) 883-3003.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Anne Roiphe will read from "Fruitful: Living the Contradictions: A Memoir of Modern Motherhood" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, November 5

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Ilene Beckerman will read from her book of prose "What We Do For Love" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Woodland Pattern - Weekly Writer's Workout (Milwaukee): Generate new work in each class with a group of supportive peers. Instructor Peggy Hong. 6-class card \$65, \$60 Members or \$12 single class. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

Thursday, November 6

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Artist Stephen Huneck pays tribute to his black Labrador, Solly in "My Dog's Brain" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Janis Agee reads from her latest novel "South of Resurrection" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

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Monday, November 10

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Mequon): Paula Sharp will read from her novel on domestic abuse, "Crows Over a Wheatfield" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Tuesday, November 11

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Madison author Jacquelyn Mitchard will read from her book "The Rest of Us" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Peter Guttman will talk about his travel book "Adventures to Imagine" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Wednesday, November 12

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Milwaukee Public Library): Doris Kearns Goodwin will read from her baseball-based memoir "Wait Till Next Year" at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall. This event is co-sponsored by the Library Literary Society. FMI call (414) 286-3000. Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Daniel Quinn will read from "My Ishmael" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Community Meetings and Events:

Friday, October 31

SAGE/Dane Coffee & Conversation (Madison): Meets every Friday at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave from 3:30 to 5 p.m. FMI call (608) 238-3255.

UWM Open House (Milwaukee): Learn more about UWM through campus tours, displays, and hi-tech demos on 10/31 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 11/1/97 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 229-4397.

Saturday, November 1

The United Masquerade Ball (Madison): Costume contest and masked ball at the Dane County Expo Center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. FMI & tickets call (608) 225-8582.

Sunday, November 2

Dignity - Religious Services (Milwaukee): Worship at Pius X, 2505 N. Wauwatosa Ave. Followed by social hour. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Plymouth UCC (Milwaukee): Installation of Andrew Warner as Associate Pastor at 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 964-1513.

Waukesha Area Lesbian Network (Waukesha): WALN hosts a presentation on Lesbians & Spirituality, presented by Beth Hancock at the Maple Avenue Mennonite Church from 4 to 6 p.m. FMI call (414) 297-9412.

Wednesday, November 5

MAGIC Picnic & Galvanize Steering Committee Meeting (Madison): The meeting is at Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 1344 E. Washington Ave. at 5 p.m. Planning for the 1998 event. If you have special talents to offer, please come.

Saturday, November 8

SAGE/Dane - Housing Forum (Madison): Housing concerns for Gay & Lesbian Senior citizens will be addressed at the Unitarian Society Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendance & parking are free. FMI call 1-800-733-6024, Paul (608) 243-3212, Caroline (608) 835-8971 or Bill (608) 835-8971.

Sunday, November 9

Dignity - Religious Services (Milwaukee): Worship at Pius X, 2505 N. Wauwatosa Ave. Followed by potluck & spiritual discussion. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Integrity/Dignity - Religious Services (Madison) Eucharist and social hour at 7 p.m. at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

Monday, November 10

SAGE/Milwaukee - Slide Lecture (Milwaukee): "Art of Michelangelo: Master of High Renaissance High Art" will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave.

Wednesday, November 12

SAGE/Dane - Women's Chat (Madison): Meets 10 a.m. at A Room of One's Own Coffee Room, 317 Johnson St. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Film, TV, Video and Radio:

Friday, October 31

Oriental Theater - Movie (Milwaukee): "The Ice Storm" opens. FMI call (414) 276-8711.

Saturday, November 1

UWM Union Theater - Free Film Series (Milwaukee): "decolonized" an ongoing fall film/video series by and about communities that are underrepresented in mainstream media presents "The Other Francisco" by Sergio Giral. Based on a 19th century anti-slavery novel, this film explores the roots of the black rebellion in Cuba. The filmmaker will be present for a lecture and discussion after the 7 p.m. film. FMI call (414) 229-2931.

Sunday, November 2

Oriental Institute Museum Sunday Free Film Series (Chicago): To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb, the Oriental Institute will present a four-part film series at 2 p.m. in Breasted Hall, on Sundays throughout November beginning with "The Great Adventure." 11/9 "Wonderful Things"; 11/16 "The Pharaoh Awakes"; 11/23 "Heads in the Sand." FMI call (773) 702-9507.

Thursday, November 6

Milwaukee Art Museum - Film/Lecture (Milwaukee): Los Angeles based artist Charles Ray will lecture about his 1996 film "Fashions" in the Teweles Gallery at 6:15 p.m. Regular museum admission (free to MAM members). FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, November 7

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - Opening Night & Gala (Chicago): "Bent" at 7 p.m. at the Music Box Theater, followed by Gala at Circuit. \$25. FMI call (773) 384-5533.

Downer Theater (Milwaukee): "Eve's Bayou" opens. FMI call (414) 964-2720.

Saturday, November 8

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): "The Greg Louganis Story" and "Passage to Berlin" show at 8 p.m. FMI call 224-8675 (evenings).

Sunday, November 9

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - (Chicago): "Sex in Chains" shows at 2:45 p.m. \$7. FMI call (773) 384-5533.

Tuesday, November 11

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - (Chicago): "Silver Screen" shows at 7 p.m. followed by "Chocolate Babies" at 9:15 p.m. Films \$7 each. FMI call (773) 384-5533.

Wednesday, November 12

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - Watermelon Woman Film & Party (Chicago): "Lilies" shows at 7 p.m. followed by "The Watermelon Woman" at 9:15 p.m. The Party is at Garbar at 11 p.m. Films \$7 each. Watermelon Woman Film & Party \$15. FMI call (773) 384-5533.

Galleries & Museums:

Thursday, October 30

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Show (Milwaukee): "Identity Crisis: Self-Portraiture at the End of the Century" currently showing in the Journal/Lubar Galleries. Among the artists: Ross Bleekner's "Double Portrait" speaks of Bleekner's dual identities as a gay Jew. Catherine Opie's photograph "Bo" depicts the artist's "butch" alter ego, with mustache, flannel shirt and work boots. You may have seen the poster with Robert Mapplethorpe and his (devils?) horns around town. Lecture on 11/4/97. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, October 31

Coestecker Art Gallery - Opening Artist Reception (Ripon, WI): Photographs by J. Shimon & J. Lindemann of Manitowoc, through December 5. Reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Rodman Center for the Arts, Ripon College, Union Street (between Thome & Congress) FMI call (920) 682-0337.

Friday, November 7

H2O Gallery - Abstract Paintings (Milwaukee): An Artists Reception of Joey Korom's abstract paintings from 6 to 10 p.m. The show will be up through November 30. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Music:

Tuesday, November 4

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music (Milwaukee): Pianist Jeffrey Hollander plays the music of Irving Berlin in the Vogel/Helfaer Galleries at 5:30 p.m. \$15 admission, \$12 MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, November 7

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Classics (Milwaukee): Andreas Delfs conducts Schynder, Mendelssohn & Beethoven on 11/7 at 7:30 p.m., 11/8 at 8 p.m., and 11/9 at 7:30 p.m. in Uhllein Hall of the Performing Arts Center. FMI call (414) 273-7206.

Oshkosh Opera House - Fiddle Performance (Oshkosh): Hear Natalie McMaster's effortless command of the Cape Breton style, which mixes maritime spirit with decidedly Celtic overtones. Tickets \$16, \$18, & \$21. FMI & tickets (Visa/MC) call (920) 424-2350.

University of Chicago - Early Music (Chicago): The Orlando Consort male capella vocal quartet makes its Chicago debut at 8 p.m. in Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 Woodlawn Ave. FMI & tickets call (773) 702-2089.

Sunday, November 9

Grand Opera House (Oshkosh): "The Nylons," a Canadian capella group, will perform at 7 p.m. FMI & tickets call (920) 424-2350.

UWM Fine Arts - Bluegrass/Jazz (Milwaukee): Pat Donohue, a National Finger-Picking Guitar Champion, and Randy Sabien, jazz violinist will perform at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall. FMI and tickets call (414) 229-4308.

Monday, November 10

UWM Fine Arts - Woodwind (Milwaukee): The Woodwind Arts Quartet performs at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Theater Arts:

Thursday, November 6

UWM Fine Arts - Free One-Woman Show (Milwaukee): Handicapped performer Dr. Barbara Leigh, Ph.D., brings her "Survival Revival Revue" to the UWM Ballroom at 7 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Signing for the hearing impaired. FMI call (414) 347-1685 or (414) 229-2721.

Friday, November 7

Madison Civic Center - The Nylons (Madison): The next best thing to the Temptations. A male capella singing group. FMI call (608) 266-9055.

Madison Repertory Theater (Madison): "Blues for an Alabama Sky" by Pearl Cleag will debut at 8 p.m. in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center. The production will run through 11/23/97. FMI & tickets call (608) 266-9055.



Halloween Events

Thursday, October 30

Club 219 Halloween Party (Milwaukee): Over \$300 in cash and prizes. Costume judging at 11:30 p.m. 219 South 2nd Street. FMI call 271-3732.

Triangle Halloween 1997 (Milwaukee): Over \$500 in cash and prizes. Costume judging begins at 11:30 p.m. 135 E. National Ave. FMI call 383-9412.

Friday, October 31

Ballgame - Halloween Party (Milwaukee): Guess the weight of the GIANT pumpkin! Judging at 10:30 p.m. Fun, Food, Prizes! First Place \$100; 2nd Place \$50; 3rd Place \$25. FMI call (414) 273-7474.

Diversions Halloween Party (Appleton): Cash prizes for best costume and scariest drag queen. \$6 Beer Bust. FMI call (920) 725-3374.

Dish - Grand Opening (Milwaukee): A New Night Spot & Party House For Women. Halloween Party! Festivities start at 8 p.m. Cash prizes for best & most creative costumes. FMI call (414) 723-DISH.

Emerald City - Halloween 1997 (Antioch, IL): Patti Elvis performs live on stage! Best costume wins a trip to Mexico. It all ends with a huge dance party hosted by Mark Pence of LesBigGay Radio. FMI call the Emerald City Hotline (847) 838-1888.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Halloween Party (Madison): A buffet supper & cocktails will be served (this is not a potluck) at 7 p.m. Costumes not required, but there will be prizes for those who make the effort. Campy movies at 8 p.m. "Attack of the Killer B-Movies" and "Rocky Horror Picture Show." FMI call Larry (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Just Us - Halloween FrightFest (Milwaukee): 1st place \$50 cash, 2nd place \$25 cash, 3rd place \$25 bar tab. Just Us Divas at 10:30 p.m. Costume judging at midnight. FMI call (414) 383-2233.

Kathy's Nut Hut Halloween Party (Milwaukee): Free tap beer from 11 p.m. to midnight (in costume only). Cash prizes for best costumer. Spook Room. 1500 W. Scott Street. FMI call 647-2673.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel - 1926 Silent Film (Chicago): The creepy silent film "Faust" will be screened with organ accompaniment at 8 p.m. FMI call (773) 702-7300.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Halloween Party (Madison): A free buffet supper & cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. Costumes not required, but there will be prizes for those who make the effort. Campy movies at 8 p.m. "Attack of the Killer B-Movies" and "Rocky Horror Picture Show." FMI call Larry (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

GAMMA - Halloween Party (Milwaukee): The November monthly mixer will be a Halloween party at 7 p.m. Costumes are encouraged. Food is potluck. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Ten Percent Club - Halloween Party & HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Testing Clinic will be there from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Halloween Party! FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, November 1

The United Masquerade Ball (Madison): Costume Contest and Masked Ball at the Dane County Expo Center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. FMI & tickets call (608) 225-8582.

Just Us Halloween Frightfest (Milwaukee): 1st Place \$50 cash, 2nd Place \$25 cash, 3rd Place \$25 pull tab. Just Us Divas at 10:30 p.m., costume judging at midnight. 807 S. 5th Street. FMI call 383-2233.

Sunday, November 2

Circuit - Halloween Party (Chicago): Tea Dance 6 p.m. Monster Masquerade Ball from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$500 Best Costume! Crystal Waters Live! DJ Rick Mitchell from Miami Beach. DJ Hugo. \$12 with card, \$15 without card. FMI call (773) 325-2233.

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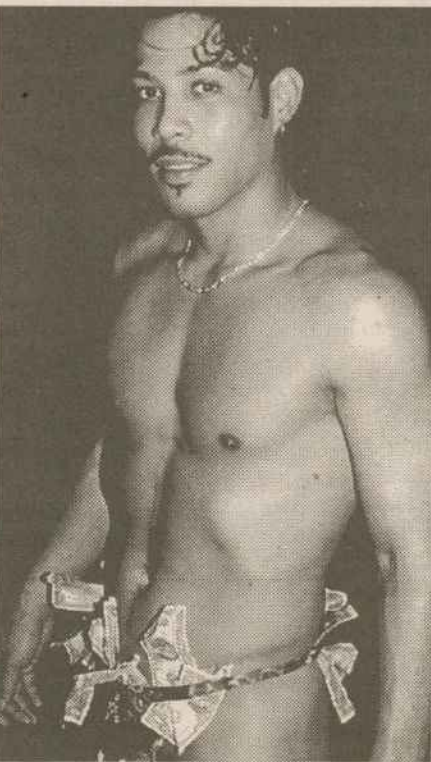
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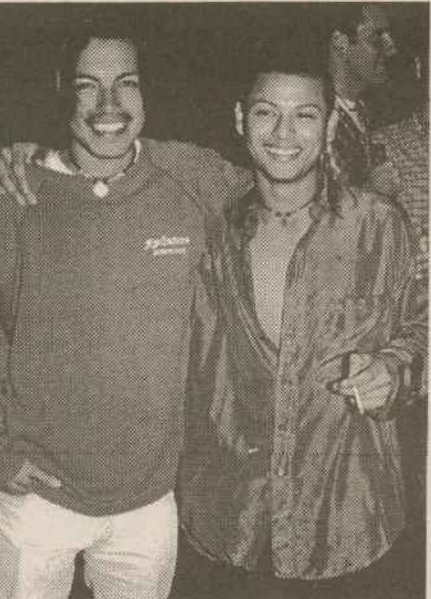
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OUT of the Stars

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Your mood might be cranky, resulting from tensions either at home or at work. Speak softly and avoid any disagreements with others. You are in a practical frame of mind and sharp in matters of money. It's a happy time for romance and love.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Spend extra time with family - fun and adventure will be highlighted. It may be the perfect opportunity for a heart-to-heart talk with your children. Roadblocks are likely in realizing a financial goal, you're closer than you think. Your passion deepens.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

You and your mate get along throughout the entire week. All those chores that really need to get done will be accomplished like clockwork. Your career is highlighted, so don't be surprised if you receive a raise or promotion. Keep your patience around friends.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Start the week in a practical frame of mind. Take time alone and treat yourself to something that will make you feel extra special. Some co-workers are be critical and sarcastic, but otherwise work runs smoothly. Your career is about to take a big step forward. Managers are impressed with your effort.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Listen to a friend's advice on money matters — an objective point of view is what you need. Your sweetheart may be feeling neglected, and accuse you of unrealistic expectations — so make the time for romance and more intimacy. It's time for a few practical steps to improve your image.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

There will probably be a strong urge to immerse yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences; and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

The more you depend on your reserves, the stronger you are. You inspire your friends likewise. There are some self doubts lingering which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed. Remember — if you can't say any thing nice, don't say anything at all.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Spend time with close friends and you'll find that your friendships and loves are very fulfilling. There is someone trying to undermine your position with flattery and bribery. Keep your cool. There will be great news about money, and possibly a new, lucrative job offer.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

It will be an effortless and pleasurable week for you. Keep in mind you do have the power to make all sorts of changes for the better. Everyone seems overly emotional as of late, so be on guard for lies and accusations. Harmony will be restored at home by week's end.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Wherever you are, you will be surrounded by friendship and luck. Unexpected money is coming your way. Both family and work responsibilities are heavy, take one situation at a time. Be aware that guidance comes through your dreams. Positive vibes continue at home.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

You need to travel in order to check out an opportunity to increase your income. Don't neglect a partner who's starving for attention. Both your professional image and reputation is boosted to new levels. Your charm and magnetism take you through any sticky situations right now.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

It's a week of heavy mental stimulation and challenges. Both innovative and unconventional approaches work. Your assertiveness takes you far at work and your partner is happy and you enjoy being together. Plan your entertainment and include others from the sideline.



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Editor's Note: The following should be read with tongue planted firmly in cheek.

As you probably already know, Walker's Point Cafe is a great place for people that are too young for the clubs to hang out and enjoy great home-made mozzarella sticks. Walker's Point Cafe is also a great place for that after-hours-sober-me-up-breakfast-and-cup-of-coffee too.

What you didn't know is that George has been moonlighting as an automotive glass technician. When asked about his decision to moonlight, George's only comment was, "I was in need of extra cash." As any good journalist (and I use that word loosely) would do, I dug a little further and found that George has a rare disorder known as "Tricyc-mania." Sufferers of the disorder have an uncontrollable urge to buy tricycles. When I asked local psychologist, Dr. Goldschmach about a cure, he said "Because sufferers of Tricyc-mania are so secretive about their disorder, we are left with few willing participants to do a badly needed case study." It's expected to take years to find the cause of the disorder and even longer for a cure.

The popular dance club La Cage is undergoing repairs after an unfortunate incident involving Chris Hammerbeck, the founder of local radio station WGAY. Apparently, it was after eating dinner at La Perla, when Hammerbeck stopped at La Cage for an after dinner cocktail when it happened. Witnesses at the scene said Chris looked fine up until the point right before he "broke wind." The force of the "wind" destroyed a \$7 pair of boxers, a \$36 pair of Levi's, and blew a 16 foot hole in the north wall of La Cage. Repairs to the wall are estimated at \$12,000 and are expected to be completed by the beginning of November.

When asked about it, Hammerbeck shrugged and said "Too many re-fried beans?"

OK, on to more believable news...

Hey girls, there is a new club opening up for you here in Milwaukee that will feature a "cool atmosphere, hip music, suave drinks, beautiful bartenders and big love." That's right, the new place is located at 235 South 2nd Street, right next to C'est La Vie and it's called DISH. Stop in October 31st for the Grand Opening Party and check it out. The next day, they will be raffling off a pair of Sarah McLachlan tickets with the proceeds to benefit the LAMM Education Fund, don't miss it.

As of a couple of weeks ago, Scandals in Madison has a new owner. Mike and Nancy handed over the keys to Kirby Sheldon and the place will be called Kirby's Klub, opening October 25th. I'll be heading out there soon to see what the new owner has in store for the place.

The Red Corvette seems to be doing very well on Sunday nights. I stopped in last Sunday for some photographs, and what I've been hearing is true, lots of people are stopping in to check out those hunky sweaty sexy dancers that perform every Sunday.

The Ball Game threw a huge birthday party for Tommy Salzseider last Saturday. This party was a blast that included Drag in a Bag. Remember how that works? People have to grab an unknown tape from a bag and then perform that number without any rehearsal time, it was soooooo funny! After a few "encouraging" speeches from some of his friends, Tommy was given a customized walker with candles, flags and other accessories. For most of the evening, Tommy was in a campy wig that made him look a bit like Phyllis Diller. Happy 60th Birthday Tommy!!!!

The Brew City Bears celebrated another anniversary at Boot Camp, October 25th. From what I heard the Boot Camp was at legal capacity that night and people were havin' a blast! Boot Camp is THE Levi/Leather club here in Milwaukee.

Hey, it's flu season once again and that's why I went to M&M last Tuesday. That's right, BESTD clinic spon-

sored free flu shots for anyone interested. When I asked if I could get my shot in the butt they said sorry, so in the arm it went.

Halloween is upon us and here are a few events to tell you about; Sunday October 26th, (that's tonight for me) the Red Corvette is having their Halloween Party with cash prizes for best costume. October 30th is Club 219's big party with judging at 11:30, Triangle also on the 30th with judging at 11:30 as well.

October 31st, Ball Game will be throwing a Halloween party with judging at 10:30. Emerald City Halloween party will also be held on the 31st and I'm not sure what time judging is. Don't forget to stop in at DISH for the Grand Opening/Halloween Party. Kathy's Nut Hut has scheduled their Halloween Party on Friday too with judging at midnight complete with cash prizes.

Just Us is having a Halloween FrightFest with cash prizes and judging at midnight. Check out a complete list of Halloween events in The Calendar.

Finally, as you may have heard, The Pageant was cancelled and then rescheduled for February of next year. Here's hoping the extra time will generate more interest from contestants.

Well, I'm running short on time so I gotta go. Next issue I will be able to tell you all about the Halloween parties I will have attended. Will I be in costume? Yea, I'll be the guy dressed as a photographer!

Until next issue, remember my golden rule, slower traffic keep right.

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THE RIGHT PLACE This professional, Gay, White male, 5'8, 150lbs, likes movies, weightlifting, running, shopping, quiet dinners and sex. I'd like to meet a top, with a good job and a nice body. All ethnic groups encouraged to apply. (Milwaukee) #6142

HEAD OF THE CLASS Hot, private, sexual encounters. This studly, White male, 6'2, 210lbs, can't wait to meet a similar, non-smoking, White male, for a totally discreet encounter. I'm new at this game so teach me the basics. I'll advance to the top of my class in no time. (Milwaukee) #6201

FREE THINGS IN LIFE I love to perform oral sex for anybody willing to receive it. Is that you? No strings attached, no reciprocation necessary. I'm from Dodge County. Call me, and see what I can do for you. (Milwaukee) #5896

BREAK INTO GROUPS I'm a horny, well endowed, White male, looking for phone sex and group encounters. I'm 33, 5'10, 160lbs, with Blond hair, a goatee, and good build. I'm always ready to go. (Milwaukee) #5642

ART APPRECIATION Gay, White male, 48, 5'8, 170lbs, enjoys Broadway shows, especially musicals. Also, into the arts, antiques, humor, conversation, and travel. I'm relationship oriented, looking for someone with similar interests, and fun to be with. Age and race are unimportant. (Milwaukee) #5767

NEEDY IN NEENAH Hi guys, I'm looking for hot times with hot guys. Give me a call. (Neenah) #3491



LEVEL HEAD Attractive, 33 year old professional, looks more like 25. I'm a White male, 150lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. Seeking a similar guy, versatile, and level headed, who'd enjoy technical and spiritual talks, on a variety of issues. Leave a message. (Milwaukee) #3262

SIMILAR ATTRACTION Hey guys, how's it going? Milwaukee man, wants to meet someone with similar characteristics. What's similar? 6'1, Brown hair, Green eyes, 160lbs. Let's have some fun. (Milwaukee) #3776

END MY WAIT Good looking, 20 year old, Gay, Asian male, 5'2, is waiting for you in Oshkosh. (Oshkosh) #3913

SLOPPY PHONE FRIEND Phone sex gets me off. How about you? Don't you need to let your tongue flow freely? I have a great imagination and I'm always horny. (Milwaukee) #2647

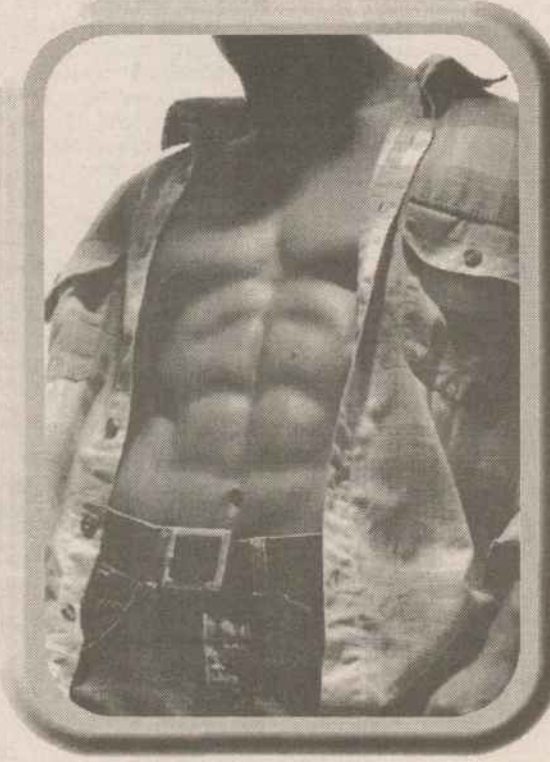
VARSITY TEAM MATE Black, college student seeks friendship with other Gay males. You are between 18 and 30, intelligent, game-free, serious, and comfortable with yourself. I'm 24 years old, 6'5, and weigh 200lbs. My interests are varied and deep. It's you, not the race, that counts. (Milwaukee) #5522

WOODY WRASLIN' Wrestling makes me hot. I'm looking for other guys into fantasy, pro-style wrestling, who want to act it out. I'm good looking, straight acting, in my early 30's, with short Blond hair, Blue eyes, and a smooth, fit body. If you're also in good shape, 20 to 40, and love to wrestle, let's rumble. (Milwaukee) #5538

LOOK NO FURTHER This professional, 40 year old, Gay, White Male, 5'7, 150lbs, is a bottom, who enjoys workouts, movies, dinners, and sex. We can meet in my east side Milwaukee condo for discrete, sexual encounters. Smoke and drug free, please. (Milwaukee) #5561

SWEET, SEXY ORAL Single, Hispanic male, 18, 5'9, 200lbs, deaf, using sign language, seeks a Single, Gay, White or Hispanic male, 18 to 30, interested in getting to know each other. You should be willing to learn sign language. (Milwaukee) #4994

VIDEO VOYEUR I want to meet other guys who like to watch porno videos and get off together. (Milwaukee) #3759



FUN ON THE PHONE I'm looking for guys to talk to on the phone and have some fun with. This good looking, White male, 33, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a mustache, can't wait to talk to you. (Milwaukee) #4845

ALL WORKED UP Married, middle aged, Bi, White male, 6'4, 300lbs, a former athlete, is into just about anything, as long as it's not too kinky. I like men of all ages and races, so let's get together and see what we can work up. (Milwaukee) #4494

FOOT LONG AND FANCY FREE It's a foot long and I love men. That's right. A foot long. Get to know me. (Milwaukee) #4345

I DIG DEFINITION Good looking, 19 year old, mixed race male, 6ft, 135lbs, with Black hair, Brown eyes, and a light complexion, seeks hot men, 18 to 25, for good, clean, fun. I love guys with great legs, butts, arms, and stomachs. (Milwaukee) #3563

JUST ONE MORE TIME I'm good looking, 5'11, 150lbs, and looking for any Bi or Gay guys. I'm Straight, but I've been with a guy before, and it would be fun to do again. (Milwaukee) #3492

ORAL FANTASY This masculine, hairy, Bi curious, Italian male, 38, 5'8, 170lbs, has an oral fantasy involving a very well endowed man. Please leave me a message. (Milwaukee) #3015

TICKLE ME PINK Tickling turns me on. Really! What turns you on? I am 5'11, 180lbs, with long, Brown hair, Green eyes, and a goatee. Music, dance, theater, walks, reading, and collecting are all of interest to me. Husky to heavy build, preferred. (Racine) #5662

ALL OUT FOR FUN This very easy going, attractive, White male, 30, 6ft, 150lbs, with a nice, tanned, body, seeks a man, 18 to 35, for friendship and more. I enjoy sports, the outdoors, going out on the town, and quiet evenings at home. (Oshkosh) #2490

BARBER OF BODS I specialize in body barbering work. If you'd like to experiment in full, or partial, body shaving, or would like to have some hair trimmed, let me hear from you. No request is too unusual. (Milwaukee) #17826

MAKE ME A MAN Boy wants to be made into a man. Mature guys, here's your chance. If you're between 45 to 75 years old, and want the special pleasures only a young, inexperienced boy can offer, please give me a call. (Princeton) #5575

ANY HAIR THERE? Youthful, handsome, White male, 39, 6ft, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a husky build, seeks guys for good times. I'm masculine and have regular guy interests, like watching football and more. I'd like to meet men between 21 and 45. I'm especially attracted to hairy guys with facial hair. (Peshtigo) #7675

GETTING IN THE GROOVE I'm just coming to terms with my sexuality and would like to meet someone who can help me work through that. You can be inexperienced like me, or have something to teach. I'm a handsome, White male, 6ft, 220lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Ideally, I'd love to find a relationship. (Racine) #5909

YOUTHFUL YEARNING I wanna hook up with another young guy, 18 to 25, for hot times and friendship. This good looking, 25 year old, Gay, White male, 6ft, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, likes to do it all. (River Falls) #5452

WOW ME IN WAUSAU I've never been with a guy before. I guess I've pushed the idea from my mind but, suddenly, the desire has come over me and I can't wait any more. I'm a nice looking, good natured, 22 year old, White male, hoping you call right away. (Wausau) #3108

EXPLORE YOUR WORLD This professional Single, White male, 6ft, 185lbs, with sandy Brown hair seeks a clean, discreet, healthy, well built, Bi, or Bi curious, man for friendship, exploration, and maybe a relationship. You should be a non drinker and non smoker, and enjoy the outdoors, fishing, camping, traveling, and the arts. Safe sex only. (Steven's Point) #4395

FEEL THE TINGLING Nice looking, White male, 27, 6ft, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks other attractive men, around my age, for good times. Let's hook up and see what happens. (Superior) #5572

CHECKERED FLAG I'm a 27 year old, Bi, White male, into sports, watching Nascar races, working out, and running. I'd like to meet some friends, 18 to 30, with similar interests. (Wausau) #7264

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION I'm a spontaneous, romantic, Gay, White male, in my 40's, who's young at heart. I have Brown hair, Green eyes, and mustache. My interests include the outdoors, movies, moonlit walks, quiet times at home, and all the good stuff. I'd like to meet a Gay male, any age, to share friendship, love, life, and happiness. (Wausau) #5768

ACTIVE PASSION This masculine, White male, with a mustache, Brown hair, Blue Green eyes, and a swimmer's build, seeks an aggressive, yet passionate, Black male, who's active but can also kick back and relax. Let's have some one to one fun. #6752

LINCOLN LOG I'm a lumberjack from Northern Wisconsin. I'm looking for cute, young, slim guys, blonds preferred. I'm 6ft tall, weigh 200lbs, and have dark hair and a trim beard. Head north and visit me. #5531

X RATE MY PLAY Good looking, 30 year old, White male seeks hot, well built, Gay males, 18 to 20, only. I have lots of interests including X-rated videos. Let's get together and play. #4267

INTO THE RECEIVER This sexy, masculine guy loves to have hot phone conversations with other horny men. Let's talk. (Milwaukee) #3196

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SUMMER STUD Good looking, down to earth, very well built, 36 year old, Bi, White male, 6'2, 185lbs, with Brown hair and Green eyes, seeks in shape men, 18 to 35, for fun. If you're Bi curious, or new to the scene, that's a plus. Experience is nice too. I'm pretty available all summer. (Adams) #2936

CUM TO YOU Hard men, between 18 and 28, need special attention? I can take care of you. I'm a Single, White male, 28, with a smooth, great looking body. I'm disease free, and can travel. I'll give you what you want. Always discreet, I'll come to you. (Appleton) #5394

PLANT YOUR APPEASED I'm a very well built, smooth, Single, White male, 28, 5'7, and I'm ready to serve guys who need special attention. If you have a big, hard, problem, my mouth and throat can make it all better. I'm especially interested in men between 18 and 28. I'm disease free and can travel throughout the area. If you like, we can meet first to check each other out. I'm very discreet. (Appleton) #4096

TONIGHT OR FOREVER I'm a handsome, 27 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, interested in a relationship, or just a couple nights of fun. (Ashland) #7164

VIDEO VENGEANCE This good looking, White male, 39, 5'11, 180lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a mustache, is totally into videos and having good sex, at least once a week. Let's have a blast. (Baraboo) #8229

BE MY FRIEND Nothing complicated here. I'm a young, White male just looking for someone to talk to who'll be my friend. (Beaver Dam) #4006

SOUNDS LIKE A BEAVER WARNING! This nice guy seeks friends or just people to talk to. (Beaver Dam) #3261

FREE IN THE FOOTHILLS Boy, am I glad to be back in the foothills. I just returned from Atlanta where I realized that city life ain't for me. I'm a good natured, laid back, White male, 25, 6ft, 180lbs, looking for friends and, eventually, a relationship. I'm a farm kid who loves the country and can't deal with the fast pace, and insincerity, of the metropolis. (Baraboo) #3027

FAR EAST YEARNING Good looking, lonely, White male, 49, 5'9, 170lbs, wants to meet Asian males, 18 to 26, for good times and companionship. (Columbia County) #3514

BOY NEXT DOOR

This discreet, professional, White male, the boy next door type, masculine, attractive, and in shape, 27, seeks guys around my age for fun times and hot encounters. I'm open minded and safe, 6'1, 180lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like to go out and party on the weekends. (Eau Claire) #6956

AWESOME SERVICE I love to service hard, slender, well hung, Black and White males, 20 to 35, who are cut, horny, and delicious. I'm a youthful, clean, White male, in my 40's, 5'10, 175lbs, with dark hair and Green eyes. Let me relieve the pressure. (Duluth) #7220

BLOW HARD Good looking, masculine, White male, 35, 6ft, 190lbs, with dark hair and eyes, wants to hook up with other hot studs, in their 20's and 30's, for great times. (Eau Claire) #7099

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO This 19 year old, White male, wants to get to know other guys, under 30. In my world, everything is go. I like men who are intelligent, humorous, and compassionate. (Eau Claire) #3074

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

PROVE MEN ARE BETTER This very well endowed, Bi, White male, 6'2, 220lbs, with a hairy chest, needs to find another well hung guy, to prove to me that it's more fun with men. I'm totally new to this but am all jacked up for it. I can last for hours. (Madison) #8776

DO THE RIGHT THING I need a daddy to show me the ropes. This very submissive, White male, is attractive, smooth, and ready to do the right thing. (Madison) #8327

YOU WEAR THE PANTS This hot, Bi, White male, seeks men to dominate me. One at a time or groups. I'm especially interested in Transvestites and Transsexuals. (Madison) #7890



SILVER STREAK Attention seniors. This attractive, well built, Gay, White male, in my 40's, seeks in shape, senior, Gay, White males, in their 60's, 70's, or early 80's. White hair and a hairy chest are big plusses. I'm willing to travel to Milwaukee. (Madison) #8322

FEEL MY WARMTH This well endowed stud likes to be on the bottom. I'm looking for a hot guy, 25 to 30, to share good times with. (Madison) #7613

FEELING FRISKY? This 32 year old, butch boy, 6'2, 175lbs, and easy on the eyes, seeks a frisky top, 21 to 35, for obvious reasons. (Madison) #7180

EXPLORING, EXPANDING This good looking, White male, 30, mostly dominant, seeks bottoms, for hot times. I'm also interested in an older man to serve and obey. (Madison) #6953

THE BOND THAT TIES Good looking, 23 year old, White male, 6ft, 180lbs, seeks dominant, aggressive men who are into bondage. (Madison) #6419

HAND SOME I love hands. Beautiful, well manicured hands. I'm a Black man, 40 years old, who appreciates what the right hand can do. I'm looking for handsome men, between 40 and 65 years old, please call. (Madison) #5085

CHISELED, MUSCLE STUD I'm a 5'6, 135lb, natural bodybuilder and swimmer, and I love to show off my defined, muscular body. Let me flex it. Go ahead, feel me. Ooh, I know what you're feeling, that huge bulge in my jock strap. It's as well built as the rest of me and loves to be licked. If you're another well built dude with a barbelled body, I'm all yours. Let's show off for each other. (Madison) #2120

READY FOR ACTION

Gay, White male seeks hot, young, Gay friend for good times. Let's talk about it. That's half of the fun. (Madison) #4166

THE WEE HOURS I want to hook up with hot guys in the mornings or late evenings. Let's party. (Madison) #3606

BUD BOWL XXVI I'm a good natured, 26 year old, White male, 5'9, 200lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I like fishing and hanging out, drinking a few beers. (Madison) #3214

SAUT... AND PIERCE My varied interests include cooking, farmer's markets, body piercing, and alternative music. This attractive, 25 year old, White male, 185lbs, seeks other Bi, or Gay, White males to have fun with. (Madison) #2891

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

BODY SAFARI Young, White male, 19, wants to meet men in the area for hanging out, and physical exploration. (Menasha) #3777

MASTER ME This good looking, masculine, well endowed, White male, 31, 6'2, 185lbs, with Blond hair, seeks a master into serious bondage and discipline, light S&M, creative humiliation, and occasional crossdressing action. I'm also into nature, nudism, movies, and more. I'm sweet, sincere, honest, loyal, and can't wait to meet you. (Milwaukee) #8395

AT MY EXPENSE This good looking, fun loving, passive male, seeks a dominant, aggressive top, who likes to enjoy himself at the expense of another person. I'm into leather, bondage, and slavery. I'm all yours. (Milwaukee) #8045

OUTGOING HOMEBODY I'm looking for a sensitive someone who likes to explore sexually. I hope you're an outgoing person who's also a bit of a homebody and who enjoys entertaining friends. (Milwaukee) #8391

PARENTAL UNIT WANTED I'm an attractive, clean shaven, submissive, 24 year old, White male, 6'3, 190lbs, with Blond hair and Green eyes. I love older men. I need a father figure who can help me when I've been bad and show me what to do. I'll bet you know all the right ways to punish me. (Milwaukee) #8423

I'M CUMIN TO TOWN Good looking, versatile, Black male, 26, 6'3, 210lbs, seeks other masculine, versatile guys, 25 to 45, over 6ft, for good times. I live in Chicago but visit Milwaukee frequently. (Milwaukee) #8511

HANKY BROWNIE I'm looking for hot, White males, who know what a brown hanky means. I'm good looking, sexy, 6'5, 190lbs, and am an expert in this unique scene, as a top or bottom. (Milwaukee) #7412

MAN OF COLOR ONLY Very masculine, 20 year old, Bi, Black male, seeks other Hispanic, Asian, and African American males for fun, dating, and a possible relationship. (Milwaukee) #7738

LET THE MUSIC PLAY Attractive, White, band musician, 25, 5'8, 135lbs, seeks a guy for friendship or more. I'm in pretty good shape because I'm a runner and I work out. I'm young looking and am attracted to similar guys, 18 to 30, who are smooth and fit. If you like to go out to dinner, see movies, or kick back and talk, we'll get along just fine. (Milwaukee) #7979

HANDY HUNK This very attractive, certified massage therapist, is interested in giving hot oil, full body massages, to accommodating, professional, clean, discreet, masculine, intelligent guys. I'm a very mature, 24 year old, Black male, 5'9, 190lbs, with short, curly, Black hair, Brown eyes, and medium Brown skin. Feel my hands. (Milwaukee) #7031

LAKESIDE MASTER This good looking, 42 year old master, 185lbs, wants to meet a slave into bondage and discipline. If you long to serve a master, I'm the man to call. (Milwaukee) #7044

30 LOVE This fun loving, 29 year old, Asian male, 5'4, 120lbs, seeks friends and especially, a tennis partner. I love tennis but don't have anyone to play with. Let's start on the court and see what develops. (Milwaukee) #6797

KEEP AN OPEN MIND This masculine, White male seeks interesting, open minded people to get together with. Let's talk. (Milwaukee) #6750

WIFE HASN'T A CLUE Discreet, Bi, Married, White male, 36, 5'6, 155lbs, seeks other Bi, or Married, (or both) men to hook up with. (Milwaukee) #5846

RIDE OF YOUR LIFE What more could you possibly need than this good looking, extremely horny, bottom. Bend me over. I'll take you for a ride. (Milwaukee) #6098

FOOT IN MOUTH Do you have a foot fetish? I sure do. Let's talk about it. (Milwaukee) #31763

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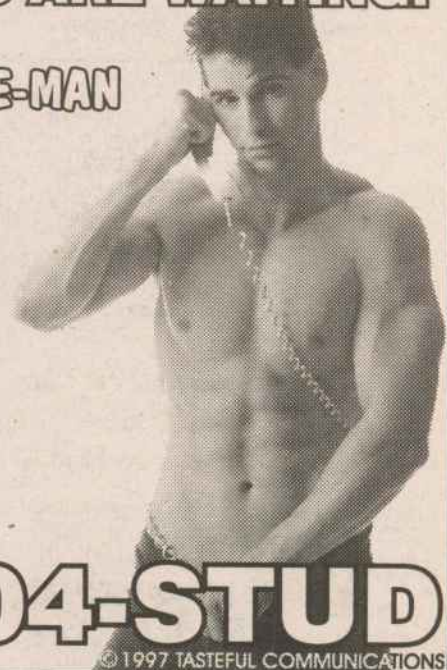
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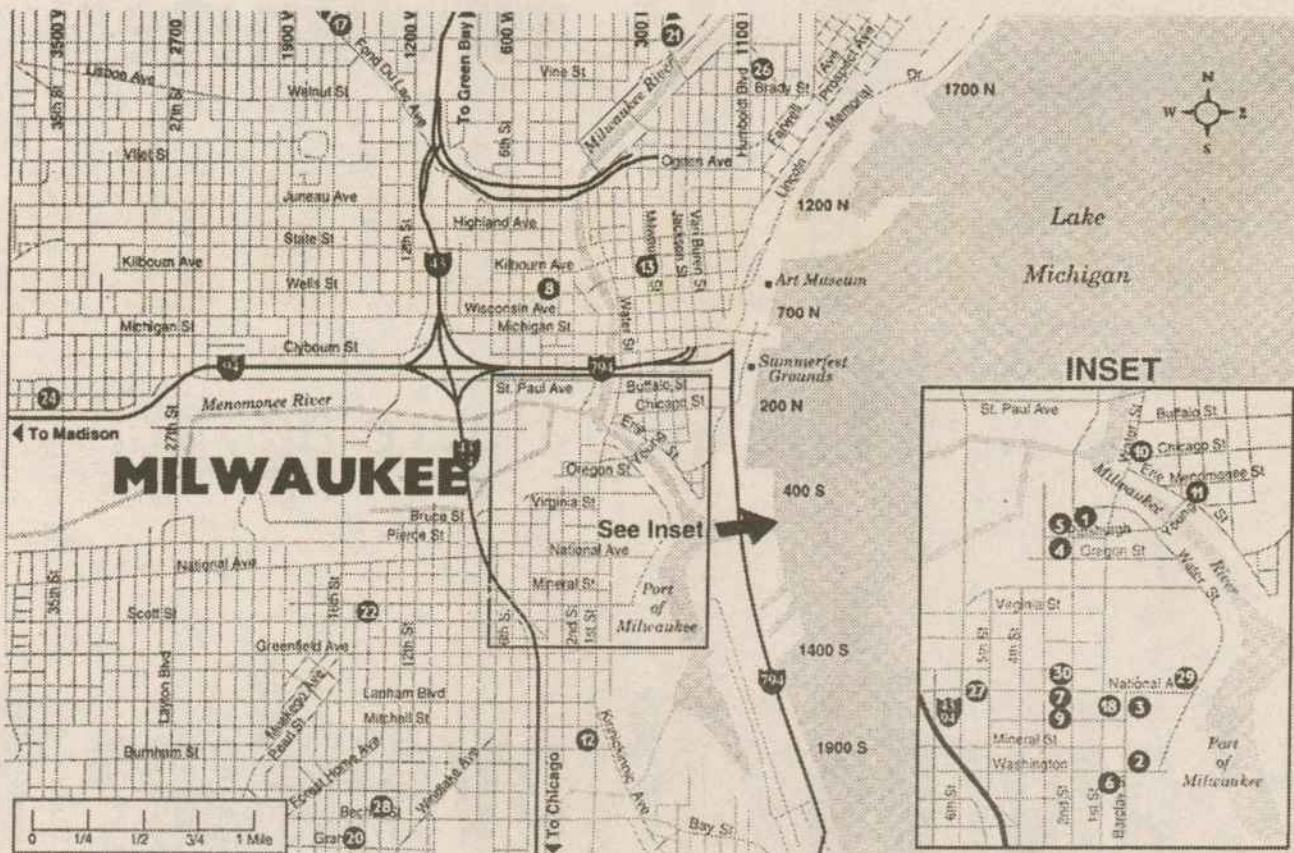
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