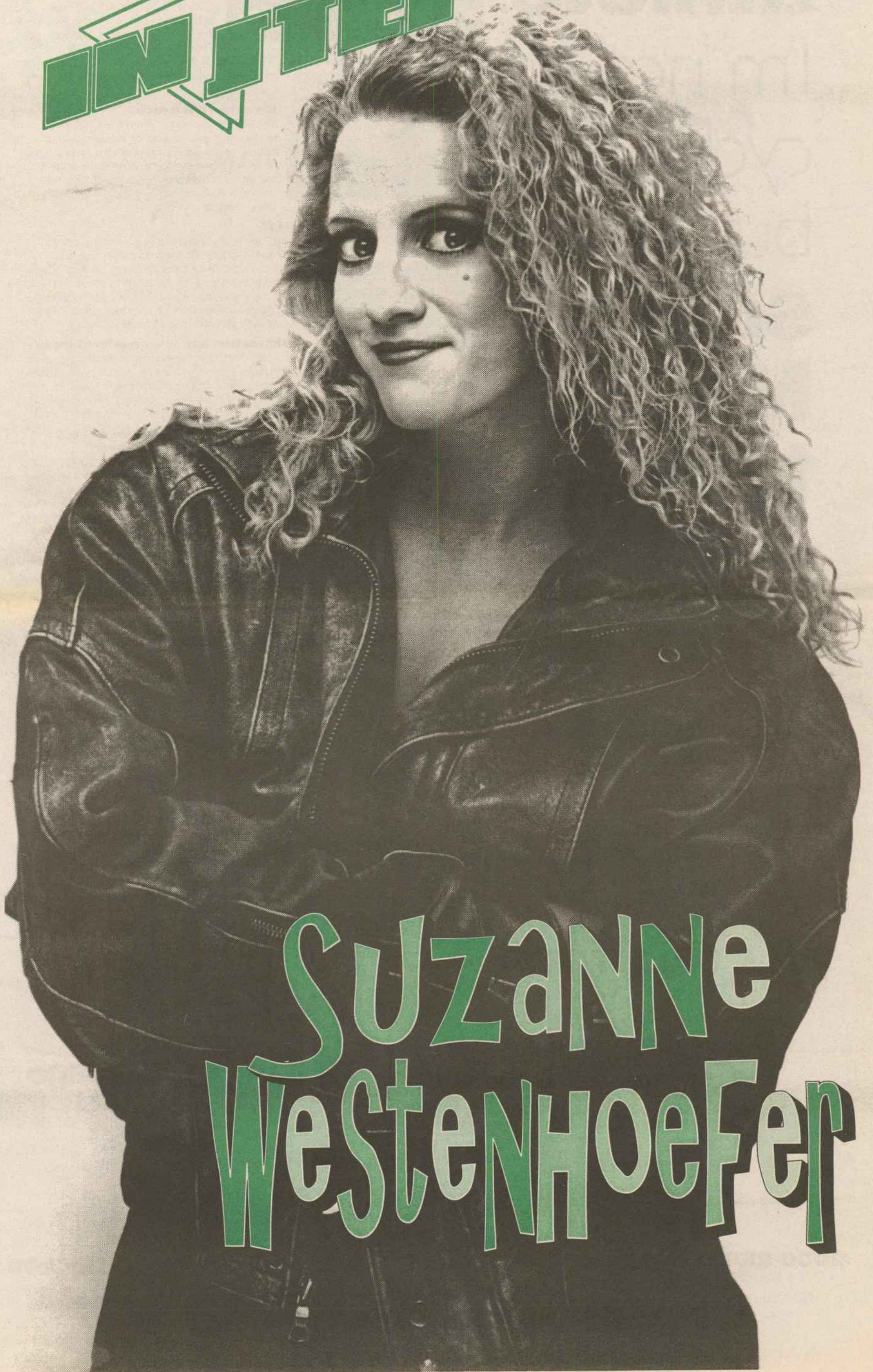


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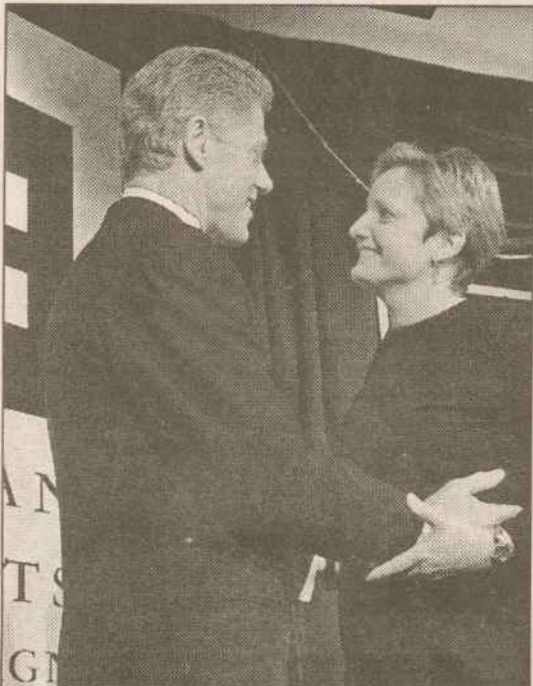
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# Clinton Equates Gay Rights, Civil Rights

## Making Historical Link, President Echoes Truman's Speech That Broke Color Barrier

by Keith Clark  
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—President Clinton is welcomed by Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. Photo: AP

Washington, D.C. — Signaling a surge in the political visibility and clout of the rights movement in this country, President Clinton has become the first sitting president to address a gay rights organization event.

Although many Americans still clearly object not only to civil rights for homosexuals but also to the growing visibility of gays and lesbians in the nation at large, Clinton told the 1,500 capacity-seating dinner held by the Human Rights Campaign, "We also know if we're ever going to build one America, you and those you represent have got to be a part of it."

Quoting President Harry Truman's address at the Lincoln Memorial on the need to end racial segregation some 50 years ago, Clinton said, "When I say all Americans, I mean *all* Americans ... . Being gay, the last time I looked, had nothing to do with

dream of equality for all Americans."

The diners gave the president a lengthy standing ovation before and after his speech, and punctuated his remarks with applause and occasional calls of "We love you, Bill."

Three AIDS activists at the dinner briefly interrupted the president's speech, shouting "People with AIDS are dying."

As other diners told them to "Sit down," Clinton addressed them with a list of improvements the administration has made in dealing with AIDS and said, "I'd have been disappointed if you weren't here tonight ... . No one should be afraid to yell at the president."

Clinton, however, made no direct mention of the other notable guest at the evening's event, comic Ellen DeGeneres, who was there to receive an HRC award for her visibility in coming out as part of the widely promoted "coming out" episode of her ABC-TV show, "Ellen."

Several members of Congress also attended the event, along with gay and lesbian White House and administration officials, including Virginia Apuzzo, the White House Assistant for Management and Administration, Jim Hormel, Clinton's nominated ambassador to Luxembourg, and Hal Creal, a presidential appointee to the U.S. Maritime Commission.

## ARCW Awarded State Contract

Madison — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has been named the AIDS service organization to provide AIDS services and prevention programs statewide, with the exception of the Madison area. The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has awarded ARCW the contract, a significant expansion in service area, which will provide the agency with \$3.3 million in AIDS funding over the next four years.

"Wisconsin's investment in local AIDS services is among the very best in the country," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "These state resources will enable us to deliver comprehensive AIDS services in cities, towns, and rural areas throughout the state."

"Since the beginning of AIDS, we have worked hard to build a public/private partnership that will meet the demands of the epidemic," said Nelson. "The state's decision to award ARCW with over \$3.3 million strengthens this partnership and will enhance HIV services in Wisconsin."

Over 2,070 people living with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin will now have direct access to ARCW services such as early medical intervention, clinical drug trials, case management and support services including housing, financial and legal assistance.

ARCW's prevention programs will also expand statewide to aggressively reach the general public and at-risk populations such as men who have sex with men, injection drug users and their partners, youth and women engaging in risk behaviors and people already living with HIV disease.

The DHFS contract is the result of a comprehensive, competitive bid process to officially designate AIDS service organizations in Wisconsin. Few, if any states, have used such a process to designate agencies as official providers of AIDS services. ARCW's successful applications combined years of experience in AIDS service delivery with multiple community based collaborations with other agencies. DHFS also awarded ARCW the contract to continue operating its Wisconsin AIDS Library and Wisconsin AIDSline, which were also competitively bid on.

The new state contracts will be effective on January 1, 1998.

ARCW expects to maintain an \$8 million budget in '98, placing the agency as the sixth or seventh largest AIDS service organization nationwide.

Nelson said that ARCW will raise over \$3 million annually from the private sector, virtually matching the state's investment. "Our partnership with the state is cost effective and truly makes Wisconsin one of the few states in the country to collaborate this way."

reading a balance book, fixing a broken bone or changing a spark plug."

The president also reiterated his support for passage of a proposed federal measure now before Congress, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit employment bias based on sexual orientation in many U.S. workplaces.

"When we deny opportunity because of ancestry or religion, race or gender, disability or sexual orientation, we break the compact," Clinton said. "It is wrong. And it should be illegal. Once again I call upon Congress to honor our most cherished principles and make the Employment Non-Discrimination Act the law of the land."

Outside the downtown Grand Hyatt Hotel where the \$250-per-person HRC dinner was held, demonstrators from opposing sides both showed their displeasure with Clinton's appearance at the event, which was broadcast on CSPAN as well on the Internet.

While Clinton was calling for "one America" and overcoming the differences that divide the country, gay and AIDS protesters outside criticized the president for what they see as his administration's unwillingness to fight the AIDS epidemic hard enough and his failure to end the military ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces.

Joining them — at least in criticizing Clinton — were far-right conservatives in a group they called "Americans for Truth About Homosexuality" protesting Clinton's speech at the gay rights dinner and the anti-discrimination measure before Congress. Some carried signs reading, "Thank God for AIDS" and "Sodomy is no civil right."

Later, Lou Sheldon, who heads the anti-gay lobbying group, the Traditional Values Coalition, called Clinton's appearance at the HRC dinner "a sad day for the presidency," and told reporters, "If the American people are shocked by all of the same-sex smooching on television, wait until they see an American president kissing up to the wealthiest extremists of the amoral left."

But Clinton and those inside largely ignored the small groups of protesters outside the hotel, and Elizabeth Birch, who heads HRC, welcomed the president saying, "President Clinton's appearance here tonight is a powerful affirmation of the shared

rights protections, and said they would begin working to introduce an anti-same-sex marriage bill for the next legislative session.

Activists with Hands Off Washington, which sponsored the failed gay rights ballot initiative, said they believe the measure was defeated in large part because the pro-gun forces pumped more than \$2 million to get out voters to help defeat a gun-control measure also on the Nov. 4 ballot. That, activists said, generated a far more conservative electorate than usual in off-year elections that also worked against Initiative 677.

Elsewhere, community activists Philip Reed and Margarita Lopez both won seats on the New York City Council, while Deborah Silber won election to the Brooklyn, NY, Civil Court.

In San Francisco, Supervisor Susan Leal easily won election as the city's treasurer with some 58 percent of the vote in a three-way race. Tom Roberts easily won reelection to the Santa Barbara, Calif., City Council, placing second in a crowded field for the three vacant seats.

Jay Fiset became Virginia's first openly gay elected official, winning some 62 percent of the vote for a seat on the Arlington County Board. While

Mary Wiseman matched Fiset's precedent to become Ohio's first openly gay elected official winning one of two vacant seats on the Dayton City Commission.

In Pennsylvania, Jim McGill won a seat on the Wilkesburg Borough Council.

In Minneapolis, two of three openly gay candidates for office won races. Ron Krueger won a seat on the Minneapolis Library Board and Wally Swan won his race for the city's Board of Estimate. Dennis Van Avery, however, lost his race to serve on the city's school board.

Three other candidates also finished strong enough to force run-off elections in December. In Texas, Annise Parker will face her opponent next month in a run-off for an at-large post on the Houston City Council. In Georgia, Malcolm Gideons will face incumbent Vern McCarty in a December run-off for a seat on the Atlanta City Council. Cathy Woolard will also be facing a run-off race against incumbent Mary Davis for a seat on the Atlanta City Council representing the city's 6th district, which has a large gay and lesbian population.

**On Our Cover:** Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer.  
See story in *The Arts*

## Election Returns: Lots of Wins, One Big Setback

by Keith Clark  
of the In Step Staff

Seattle, WA — Gays and lesbians running in races for public offices around the country did very well in their electoral bids, although an important statewide ballot measure prohibiting anti-gay discrimination in Washington state suffered a serious defeat that observers fear may set off renewed far right anti-gay efforts there.

Initiative 677 was soundly rejected by Washington state voters, losing in every county in the state except two. Shortly after hailing the defeat of the gay rights ballot measure, far-right conservatives said state voters didn't believe gays and lesbians should receive any added civil



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## Study: Condoms Are 90% Effective in Reducing HIV Transmission

Milwaukee — A review and analysis of HIV transmission studies shows that the consistent use of condoms reduces male-to-female transmission of HIV by at least 90 percent, according to a Medical College of Wisconsin researcher.

The study is the first to provide broad-based research support for the commonly-held belief that condoms are highly effective in reducing HIV transmission, according to Steven D. Pinkerton, Ph.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Medical College's Center for AIDS Intervention Research and lead investigator of the study.

AIDS prevention researchers have long believed that condom effectiveness is in the 90 percent range, based on early scientific estimates. However, those estimates were developed from studies of pregnancy prevention, and not HIV prevention, according to Dr. Pinkerton.

Pinkerton and co-author Paul R. Abramson, Ph.D., a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), conducted a meta-analysis of previously published studies of the likelihood of HIV transmission in heterosexual couples in which one partner was originally HIV-positive and the other HIV-negative. A meta-analysis examines the results of several studies that were originally conducted separately, and then interprets the new cross-study findings.

Drs. Pinkerton and Abramson analyzed the data from two perspectives. In the first approach, they estimated the overall risk for contracting HIV infection among people who always use condoms versus people who sometimes or who never use condoms. The second approach estimated the impact of condoms on the per-contact probability of HIV transmission from an infected individual to his or her sexual partner.

"Based on results from both analyses, we estimated that the overall effectiveness of consistent condom use for HIV prophylaxis is approximately 90 to 95 percent," says Dr. Pinkerton.

The study follows similar studies performed by other researchers in which condoms were found to provide only a 60 to 70 percent reduction in the risk of transmission. However, those estimates did not distinguish between couples who used condoms all of the time and couples who used condoms only occasionally.

To get a more accurate estimate of how well condoms prevent HIV transmission, Drs. Pinkerton and Abramson used only data which allowed them to distinguish between "consistent" use (every time) and "inconsistent" use. "The bottom line is that condoms, when used consistently and correctly, are very effective at blocking transmission of HIV," says Dr. Pinkerton.

A report of the study was published earlier this year in *Social Science and Medicine*.

## Chicago Writer Jon-Henri Damski Dies

Chicago, IL — Jon-Henri Damski, 60, a columnist, journalist, poet, author and activist, for the last 22 years had written for six gay publications, chronicling the stories of Chicago, its New Town area and the lives of those who reside there.

He played a key role in getting enacted Chicago's precedent-setting 1988 human rights ordinance that established provisions in the municipal code for gays, lesbians, women and the handicapped in the city. A resident of the Belair Hotel on Diversey Parkway, he died of malignant melanoma November 1 in St. Joseph Hospital.

Damski had a Ph.D. in the classics and for a short time had taught at Bryn Mawr College.

He arrived in Chicago in 1975 and almost immediately started writing for the now-defunct *GayLife* and then *Gay Chicago*. He subsequently moved to the *Windy City Times* and then to *Nightlines* and *Outlines*. His photo usually appeared with his columns, and he became easily

the best recognized representative of the gay community in the city.

"You never knew what he was going to write about," Andrew Patner, a friend, said. "One column might be about a street hustler and the next a critique of the book, 'The Closing of the American Mind' by the University of Chicago's Alan Bloom. He cared about people. If someone was in the hospital, he was always there at their bedside. When a person died, he was there to write, a sensitive thumbnail analysis of his or her life."

A book of his columns, "Angels Into Dust," and another one containing his poetry, have been published by Firetrap Press. In 1989, he was a recipient of the Liberty Bell Award from the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association for his efforts in getting the human rights ordinance passed. Survivors include a brother, Joseph.

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# Lesbian Lawyer Appeals Bowers Case to US Supreme Court

Atlanta, GA (AP) — A lesbian lawyer asked the U.S. Supreme Court on October 31 to hear her case against former Attorney General Mike Bowers, who denied her a job because she planned to marry another woman.

Robin Shahar's lawyers hope for a ruling that establishes constitutional protection for gay and lesbian relationships, if the nation's highest court agrees to hear her appeal.

Ms. Shahar and the American Civil Liberties Union first sued Bowers, now a Republican candidate for governor, in 1991. She argues that Bowers violated her constitutional right to freedom of association when he reneged on a job offer because she planned a Jewish commitment ceremony with her lesbian partner. She had been working as an intern in his office.

"This case is very clear," Ms. Shahar said during a news conference. "No person should be judged in the workplace by their membership in a minority group. We should be evaluated by our work."

Bowers had no comment on the appeal, his spokesman Bill Crane said.

Ms. Shahar, 34, is now a senior assistant attorney for the city of Atlanta. Both a federal district court and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided her case in Bowers' favor.

The appeals court said Bowers, known for his defense of Georgia's laws against sodomy and adultery, was entitled to believe people might be confused about his stands if he hired someone involved in a same-sex marriage.

The court refused to reconsider the case after Bowers admitted in June to having an extramarital affair for most of his 16 years as attorney general.

"It's an interesting twist in this case that I was fired for being honest about my relationship, yet Mr. Bowers felt that it was OK for him to be secretive and dishonest about his relationship," Ms. Shahar said.

Bowers' admission is the "icing on the cake" in proving that he discriminated against Ms. Shahar because she's a lesbian, said Ruth Harlow, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay-rights group that filed the appeal with the ACLU.

"The kinds of double standards, the kinds of justifications Bowers has offered in this case are very representative of the kinds of justifications for anti-gay prejudice that we see," Ms. Harlow said.

Bowers had argued Ms. Shahar's marriage would be an open defiance of Georgia law, which his agency is sworn to uphold.

Last year, a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit appeals court ruled in Ms. Shahar's favor, saying she had a fundamental right of intimate association with her partner. But the full court set

aside that ruling in March so all 12 judges of the court could hear the case.

The full court reversed the panel's decision, saying Bowers' interest in promoting the efficiency of the Law Department outweighed Ms. Shahar's interest in personal association.

# Madison Schools May Offer DomPar Health Benefits

Madison — As part of the latest contract negotiation between the Madison Teachers Inc. (MTI) and the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), Domestic Partner Health Benefits is very much on the table.

Currently, only a few universities, municipalities and companies offer this type of coverage. This agreement could help facilitate Domestic Partner Health Benefits to hundreds of other school districts across the state. It may also give other companies and organizations a model to emulate.

"I believe this is an incredibly exciting opportunity — a teacher who is secure, one who knows that their partner does not have to worry about financial and health well being, will be able to go into a classroom and teach — teach to the best of their ability," says Larry Palm, co-chair of The Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network of Wisconsin (GLSEN).

Of course during any contract negotiation, the discussion about what to offer, and to whom, is still ongoing. At current the suggestions are:

Based on the academic literature and the current costs and distribution of MMSD employees among available health plans, MTI estimates that the probable costs of this proposal would range from approximately \$21,721 to \$57,655. MTI estimates that between 5 and 14 employees would take advantage of this benefit from single to family coverage.

The MMSD believes that the cost for adding families to individual plans (\$5,000 per change per year) will be up to \$300,000. The District has withdrawn the study committee proposal and replaced it with other proposals.

The first proposal was to set aside \$300,000 — from wage increases — to pay for the change-over and refund the excess to MTI on a per capita basis after we know how many couples qualify. MTI has rejected this proposal, stating that the Union does not believe there are any costs in adding the newly eligible families or that the Union will not share the costs in this way.

The District has made a second proposal which would set up a committee to work out criteria for qualifying couples by mutual agreement and would start the insurance on October 1, 1998 (the next open enrollment period).

# NEWS WIRE

## Crime Spree Sends Boyfriend to Prison

Norristown, PA — A man who went on a crime spree to raise money to bail his boyfriend out of jail has been sentenced to eight to 16 years in prison. Shawn Quinones pleaded guilty last week, saying he "went straight on a demolition course" after Donald Singleton was jailed for shoplifting and other charges and held on \$50,000 bail.

"I was trying to get Donald out of jail," Quinones said. "I just wanted him home with me."

Security guards at Willow Grove Park mall had spotted the two men stealing shirts and jeans Jan. 17. Quinones led police on a high-speed chase. Quinones, 23, got away. Singleton, 24, didn't. Later, Quinones held up a gas station while dressed as a woman. On Jan. 21, Quinones robbed a Chester County Denny's restaurant of \$200.

## State Supreme Court Upholds Atlanta DP Ordinance

Atlanta, GA — The Georgia Supreme Court on November 3 upheld Atlanta's latest attempt to provide health benefits to unmarried domestic partners of city employees.

The 5-2 decision affirmed a 1996 ordinance extending benefits to those who register as domestic partners of workers and who are financially dependent upon them.

"Gay and lesbian employees are now one step closer to equal work for equal pay," said Jane Morrison of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which argued for the ordinance.

## Man Gets 15 Years in Slaying

Cape May, NJ — A man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for beating and strangling a female impersonator who performed oral sex on him while he was passed out on the beach.

Brian Halter, a 25-year-old former lifeguard, pleaded guilty in August to aggravated manslaughter in the June 1992 death of 31-year-old Rene Ouellet. Halter could be eligible for parole in 1 1/2 years.

According to Halter, he awoke from an alcohol-induced sleep to find Ouellet performing oral sex on him. He bludgeoned Ouellet with a board and buried the body in the sand under the boardwalk in Wildwood. Two weeks later, someone saw an arm sticking out of the sand and called police.

Prosecutor Barbara Bakley Marino said that after Halter beat Ouellet, he left him for dead and returned later to check on him. When he saw that Ouellet had moved to a different spot, he choked him and buried him again, she said.

## Court Won't Hear Appeal by Father of Dahmer Victim

Washington, DC — The US Supreme Court has refused to hear a case involving Aaron Weinberger, the father of one of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims, who argued that the confessed serial killer's probation officer was legally responsible for the death of his son, 23-year-old Jeremiah.

The court, without comment, turned away Weinberger's argument that the probation officer's failure to visit Dahmer's apartment gave the killer the chance to commit his crimes there.

Jeremiah Weinberger was killed by Dahmer in Milwaukee in July 1991. Dahmer was arrested later that month after police found body parts in his apartment where he had lured his victims.

Dahmer admitted killing 17 young men and boys. He was later beaten to death by a fellow inmate while in prison.

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## WORT-FM's "Queery" Needs Volunteers

Madison — Lately Madison's gay and lesbian radio program "Queery," heard on WORT 80.9 FM on your radio dial in Madison has just barely been making on the air due to a lack of volunteers, ideas, and energy. Queery is the only radio show specifically for south-central Wisconsin's LGBT community.

No experience is necessary to volunteer, but a sense of humor and creativity/brainstorming can be helpful. WORT needs someone who has a broad knowledge of the Queer community to produce the show. This means arranging for guests, assigning stories to reporters and writing the script for the hosts. The producer would be responsible for having enough material for a 30-minute weekly script.

WORT also needs reporters. The reporters may take a specific beat or could just take on general interest stories. There is a need for feature reporters and commentators. You could turn in stories when you want to review a group, cover a specific event or just tell us what you think about the queer scene in south-central Wisconsin.

Call WORT at (608) 256-2001 whenever you are holding an event, want publicity for a speaker, or to volunteer. They can't spread the word unless they've heard about it. The future of *Queery* depends on you. Do your part to help a show representing the LGBT community succeed. You can also mail things to WORT, Attn: Queery, 118 S. Bedford St., Madison, WI 53703; E-mail the show through Margo Robb at margo@wort-fm.terracom.net.

## ARCW Establishes Testing/Outreach with African-American Bar Owners

Milwaukee — In an effort to expand HIV prevention programs targeting gay men of color, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) recently expanded its outreach HIV counseling and testing program into two African American gay bars, Barbie Doll's Play House and Emerald's. Both bars, serving the African American gay community, have partnered with ARCW in educating their patrons on protecting themselves and receiving easy, anonymous access to an HIV test.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of gay men of color becoming infected with HIV," said Neil Albrecht, ARCW regional director. "As a result, we continue to design these types of prevention programs that reach a person within his or her community and provide a message that is culturally sensitive and effective."

The HIV Counseling and Testing Program is a key component in ARCW's preven-

tion efforts targeting the gay community of color, which include bar outreach, distribution of condoms and other risk reduction materials and prevention case management to keep members of the community HIV free.

Several of these programs are coordinated by ARCW Prevention Specialist Edward Carr. "As a gay male and member of the African American community, I know a lot of the barriers that would prevent a person from getting an HIV test," said Carr. "One barrier is that some patrons don't feel comfortable getting tested right in the bars, so we now do the testing in a van outside, near the bars."

Carr added ARCW has invested a lot of time building relationships and increasing trust within the community. The goal of the outreach prevention program is to educate people about safer sex and to stop the spread of AIDS.

HIV testing is available at Barbie Doll's Play House, 2708 N. Booth, Milwaukee, on every other Wednesday and Emerald's, 801 E. Hadley, Milwaukee, every other Thursday from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight. The mobile HIV testing service, which started these services in August, will be at Barbie Doll's Play House again on Wednesday, November 19, and Emerald's on Thursday, November 20.

For more information on these mobile testing sites, other testing sites or testing at ARCW, please call 414-225-1571. All tests are free and anonymous. For information on HIV and AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDSline at 800-334-AIDS.

## The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Launches Library Project

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is pleased to announce that it beginning to plan for an LGBT library for the new community center with the support of American Pride Associates (APA). APA President, Queerscout, will be coordinating the library project with Laurie Guibault of the Center's Programming Committee.

The mission of the Center is to improve the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people in the metro Milwaukee area. One of the center's supporting visions is to educate the public and our own communities about our lives. A resource library is a top priority to support this vision.

Watch for announcements on how and where to support this effort through new and or used book donations or funds to purchase books for the new Center library.

People interested in working with the book and donation drive can call Queerscout at (414) 342-3836, or Laurie Guibault at (414) 225-1596.

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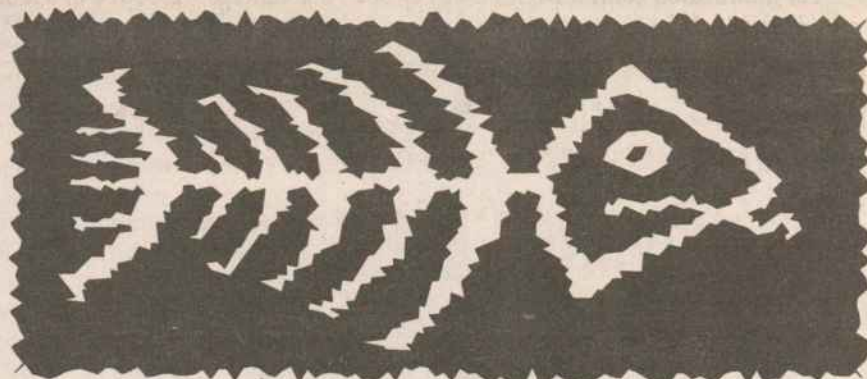


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## G/L Community Trust Fund Granted Tax-Exempt Status

Milwaukee — The G/L Community Center Trust Fund, which was originally started by the Beer Town Badgers Corporation, is pleased to announce that it has received its 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status from the [federal] government.

The new corporation was formed to easier distinguish between B.T.B. Corporation and the goals of the Trust Fund. In the fall of 1995, the corporation started two funds to serve the G/L community. The first fund was the Endowment Fund, which will continue providing assistance to a community center for the long term. The second fund is the Building Fund, which was established to help purchase or rent a space for a community center.

This past year we were able to make one grant from the Endowment Fund to a Milwaukee organization that met the qualifications of our charter. The Building Fund has also earmarked several hundred dollars for the new community center once it becomes operational.

The organization is always looking for new members and volunteers to help in our goals. Anyone interested can contact the G/L Community Center Trust Fund at our offices or leave a message at (414) 643-1652. Our annual fund-raising drive will be held this fall, and gifts may be sent to the organization in care of P.O. Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

## Midwest Men's Center of Chicago Explores Milwaukee Market

Chicago — The Midwest Men's Center of Chicago, Inc. is exploring the option of opening a branch in the Milwaukee area during the coming year.

Midwest Men's Center/Chicago (MCC/C), founded in 1986, is an umbrella organization for several special interest groups (SIG) . . . Men Nurturing Men support group, Aqua Buddies Swimmers, Gay Budget Gourmet, Windy City Gay Adventurers and Windy City Gay Naturists. The Naturists are the most active SIG with nearly 60 members. It has members living in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Group leaders Earl Welther and Mark Johnson feel that Milwaukee, our sister city to the north, would be an ideal location to form a chapter of MCC/C so that Milwaukeeans can get more closely involved without having to make the weekly trek down to Chicago to attend activities.

Starting November 2, Body Tenderworks and Big Men @ Work begin their 10th year of men massaging men workshops. "We would like to integrate this group into Milwaukee as well as our other groups," said Johnson.

The Midwest Men's Center/Chicago's purpose is to provide a safe and supportive space where men may meet for friendship and camaraderie. It is an alcohol and drug-free group, and most members are non-smokers. Most activities are held in either a rented space, or in private homes, or out of doors such as the naked beach parties at Mazomanie (WI) during the summer months.

For information contact MCC/C at PO box 705, Chicago, IL 60614-0705, or call (312) 494-2654.

## Nominations Sought For LGBT Community Center Board

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is currently seeking nominations for its Board of Directors, to be elected in January, 1998. The Community Center is currently governed by an Interim Board of Directors, which will be dissolved after the elections of the permanent Board.

The purpose of The LGBT Community Center is to improve the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people in the metro-Milwaukee area through: Advocating for programs and services that meet the needs of our community; educating the public; encouraging positive changes in the systems that affect our lives; empowering individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential; and, cultivating a culture of diversity and inclusion.

The property, affairs and business of the organization shall be under the care and management of the future, permanent Board of Directors. The Board will strive to be inclusive and honor diverse populations so that the composition of the Board will be proportionately reflected by the communities served. Bylaws of the community center approved at a Town Hall meeting earlier this year require The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Board to meet the following criteria:

The Board will consist of a minimum of and a maximum of 15 Members in good standing of the

LGBT community; the Board will strive for gender parity; the Board will be composed of at least 25% of people of color; the Board will be representative of the community in terms of ages, abilities and skills. Board Member Terms of Office will be 3 years.

The nominating process is as follows: Everyone is eligible to nominate themselves or other people for election to the Board. An application will be mailed to interested people who call Fai DeMark at (414) 384-9334; leave you name and address. Completed applications with attached resume should be returned to: Fai DeMark, 1045 S. 28th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Board applications are due November 29th, with interviews being conducted the first two weeks of December. To be on the election slate, a person must be a paid member; the Regular Individual Membership is \$30 per year. A final slate of candidates will be sent to community members in good standing by January 15, 1998.

Election of a slate of board candidates will be held at the First Annual Milwaukee LGBT Membership meeting to be held this coming January. The Annual Meeting is open to the public, but only members in good standing (current paid dues) will be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors.

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Milwaukee — Survival/Revival Resale's Rock 'n Resale - December 6: To celebrate Survival/Revival Resale's third year anniversary, Milwaukee's best resale shop is throwing a shopping party featuring live music provided by "The Lovelies." Survival/Revival Resale is your headquarters to "rock 'n shop" Saturday, December 6 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at its Rock 'n Resale party, 246 E. Chicago St., in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. Merchandise will be marked down up to 80 percent. Admission is a \$3 donation at the door with all proceeds benefiting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. For more information, call Survival/Revival at 414-291-2856.

## Eating Disorders to be Discussed at Schwartz Bookshop

Milwaukee — As millions saw on *20/20* and *Oprah*, Peggy Claude-Pierre's extraordinary eating disorder program at the Montreux Clinic in Victoria, Canada, has helped hundreds of acutely ill patients, including her own anorexic daughters. Now she has written a book, *The Secret Language of Eating Disorders*, which contains her groundbreaking theories on a cure for the disease that she believes current medicine treats with limited success.

From her own frantic struggles to save the lives of her two daughters, through her revelations about the ultimate causes of anorexia and bulimia, to the basis of her program at the now-world-renowned clinic at Montreux, *The Secret Language of Eating Disorders* offers parents, caretakers and friends clear, practical advice on strategies and methods.

Claude-Pierre will talk and sign copies of her book at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 13 at The Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield, 17145 W. Bluemound Road. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (414) 797-6140. See the Calendar in this issue for more Schwartz Bookshop listings.

## Angels Of Hope MCC in Green Bay Dedicates New Building

Green Bay — Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church-Green Bay, is pleased to announce a weekend of celebrations to dedicate our new building at 3607 Libal Street in Green Bay. On Saturday, November 15 at 7 p.m. there will be a gospel concert by singer Terry Lee Ousley. On Sunday, November 16, the dedication will be held during regular worship service at 11 a.m. (there will be no 7:30 p.m. evening service that day). The service will be followed by a potluck dinner at the church.

Mr. Ousley will also provide music for our Appleton Parish Extension service, which meets at 5 p.m. at 110 South Locust Street in Appleton. Anyone wishing more information may call the church at 983-7453 or 432-0830.

## Southeastern Jaycees Help Children Affected with HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — The Southeastern Jaycees are collaborating with the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry to establish Wisconsin's first Mission Inn early next year. "The Jaycees have shown deep concern and commitment for this project. I feel confident of its success," says Brother Stephen Braddock, of St. Camillus.

A "Mission Possible Casino Night" and "Mission Inn Un-Run" will be presented on Saturday, November 15 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Milwaukee County Zoo Peck Welcome Center, 1000 West Bluemound Road. The event will benefit the Junior Chamber Mission Inn Foundation, helping children and adolescents affected with HIV/AIDS. For more information, please call St. Camillus at (414) 258-1814.

## Boyz Nite Offered by ARCW

Milwaukee — Bored on Tuesday nights? Looking for a great way to meet other gay men? Now you have the answer — Boyz Nite. The group is open to all gay men regardless of HIV status and is a fun way to help your community and socialize at the same time.

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"Boyz Nite is a great way to meet other gay men in an attitude-free environment," said Andy Bagnall, ARCW gay outreach manager. "We put together condom packets and safer sex kits while talking about whatever's on our minds. It's a lot of fun, and I look forward to it every week!"

We provide the music and an attitude free environment. You provide the lively discussion. Come and talk about issues that affect you as a gay man or just listen to others. Boyz Nite is a place where guys can talk candidly about dating, relationships, books, TV shows, safer sex and a variety of other topics.

It is a nice way to come together, meet other people and discuss issues that are relevant to being gay. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is sponsoring Boyz Nite which meets every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee. For more information, call Chris at 414-225-1556 or Andy at 414-225-1502.

## Older HIV Positive Persons Sought for Study

Milwaukee — The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR), of the Medical College of Wisconsin has received a grant to study Mid-Life and Aging Assessment for people who are HIV positive and are over 50 years of age. If you are HIV Positive and 50 Plus, you have the opportunity to participate in a new study that will explore the special issues and needs of this population. This new study will attempt to help you to deal with these issues in a time-limited, professionally led group.

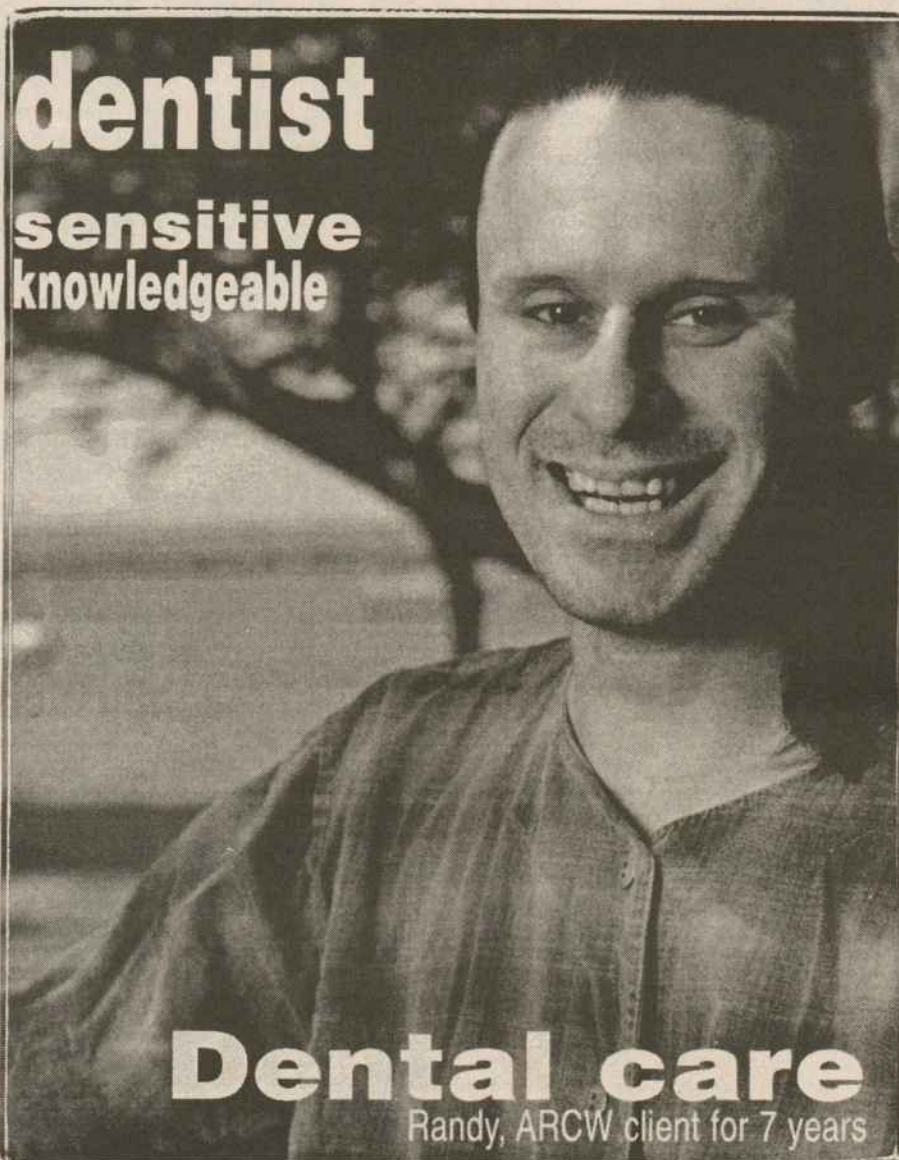
The group, which will consist of eight to ten people will be led by Arlene Kochman, M.S.W., C.S.W. Kochman is Project Coordinator for CAIR, 1201 North Prospect Avenue. In a recent interview, Kochman said, "We're asking people to come in and participate in this study. What that means is that they will participate in a battery of small tests and a confidential interview. We will

give them monetary compensation for their assessment time and effort. Then we will be starting a group of twelve sessions and we will focus in on what the specific issues and concerns of older HIV positive people are."

"At the end of the group we will take a look at the testing again and to see if together we can look for the issues to do a greater intervention program later on. We are really the first [medical organization] in the country to take a look at this issue. People will have an opportunity to participate in something that is new."

As soon as the new group is formed, it will begin. Everyone who calls in will be able to participate. If you are interested in further information or want to join this new project, please call Arlene Kochman at (414) 456-7731.

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## New Study Says Materials Needed on Oral Sex For Gay Men

San Francisco, CA — Contradictory prevention messages addressed to the gay male community lead a significant number of gay men to believe that the risk of HIV transmission during oral sex is higher than it actually is, reports a study published in the current issue of the *Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association* (JGLMA). The study found that many gay and bisexual men have heightened anxiety about oral sex—even though few cases of HIV transmission through oral sex have been documented.

"What surprises us is that men who are anxious about oral sex took part in sexual activities that are widely known to be high-risk," said Seth C. Kalichman, PhD, the study's lead author. "The survey makes it clear that men are making decisions about when to use condoms based on what they believe is safe and underscores the need for specific HIV prevention messages that target specific behaviors. Our data do not support the belief that telling men oral sex is safer than anal sex will make them abandon safer sex altogether."

"Oral Sex Anxiety, Oral Sex Behavior, and HIV Risk Perceptions Among Gay and Bisexual Men" found that nearly one-third of the 348 gay and bisexual men who completed an anonymous survey at a gay pride festival in Atlanta were "oral-sex anxious," and that significantly more "oral-sex anxious" use condoms during oral sex than "non-anxious" men. The men's attitudes about oral sex were not related to whether they identify as gay or bisexual, are in a relationship, are HIV positive, or how often they undergo HIV testing.

Yet in other areas of their sexuality, these men's choices were quite similar. Fully half (50%) of the "non-anxious" men reported engaging in anal sex without a condom within the previous six months. Similarly—and what researchers did not expect—half (49%) of the "anxious" men also reported engaging in anal sex without a condom within the same time period.

Kalichman believes that the concerns expressed by the gay and bisexual men he surveyed are linked to the mixed messages on oral sex circulating in the gay male community. In 1996, to address the confusion surrounding oral sex and to improve the overall sexual health of gay men, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association began advocating for the creation of HIV prevention

messages that underscore that oral sex is significantly safer than anal sex and classify oral sex as "low risk."

"This study lends credence to the hope that if we can help gay men understand the relative risk levels of different sexual activities they will make choices that are more likely to keep them healthy," said GLMA Executive Director Ben Schatz. "Informing gay men that oral sex is low risk allows them to enhance their sexual intimacy, and it may encourage them to take fewer risks with other sexual behaviors, such as anal sex."

JGLMA is the world's first peer-reviewed, multi-disciplinary journal dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered health. Published quarterly, JGLMA specializes in original clinical research.

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association is an organization of nearly 2,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians, medical students, and their supporters in all 50 states and 12 countries. Founded in 1981, GLMA works to combat homophobia within the medical profession and in society at large and to promote quality health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered patients.

## Men's Discussion Group Sets Meeting

Milwaukee — The Gay Men's Discussion Group is set to meet on Sunday, November 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Brady East STD Clinic. The discussion will focus on past experience of the holidays and how to create holiday traditions that are healthy and more enjoyable.

The informal gathering will be held at the BESTD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady St. Participants are asked to enter through the side door and come up the stairs to the 2nd floor meeting room.

There is no need to pre-register. A \$3 donation is requested to help defray costs. If you have any questions, call Bill Hanel at (414) 276-7626 for more information.

## Memorial

### Robert Ambelang 'Grandpa Condom'

Robert C. Ambelang aged 84 years passed away from complications of age in New Orleans on November 4, 1997. He had moved to New Orleans with his son Rob two years ago, having spent most of his life as Milwaukee resident. Prior to the death of his wife, Gertrude in 1995, Robert and Gertrude were volunteers at the Brady East STD Clinic and were affectionately known as "Grandpa and Grandma Condom." They prepared thousands of condom packs to be distributed by BESTD Clinic volunteers. Their son Rob, was also a volunteer and served as an HIV counselor and Clinic Administrator.

In addition to Mr. Ambelang's volunteer work, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, founder and long time President of the Badger State Hobby Club and Director of the Milwaukee County Park Commissions annual Hobby Show at Washington Park Pavillion. Robert and Gertrude were joint managers of the Coin Department at Gimbel's (downtown) from 1954 through 1972.

Mr. Ambelang is survived by his son Robert J. Ambelang of New Orleans, two granddaughters and three great grandchildren.

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## TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

President Clinton took a historic step onto the stage and up to the podium to become the first sitting U.S. President to speak before a gay rights organization last Saturday in Washington, D.C. Ignoring persistent AIDS protesters, Clinton addressed the Human Rights Campaign Fund's members and supporters in a \$300,000 fund-raiser. Clinton invoked the historic remarks President Harry Truman made 50 years ago before a largely black crowd gathered at the Lincoln Memorial when he vowed his support for equality for all Americans. Clinton said "Well, my friends, all Americans still means all Americans."

Clinton voiced his strong support and noted his efforts behind the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), a long-struggling effort to achieve job bias protections for gays and lesbians.

He *didn't* broach his "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy, his signing for the "Defense of Marriage Act", or his administration's refusal to allow needle exchange programs for help halt the spread of AIDS.

The Pres shared the stage with actor-comedienne Ellen DeGeneres, who was honored for her personal and television show character in "Ellen" coming out and associated media hoopla during the past year. DeGeneres was awarded an HRC civil rights award. Both were greeted enthusiastically by the assembled *glitterati*.

The major media made a big deal about it as did the Right. Traditional Family Values Coalition executive Andrea Sheldon was quoted by the *Washington Post* "Wait until they (the American people) see an American president kissing up to the wealthiest extremists of the amoral left." Clinton used the black/gay rights analogy contrary to advice from some in the administration who feared a backlash from those who rue the comparison.

From my perspective, a president should have had the guts to do this long before now. I can't believe this country is still so far behind what we have here in Wisconsin, and have had, for nearly 15 years! HRC is Not a "radical" group by any stretch of the imagination, and those assembled, who had paid \$250 per ticket, are Not the wealthiest Americans, gay or not. Most of the Big Bucks are in the Republicans and Rights pockets.

The Beltway lesbigay bureaucrats have let Clinton "slide" on a lot of issues important to us, as I mentioned above. We helped him win both elections, because of his gay-friendly rhetoric and platitudes. He's just starting to fill appointment slots with lesbigays and at a far smaller percentage than would be appropriate. He's let Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala continue genocidal policies in AIDS education and prevention issues.

It's going to take more than passage of ENDA to keep me happy. What about housing and public accommodations protections, as well as domestic partnership legislation. How long are we going to have to wait for the Federal Government to come across with that? Clinton comes across as gay-friendly, I admit, but as they say, the proof is in the pudding; and honey, this pudding ain't settin' right.

I hadn't seen him in years and didn't even know he was sick, so I guess that shows how out-of-touch I am with my Chicago connections. My roommate Kim, pointed out the headline on the Obit page of the *Chicago Tribune*, "Gay writer Jon-Henri Damski, 60." I was taken aback. He died of malignant melanoma less than a week after collapsing at his 20-year home in a room at the Belair Hotel in E. Diversey, just blocks from the hub-bub of the gay strips.

I had worked with Jon-Henri, cruised with Jon-Henri and had many a brunch with him and Erin Criss at the Hollywood restaurant on Broadway in Chicago's boystown. I had just quit working as the manager of The Factory bar in Milwaukee, and was working for Erin and *Escape* magazine. (After *Escape* folded, I started *In Step*.) I was the Milwaukee connection for the Chicago based magazine.

Jon-Henri wrote for us, as he did many others. He was Chicago's Gay chronicler and gadabout. His words of wisdom and observations appeared in the now-defunct *GayLife*, *Gay Chicago*, *Windy City Times*, *Outlines* and *Nightlines*.

He knew everybody, and everybody knew him, from the cutest young hustlers to the most politically savvy. He almost always wore his Cubs hat and at least one, if not more, ties, even with a casual shirt. It was his trademark.

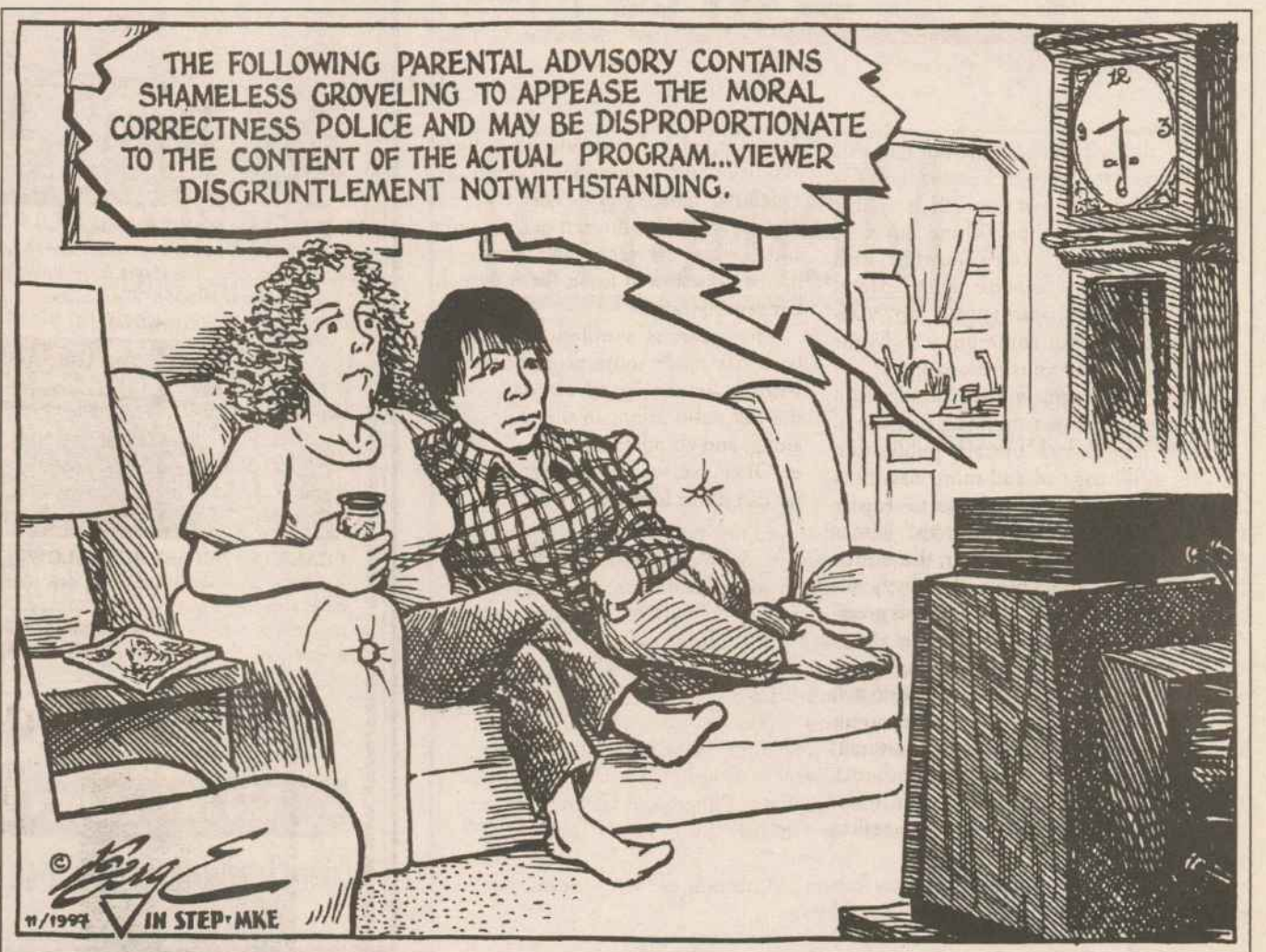
He traveled to Milwaukee and Madison a number of times back during those days in the early 80's and I would introduce him and people would just gravitate toward him. Many of you from that early 80's era probably remember him, or his words. His articles always provoked responses, and you'd never know what he was going to write about next. (Now I know where I got that from!)

Always a character, he was an educated man, with a PhD in the classics. He was politically acute, and helped push through Chicago's gay rights legislation. He was an author: "Angels Into Dust" is a book of his columns, and another of his poetry were published by Firetrap Press. In '89 the Chicago Bar Association awarded him the Liberty Bell Award for his efforts in getting the rights ordinance passed. The Chicago City Council recently passed a resolution honoring him as "Chicago's quintessential queer thinker and gay writer."

He suffered from dyslexia and schizophrenia as well as cancer, and he knew the end was coming. About a year ago, a public gathering celebrated him and served as a fund-raiser for the AIDS Care Chapel. At the goodbye party, lesbigays from across the rainbow saluted him, as did scores of his fellow Cub fans, hustlers, down-and-outers and politicians. He was a voice and a friend to them all.

I have fond memories of Jon-Henri, he was a queer uncle. I just wish I had known he was sick, so I could have had brunch with him at least one more time. I leave this salute to you with one of your own quotes, Jon-Henri: "The things we fear the most about ourselves are usually true."

Went to the see second part of "Angels In America — Perestroika" and really enjoyed both parts of this epic masterpiece. During one of the intermissions, Nel and I had to step





outside to feed our nicotine habits and started chatting with an older, fabulously dressed woman. I don't know how we got to the point in the conversation when she said, "I've got to tell you this story about my two and a half year old granddaughter". I thought, "Oh no, not this", but then she proceeded to say how the little tyke had potty trained herself, and after confided in Gramma, "It will be easier when I grow a penis." Seems the little girl has three older brothers, and Gramma had clocked us.

I know this is tacky, but I can't help myself... this year they auctioned off the Rep's Angel's wings at the Art for AIDS benefit. I think next year they should auction off a plaster cast of character Joseph Pitt's "appendage." Milwaukee's David Rommel who played the character and bared all in "Perestroika," is deserving of applause for more reasons than one.



Congratulations to all those involved (Bill Meunier, Landmark Enterprises, Miller Brewing, and the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau) who combined efforts to show off Milwaukee to the national gay press and VIP's in town for the Wisconsin Light's 10th Anniversary Gay-la this past weekend. They were flown in on Thursday; housed at various first class downtown hotels; fed at Sanford's, Boulevard Inn, and at Ross and Roberts fabulous lake bluff home; feted at the Miller Inn; and escorted to all the visitor and gay hot spots.

From all reports they were very impressed with the city, and it can't help but put Milwaukee on a positive spin in their minds and reflect it in their reporting in their local papers and magazines. We don't have to take a back seat to any other Gay cosmopolitan area in the country. We've known it, and now they do too.

Speaking of Wisconsin Light's Anniversary Gay-la, over 200 attended the \$100 a plate dinner with all net proceeds to go to the Cream City Foundation. Light's Jerry, Terry, Bill and Annabelle were kept busy putting out their commemorative issue, so the weight of the gala organization fell on the shoulders of Jon Martin and his staff at Landmark. They did a superb job.

When I asked him why he wasn't in D.C. for the HRC dinner featuring his buddy the President, special guest speaker David Mixner told me "I had a long term commitment to this, and Jerry and Terry are dear friends. The White House understands."

Even the Mayor crooned song and County Exec Ament issued a proclamation. Following the dinner, the party moved upstairs to the ballroom area. New guests arrived for the dance and entertainment portion and were treated to a wide variety of acts in the lobby, cabaret and ballroom areas.

In the lobby, the Fest City Singers entertained the arriving crowd, while the cabaret got rolling with a succession of guest stars. Some ballroom sound system problems early on were eventually corrected and emcee Karen Valentine capably held it all together. Once Men Out Loud got the crowd dancing to their *cappella* sounds, they didn't stop for dance music star Joi Cardwell or the imported NY D.J.

Out lesbian legislator Tammy Baldwin was kept busy dancing (to the music, not around issues) by a succession of both men and women. Hell, even I danced. Falcon exclusive porn star Chase Hunter was very accommodating and during a group picture I just happened to get a taste of his well muscled arm pitt. Cheap thrills, I know, but I take what I can get!

My thanks to Terry, Jerry and Bill, who all had wonderful words to say to me, but this was their night and I was there to celebrate with them. Good people DO eventually get their due. Believe me, I can relate to all they have gone through. Starting a gay publication is never easy, and Wisconsin was never an easy market. But when you have the love of our community in your heart as they do, that is all it takes to make it worth the effort. Even after 10 hard years, you still have to struggle to put out each issue, and you certainly don't get rich doing so. At least not rich in money, but ahhh, the richness in being at the heart of our loving gay family makes it all worthwhile. Kudos guys, and here's to many more. And I'll have another of those fancy martinis, thank you!

## Editorial

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to acknowledge *The Wisconsin Light* on their tenth anniversary in the publishing business. To Jerry Johnson, Terry Boughner and the staff of *The Wisconsin Light*, I extend my sincere congratulations on your dedication to our community and your commitment to your newspaper.

Ten years ago, *In Step's* founder Ron Geiman welcomed the the first issue of Terry and Jerry's upstart publication with a full page ad and more class than most of us could ever hope to muster under similar circumstances. Times change, and eight years later, the launch of *Q-Voice Magazine* and subsequent purchase and rescue of *In Step* was greeted with an entirely different attitude.

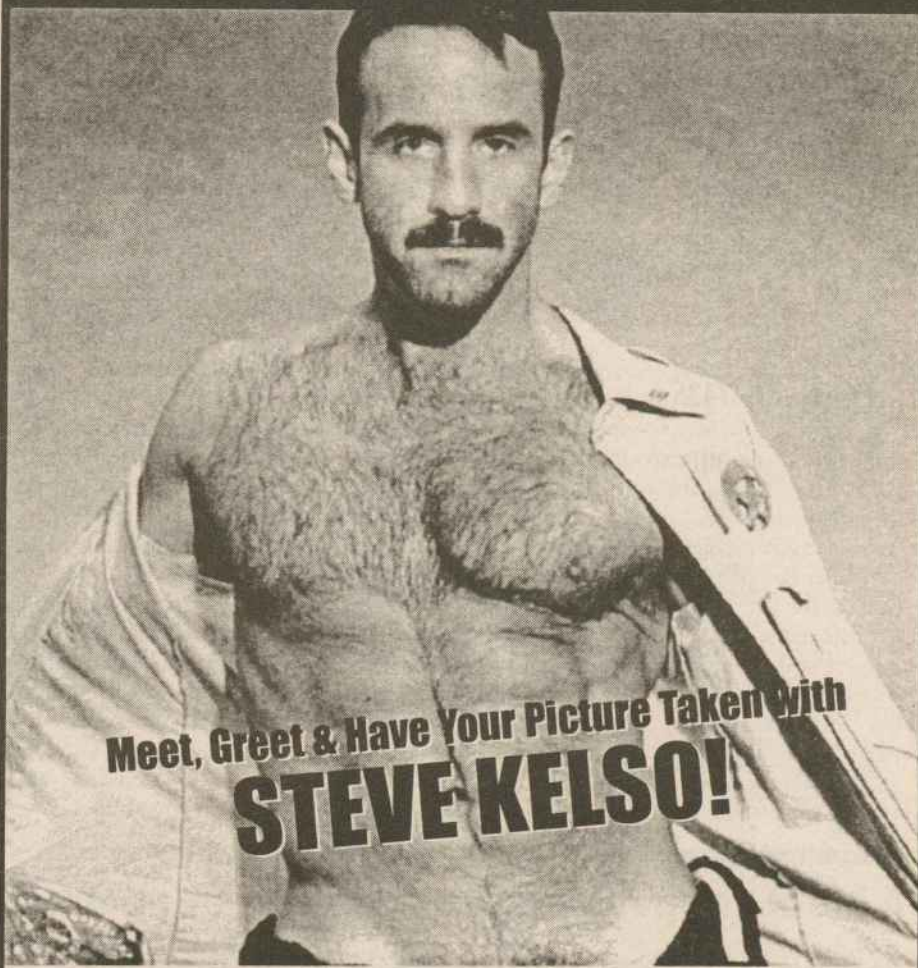
It might seem easier to hang on to the low grade cold war that has existed since our purchase of *In Step* over a year ago. The publishing business is after all, a business, and newspaper wars are a tradition as old as newsprint. But in the long run, it is more rewarding to realize

that our lesbian community is like a family, often a dysfunctional family, but a family nonetheless. *The Wisconsin Light* is an important part of our family, and deserves the respect and honors that has been bestowed upon them over the last several days.

Ten years is a milestone. Looking back has made some people nostalgic, wishing for the "good old days" when the gay publications in this state all got along, and co-operated with one another. Of course, we can never go back, but we can move forward.

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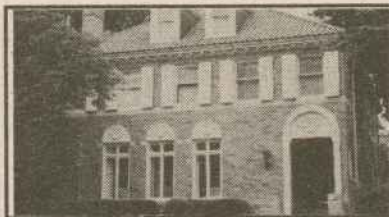
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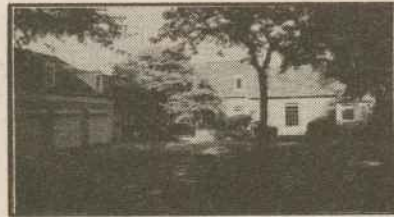
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# Sex on the Front Burner

## 'Sex Panic' Conference Renews an Old Debate

News Analysis by Keith Clark  
with Rex Wockner

*"America is the only nation in the world where love has become a national problem."  
— Alexis de Tocqueville*

Sex is again becoming something of a "national problem," at least in some segments of the gay and lesbian community, and the debate is as contentious, complex and divisive — as well as schizophrenic — as it ever was. On one side is a new group of activists known as "Sex Panic," which describes itself as "concerned about the current attacks on queer sex and sexualities which are currently sweeping the nation"; on the other side are what the Sex Panic activists call the gay neo-conservatives, among whom they include writers Andrew Sullivan, Bruce Bawer, Michelangelo Signorile, and Gabriel Rotello.

Earlier this year at its national convention in Chicago, the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) — certainly one of the more mainstream gay organizations around — held a workshop also entitled "Sex Panic," pitting Rotello, the author of *Sexual Ecology: AIDS and the Destiny of Gay Men*, against Jim Eigo, who prepared the policy that the federal government eventually adopted under the Clinton Administration expanding access to experimental HIV drug.

The unlikely focus of their debate before the reporters, editors and publishers in Chicago was whether or not public sex should be regulated. The topic was just a little iron-

**"A lot of gay people — and a lot of gay people with influence — are really separating themselves from the populations of people who are pro-sex clubs, promiscuity and public sex..."**

ic considering that most of NLGJA's members rarely write about sex at all. Remember, it was only a few short years ago that the nation's daily press found itself — for public health and political reasons — first using words like "penis" and "anal intercourse."

The next installment in this debate will be coming up in San Diego where activists are organizing Sex Panic's Summit to Resist the Attacks on Queer Sex during the Nov. 12-16 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change conference.

"Since I had been following the New York club-closure problems and started seeing that these incidences were varied and nationwide, I thought Creating Change would be a great opportunity to inform, mobilize and motivate others around these issues," said San Diego activist Tony Valenzuela, the main instigator of the summit.

"After speaking to people from all over the country about it, I realized there was great interest and urgency. We want the summit and surrounding events to get people to think about the issues presented — public-sex debates, HIV-prevention debates, harass-

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ment and closure of clubs, etc. — from a pro-sex standpoint instead of the moralizing, restrictive rhetoric coming from the Rotello/Signorile/Kramer stooges who are hooked on histrionics. We also want some action items or resolutions to come out of the summit so as to move these issues forward in a tangible way."

"Attacks on queer sex and sexualities [are] sweeping the nation," according to material prepared for the summit.

"Over the past two years there has been an increased attack against marginalized sexualities including the harassment and closure of sex clubs, bathhouses, and public sex spaces; racist selective enforcement and policing of gay/lesbian bars; anti-sex AIDS activism and education campaigns; increased policing of and attacks on sex workers; and the burgeoning demonizing of sex cultures appearing in current gay men's writings," the organizers state.

"While many are referring to this as the 'New Puritanism,' others see this as a full-scale Sex Panic targeting our bodies, desires, and communal spaces. Recent assaults on gay-male sex and sexual cultures sparked the organization of this Summit and will be at the center of the day's agenda. However, this offensive must be seen within a broader context in which all sex outside state-sanctioned heterosexual marriage is threatened."

In San Francisco, activists met recently at the Castro Metropolitan Community Church to plan their participation in the summit.

"The recently debated Department of Health's Sex Club Guidelines that ban private spaces in sex clubs is a good example of just one of the vast number of issues the summit will address," said local writer and organizer Race Bannon.

And San Diego is probably a perfect location for the next phase of this debate. A sunny, friendly place at the southern tip of California's Pacific Coast, San Diego is a mainstream city with a fairly moderate Republican political history where Massachusetts Gov. William Weld would probably be more at home ideologically than Sen. Jesse Helms could ever be.

It's also a timely site for the conference-within-a-conference because late this summer, San Diego police targeted public sex in two of the area's popular cruising spots, and when the *Gay & Lesbian Times* there editorialized that "the bottom line is that public sex — for all sexual orientations — is illegal. Period" it sparked weeks of letters to the editor variously praising and damning the paper's position.

TV-news reporting on the sting operation was sensationalistic at best. On Aug. 8, the local ABC affiliate, KGTV-Channel 10, offered this shock-horror report:

"Police say they want residents to be able to use Clairemont's Marian Bear Memorial Park, and not walk into the bathroom and discover men having sex. Or walk the trails and see men having sex in the bushes. Residents near the park have complained about overt sexual activity among men out in the open on park property. Police went undercover Thursday morning and 10 News got exclusive video of three men being handcuffed and led away. So far, police have arrested 40 suspects and expect to take in quite a few more. Most of the suspects are reportedly married men who use the park as a way to engage in gay sex in secret. Police emphasize that the undercover operation isn't an attack on the gay community, but a way to stop illegal outdoor sex in a public park. Police say that they won't be satisfied until the park is safe and clean for the residents to use in total comfort."

That last sentence is a homophobic classic. It suggests gay men walking on the trails make a park unsafe and unclean. And it assumes that all Clairemont residents are straight people who become uncomfortable in the presence of gays.

The situation in San Diego is hardly unique. Visitors to the World Wide Web site <http://www.cruisingforsex.com> have reported more than 350 police actions against cruisers nationwide in the past 10 months. And the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and local activists are routinely taking TV newsrooms to task for clueless, skewed or deliberately sensationalized reporting on male cruising. On Nov. 14 and 15, summit organizers will make presentations at the Creating Change conference.

"This 'conference-within-a-conference' will serve as a powerful track of sex-positive presentations and discussions which will allow for expansive analysis and the powerful mobilization of activists," Valenzuela said recently.

But the topic isn't limited to debates at conferences and conventions. It's a real-life issue from Manhattan to Merriam, Kan., to Medford, Ore.

Shortly after the reports of a police crackdown at the parks in San Diego, a Johnson County, Kan., newspaper and TV station launched a campaign to "reduce or prevent overt homosexual activity" in a Merriam, Kan., park. It was launched initially by KSHB-TV as a segment entitled "Perverts in the Park" and led eventually to 10 men being arrested.

As reported in the *News-Telegraph*, a St. Louis gay and lesbian newspaper, the TV segment "drew a direct correlation between public safety and the sexual activity of gay men." The *News-Telegraph* report quoted Kim Kruger, who produced the KSHB-TV segment, as saying the station did the story "out of concern that children would see this activity or be at risk of molestation."

If the political implication isn't abundantly clear, then consider the case of Derrick K. Gunter. In March Gunter was arrested on charges of soliciting sex from an under-

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cover policeman in a Greenville, S.C., city park. But before you can form the phrase "police entrapment" on your lips, also consider this: Gunter at the time just happened to be the regional chairman of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement which was organizing a gay rights march in Greenville a month before he was arrested.

Gunter felt no option but to resign his post with the organization, and the criminal complaint against him became part of the impetus behind a "family values" counter-protest organized by local Christian churches. In August, after a 15-minute hearing, Gunter was acquitted of the charges against him.

The activists who launched Sex Panic (the name stems from feminist history theories that a sex panic happens when a society becomes hysterical about some aspect of sexuality and embarks on an intense assault against sexual freedoms) say the largest-scale example of the phenomenon is New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's clean-up of Times Square for Walt Disney Co. But they also say that many of the rights movement's influential leaders are increasingly distancing themselves from gay and lesbian sexuality in a move they describe as "the new Puritanism."

"A lot of gay people — and a lot of gay people with influence — are really separating themselves from the populations of people who are pro-sex clubs, promiscuity and public sex," says Valenzuela.

San Francisco's predominately gay Castro district, sometimes viewed as a modern-day Gomorrah by some, has even become embroiled in the fracas. A community forum on censorship and repression has been set for later in November after a series of complaints about window displays and posters in the free-wheeling neighborhood.

One merchant ran into trouble after someone called the police and filed a complaint about a window poster for a dance party that showed a gym-toned hunk wearing a cowboy hat and boots — and nothing else. Another window display used a group of anatomically correct male dolls "fooling around with each other" as part of its Halloween promotion.

The issue really exploded, however, with a local gay publication editorialized that such material shouldn't be publicly displayed because it reinforces "perceptions of gay men as nothing more than sex-crazed deviants."

The paper's editorial spurred Sex Panic activists to set up the public forum out of concerns that "sex negativity" is now coming as much from some elements of the gay community itself as from far-right homophobes. At the

heart of this sex-positive/sex-negative debate seems to be a much larger question of assimilation, and two books this year added a good deal of fuel to it.

Gabriel Rotello's *Sexual Ecology: AIDS and the Destiny of Gay Men* urges gay men to replace their free-and-easy sexuality with moderation and monogamy. Rotello argues that not only would such a change hasten the end of the AIDS epidemic, it would also help us gain admission to the social mainstream — possibly even the legal right to marry.

Daniel Harris, in *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture*, takes a more anthropological approach and sees the unique gay traditions, which he identifies as a byproduct of oppression and secrecy, inevitably fading away as the thing we call "the gay community" becomes completely

assimilated in the larger heterosexual society. Accelerating this assimilation, Harris says, is the acceptance of gays and lesbians into the corporate com-

mercial world as a potentially lucrative new market segment, with homey domestic partnership like that featured in IKEA ads. But Rotello's book has sparked the most vociferous response among many gays and lesbians who see it as an attack on gay sexuality itself. And while Rotello doesn't directly condemn casual sex, Sex Panic activists point out that Rotello helped start the Gay and Lesbian HIV Prevention Activists, a New York City group that convinced Mayor Giuliani to shut down several gay clubs and bathhouses in Manhattan.

And after *The Nation* published an excerpt from Rotello's book, letter-writers condemned it as "outrageous," "strait-laced" and "slavish worship at the altar of family." A later critique in *The Nation* of the Rotello book by Michael Warner, a Rutgers University English professor, bluntly questioned why gays should be so eager for the right to marry when it didn't seem to be working very well for heterosexuals.

But working or not, some gays and lesbians — including many who don't particularly want to get married themselves — believe gay Americans should have the same options available to them that any other citizen enjoys. And that, they say, also means taking the same responsibilities as well.

Perhaps the real irony is that the Sex Panic dialogue will be taking place as part of NGLTF's Creating Change conference. As Sex Panic activists themselves argue, sex in public places has been going on probably from the first time there was such a thing as a public place. So it's doubtless unlikely that's going to change anytime soon. It's also probable that people have been objecting to public sex for about as long, and that's probably not going to change as a result of anything said or done at the conference in San Diego either.

But members of Sex Panic say what's important at this point is to put this issue on the front burner for the community to discuss.

That may be true, but with a challenge to Maine's newly enacted anti-bias law, a gay rights measure on the ballot in Washington state, Hawaii still embroiled in the court challenge to state marriage laws, a federal court ruling upholding Cincinnati's anti-gay initiative — not to mention major national issues such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act before Congress, the continuing restrictions on gays and lesbians in the armed forces, and, of course the unrelenting AIDS epidemic itself — squeezing much more on the front burner may be a bit problematic.



—sign posted at San Diego's Marian Bear Park. Photo: Rex Wockner.

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# the arts

## Suzanne Westenhoefer To Perform at Centennial Hall

**Milwaukee** — Stand-up comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer will appear at Centennial Hall, 733 North 8th Street on Saturday, November 22 at 8 p.m. in an all new evening of outrageous comedy. Suzanne is the first lesbian ever to have her own HBO Special, which was nominated for the highest honor in cable programming—the ACE Award.

Micheal Musto of the *New York Daily News* called Westenhoefer “A center stage Diva who bursts out of her closet with little explosions of outspoken bemusement that could even make Bette Midler blush.”

It all began in 1990 when Suzanne entered a contest at Kelly's Piano Bar in New York, never having appeared as a comedian, did her three-minute routine, and won! Each moment of her career since has been filled with rave reviews and incredible opportunities. Suzanne performs for every type of audience with the same results ... they're crazy about her.

Tickets for Westenhoefer's performance are \$17 in advance, \$19 at the door. Circle of Friends seating is \$35 and includes front row seating, a reception after the show, and a portion of the ticket goes to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance tickets at AfterWords, Outpost Natural Foods & by mail only. Send SASE to: Full Moon Productions, N235 Cty Hwy. W, Campbellsport, WI 53010.

## Julius Caesar in Oshkosh

**Oshkosh** — Political intrigue; conspiratorial ambition; blood-crazed crowds; civil unrest; psychic advisors: not in the evening news, but a timeless, relevant drama written by one of the most influential playwrights of all time. William Shakespeare's sweeping political epic, *Julius Caesar*, is brought to life with The Aquila Theater Company of London, with a cast of British actors of the highest caliber. Under the expert direction of Robert Richmond, Aquila's acclaimed Artistic Director, this production promises to be an exciting and enriching theatrical experience.

The Oshkosh Opera House Foundation will present *Julius Caesar*, as part of the 1997-1998 Touring Artist Series. Shakespeare's tragedy will be staged at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by the Oshkosh Foundation. WHBY AM 1150 will welcome the performance. Tickets for the performance are available at The Grand opera House Ticket Center for \$14, \$16, and \$19. For more information or to purchase tickets (MC/Visa) call (920) 424-2350.

## Present Music Plans Thanksgiving Celebration

**Milwaukee** — The soaring arches of St. John's Cathedral, 802 North Jackson Street, will form a magnificent setting for Present Music's Thanksgiving concert *Shall We Gather* on Sunday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.

“It looks like this might become an annual event,” commented Present Music's Artistic Director, Kevin Stalheim, who is already planning next year's season. “The packed church (at St. Paul's) last year's Thanksgiving concert, *Simple Gifts*, indicated a strong desire for a musical experience that's related to the values of Thanksgiving. And for some strange reason, an experience like that is rare in our culture.”

As he did last year, Stalheim is designing the program around a beloved hymn tune. The melody “Shall We Gather at the River” will be performed in settings by Charles Ives and Aaron Copeland, and a Native American version will be sung by the Ojibwe Choir led by Geri Clifford.

In other events on the program, organist Karen Beaumont will play Kamran Ince's

*The Dream*, and singer Cheryl Bensman Rowe will perform Michael Torke's *Four Proverbs*. Minimalist Steve Reich offers another Proverb for a small group of singers, keyboards and percussion, drawing inspiration from the medieval music form of organum and from a text about the value of simplicity by Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Stalheim's own tribute to Charles Ives and John Cage, a piece he calls *Kevin's Cage* will add a distinct element of surprise, combining many varied elements and mini ensembles. At the close of *Shall We Gather*, Indian Community School cultural instructor Vernon Martin and his students will sing and drum as performers and concert-goers unite in a traditional round dance around the Cathedral.

Tickets for the event are \$18 premium, \$14 general, \$10 bargain, and \$7.50 student. For tickets and information, please call (414) 271-0711.

## Theater X Continues “Indiscretions” by Jean Cocteau

**Milwaukee** — *Indiscretions* (Les Parents Terrible), a play by Jean Cocteau with a new translation by Jeremy Sams, opened at Theater X on Friday, November 7 and will run through November 30, 1997 in the Studio Theater at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 North Broadway.

Jean Cocteau, the playwright, was born in 1889 and published his first collection of poems at the age of twenty and went on to produce work in a wide variety of other genres, paintings, drawings, set designs, novels, libretti, essays, choreography and autobiography, as well as plays and films. His early associates included Diaghilev, Stravinsky and Nijinsky; Picasso, Satie and Massine; Milhaud and Dufy, among others.

Yvonne, George and Leonie, respectively the semi-invalid mother, mad inventor father and austere auntie of Michael, a rambunctious young man, all share a chaotic Paris flat as well as some unsavory affections. Yvonne is consumed by her handsome son, who in turn is fond of her. Aunt Leonie still burns for George, her sister's husband who jilted her for Yvonne. As for George, Yvonne's neglect has forced him to look elsewhere for comfort. The play was considered so outrageous that it was banned under the Nazi occupation of France as prejudicial to morality and public order.

As for tickets, Thursday evenings are “pay as you can” (\$5 suggested donation/tickets available at the door only). Tickets can be reserved on Thursday evening, however only at \$16. Other ticket prices range to \$18, but senior citizen, student and group discounts are available. For ticket information, please call the Broadway Theater Center box office at (414) 291-7800.

## “Artists in the Square” in Mequon

**Milwaukee** — *Artists in the Square* is a fund raising event sponsored by East Town Square for the Riverwest Artists Association, a non-profit organization run by member artists. Everyone is invited to attend the 7th Bi-annual Fall Art Fair, Saturday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fair is located at East Town Square Shopping Center, 1515 East Mequon Road (2 blocks West of I-43 on Mequon Road. There will be music, poetry and a variety of artists selling their work. East Town Square is a unique indoor shopping mall with a European street feel. Admission is free. For more information call (414) 481-1136.

## Ben Vereen Schedules Performance with Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

**Milwaukee** — Versatile performer Ben Vereen will bring his incomparable one-man stage show to Milwaukee in an appearance with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra



## UWM Theater to Stage “You Can't Take It With You”

**Milwaukee** — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Professional Theater Training Program in the School of Fine Arts will present one of the most popular American comedies ever written, George S. Kauffman and Moss Hart's *You Can't Take It With You* from December 4 through December 20 in the Fine Arts Theater, 2400 East Kenwood Blvd.

Winner of the Pulitzer prize for drama in 1936, the play tells the story of young lovers from two very different families: Alice of the bohemian and eccentric Sycamores, and Tony of the straight-laced and proper Kirbys. Their romance blossoms in spite of fireworks explosions, G-men on the prowl and other screwball antics. Amid the laughter, this sweetly romantic work will remind audiences of the importance of following their dreams.

The guest director is J.R. Sullivan, founder, and for 22 years the producing director of Rockford, Illinois' New American Theater. He has worked extensively with

American Players Theater and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. His most recent Directorial effort was Theater X's acclaimed production of *Good*. He will also direct Milwaukee Chamber Theater's production of *Waiting for Godot* later this season.

Tickets are \$16 adults, \$12 students for Friday and Saturday evenings, and \$14 adults, \$10 students for week nights and matinees. For tickets and more information call the Fine Arts Box Office (414) 229-4308. There will be a First Friday Talkback after the December 5 performance.



and Assistant Conductor Andrews Sill. Ben Vereen, named "Entertainer of the Year" by the American Guild of Variety Artists, will sing and dance his way through a performance of Broadway Favorites, drawn from his long and successful career on the stage. The concert, sponsored by Ameritech, takes place at 8 p.m., Saturday, November 15 at the Wisconsin Center Arena.

Ben Vereen has tackled impressive musical, comedic and dramatic roles with great success throughout his career. He appeared in popular musicals such as *Hair*, *Sweet Charity* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and received a Tony Award and a Drama Desk Award for his performance in *Pippin*. Vereen has also met with great success on screen and television. He won critical acclaim for his performance in the Emmy Award-winning miniseries *Roots*, and captured seven Emmy Awards with his own network *Ben Vereen: His Roots*.

In addition to his accomplishments as a performer, Ben Vereen has also been honored for his humanitarian activities. He was awarded the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award in 1983, and received the NAACP's prestigious Image Award two years in a row. He is currently working on the development of a performing arts center in Chicago, which will provide classes for people with disabilities, allowing them to express themselves through the arts.

Tickets for the performance are \$15, to \$45, and are available through the MSO Sales Office by calling (414) 291-7605 or 1-80-291-7605. Tickets can also be purchased at all TicketMaster outlets or by calling (414) 276-4545.

## Mystery Writer Mosley at Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee — Walter Mosley has won the acclaim of readers and critics for his six novels featuring detective-at-large Easy Rawlins. Mosley's works subvert the formula of the classic hard-boiled LA '50s noir genre. Rawlins, the hero of Mosley's novels is a black World War II veteran living in Central LA, who uses his status as an *invisible man*—in the eyes of both authorities and the underworld—to solve cases the police can't even begin to crack.

The *Chicago Tribune* said, "Not since Chester Himes began to shake up the literary world with his Harlem-based crime novels has a black writer used the mystery genre to expose the kind of racism that has always lurked

behind the smoggy grin of Los Angeles."

Mosley will appear at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust Street on Saturday, November 22, to read from his latest work *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned*. at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general public and \$5 advance ticket and members. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended. For more information call (414) 263-5001.

## UWM Art Museum and Galleries Reorganized

Milwaukee — Opened in September 1982 as the UWM Art Museum, the museum and its associated galleries (Art History and Fine Arts) have been combined under the umbrella of the new Institute of Visual Arts, or *inova*.

"The name change reflects *inova's* further focus on one-person exhibitions of local, national, and international contemporary artists," says Peter Doroshenko, *inova* director. The institute now features a monthly video program, screenings of films by artists, adjunct curators, and guest critics.

In addition, the gallery spaces have been reorganized. "Gallery One" describes the main *inova* building (formerly the UWM Art Museum) in Vogel Hall, 3253 N. Downer Ave. "Gallery Two" (formerly the Art History Gallery) has newly renovated space in Mitchell Hall, 3203 N. Downer Ave.

"Gallery Three" consists of two distinct areas in the Fine Arts Center, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. One open space features rotating exhibitions of work by various artists; the other, work by UWM fine arts undergraduate students. "Gallery Video" is located on various places in Vogel Hall.

Marilu Knode joined *inova* in June as senior curator. She is organizing and helping to implement the work of the adjunct curators, as well as assisting Doroshenko with general operations. The adjunct curators brought on board by Doroshenko—Jerome Sans in Paris, Pedro Alonzo in Mexico City, and David Pagel in Los Angeles—underscore *inova's* international emphasis.

"Education also is a primary focus of *inova*," says Doroshenko. He plans programs for young people as well as senior citizens, with lecture series and gallery talks as part of the offerings.

Current exhibitions include Jessica Bronson, Gallery Video, through Sunday, November 2; Paula Santiago, Alessandra Tesi, and Rebecca Bournigault, Gallery One, through Sunday, November 9; and Leni Hoffmann, Gallery Three, through Sunday, November 9.

Hours for Gallery Video and Gallery One are 12 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. Galleries Two and Three are open 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays. For more information, call (414) 229-5070.

## "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It all For You" At Theater X Late Night

Milwaukee — Theater X Late Night and Bailystock & Bloom are pleased to announce its upcoming collaborative production of *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You* by Christopher Durang. Durang's caustic sense of wit and his twisted look at organized religion and the realities of life take center stage as Sister Mary preaches the ways of the world.

If you're Catholic you may remember the triumphs and trials of an education determined by doctrine. If you're not Catholic you may have perceptions of the effects of a Catholic upbringing. Whatever your background, *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You* will delight you with its irreverence and shock you with its surprises.

Show date are November 13, 14 and 15 and November 20, 21, and 22 and 29 at 10:30 p.m., following Theater X's performance of *Indiscretions*. All performances take place at the Broadway Theater Center's Studio Theater, 158 N. Broadway. Tickets for the production are \$10 and may be reserved by calling the Broadway Theater Box Office at (414) 291-7800.

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November 13 through November 26 1997

## Activities:

### Saturday, November 15

FrontRunners - Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the historic Water Tower on North Ave. for a 30-40 minute run/walk, followed by brunch at a local restaurant. FMI call (414) 332-1527.

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): At U.W. Engelmann Gym From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring gym shoes & \$2 to help defray costs. FMI (414) 264-9180.

Windy City Naturists - Swimming (Chicago): An evening of watersports at 3212 Broadway. Cost: \$12 guests, \$10 members. Dinner (with clothing) at Ann Satheris on Belmont follows. FMI call (847) 451-1138.

### Saturday, November 22

FrontRunners - Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the historic Water Tower on North Ave. for a 30-40 minute run/walk, followed by brunch at a local restaurant. FMI call (414) 332-1527.

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): At U.W. Engelmann Gym From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring gym shoes & \$2 to help defray costs. FMI (414) 264-9180.

### Sunday, November 23

Madison Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Practice/Instruction starts at 8 p.m. Beginners welcome. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

### Tuesday, November 25

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

## Bar Specials:

### Sundays:

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2, Beer Bust \$1, Top beer 50¢.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$3.75 pitchers all night! Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 P.M. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, 50¢ Toppers. \$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 Packer 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.

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

Red Corvette (Milwaukee): Gay Night! Male strippers! FMI call (414) 744-9555.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Beer Bust (\$6 tap beer) 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.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer appreciation Club. Monday Night Football. \$2 specials on microbrews.

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Watch "Melrose 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.

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.

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

Scandals (Madison): Happy Hour 5 to 8 p.m. \$1 tap, \$1 rail, \$1 off others 9 to close.

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.

Cell Block (Chicago): Tuesdays! DV8. \$2 Stolichnaya, pints of Goose Island. Free pool & darts.

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!

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.

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.

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 mixes all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Rail pitchers \$6.

### Wednesdays:

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Strippers! Always the HOTTEST Men for your enjoyment.

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. 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 and 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.

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

South Water St. 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! All you can drink (tap, wine and soda).

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

### Thursdays:

Cell Block (Chicago): \$2 well, wine, domestic beer. Music videos from the 70s, 80s & 90s. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. T.L. Noble, DJ/WJ.

Club 219 (Milwaukee) Wisconsin's #1 Show Bar! Talent Night, Variety Night.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): \$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.

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

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.

South Water St. 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.

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# Book Review

by Ed Grover

## Staring Back: The Disability Experience From The Inside Out

Edited by Kenny Fries

October may have been National Disability Month, but that should never be a reason to forget the disabled population among us for the rest of the year. This collection of writings by disabled persons includes non-fiction, poetry, fiction and drama. The authors of these pieces are not all confined to wheel chairs. Some are deaf or blind, some have had polio, some have MS, some have birth defects, and some are afflicted with invisible handicaps such as cancer.

"The passionate, evocative pieces included here help to dispel the myth that disabilities limit insight and productivity, and focus instead on understanding and redefining the experience of disability. ... However, what distinguishes the [writing] in *Staring Back* is that each work chosen is the product of a disabled writer's encounter with his or her disability experience."

Kenny Fries (interviewed in *Q\*Voice Magazine*, March 1997), has edited this book and also wrote *Body, Remember: A Memoir*. He says, "Throughout history, those who lived with disabilities have been silenced by those who did not want to hear what we have to say. We have also been silenced by our own fear ... Now writers with disabilities affirm our lives by putting the world on notice that we are staring back."

In his introduction Fries discusses the representations of people with physical disabilities in literature as discussed by Leonard Krigel in his essay *The Wolf in the Pit of the Zoo*. Krigel writes about the *Demonic Cripple* (Shakespeare's Richard III; Mary Shelly's Frankenstein; the villains in James Bond films). [These people] are not merely physically crippled ... [They are] crippled in the deepest spiritual sense." The *Charity Cripple* (Dickens's Tiny Tim, among others). Krigel says that "these characters charm because they relieve guilt."

Krigel also identifies, and uses another literary classification of the disabled: the "Survivor Cripple," who is stronger than those on whom he is dependent." Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "who arguably has done more than anyone else to put forth the image of the disabled person who succeeds" is identified by John Hockenberry — a fellow wheelchair user — as "the champion self-loather who was never photographed in a chair during his lifetime and made a deal with the press corps that he was never to be seen in crutches."

Hockenberry's essay *Walking With the Kurds*, is the riveting experience of this disabled war correspondent's ride on a donkey through the Turkish border near Iraq. It was the only way he could get around the terrain; sitting on a donkey's back and holding on for dear life.

Lucy Grealy tells of her remembrances as a child who had become disfigured by cancer surgery (half her jaw was missing). She found a job working pony parties at the Diamond D ranch, where she led laughing rich children around on rides. She "explores herself and her place in the world," and we are invited in to hear her inner thoughts. At least the horses didn't seem to mind.

Blind poet, Nancy Scott writes a tale of waking up in:

### Hearing the Sunrise

(This poem is dedicated to the light sensor on my kitchen windowsill.)

The sun rises in B major  
to sing one verse of "My Way."  
Pitch to remind, tempo to awaken,  
twenty-three seconds of song  
bordered by silence  
serenade through any window I choose  
on any morning.  
No long gazes.  
No missed opportunities.  
Twenty-three seconds  
is more than enough time  
when you hear the light."

Some of the stories are very sexual, some are homosexual. In *Helen and Frida*, Anne Finger writes about a disabled girl's imaginary encounter between Helen Keller and Frida Kahlo—two women with very different approaches to their disabilities. The author imagines she is at the Castro Theater watching a film. Kahlo, the wife of Diego Rivera, and bisexual, is stroking blind and deaf Helen Keller's hand to make her understand the conversation. They talk of sex and infidelity. Delores del Rio, Frida's ex-lover makes an appearance. Helen kisses Frida. It's quite a story.

In *Ten Reasons Why Michael and Geoff Never Got It On*, by Raymond Luczak, a deaf gay man struggles to find a relationship with another gay man in his office — and never does.

Kenny Fries explains how he came to gather this group of stories together. In 1994, he participated in a "Contemporary Chataqua: Disability and Performance" organized by Victoria Lewis, director of *Other Voices* at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. "That April weekend prominent artists with disabilities gathered from all across the United States to perform, read, teach, learn, talk and get to know each other."

From that experience, Fries said he knew he was not alone in the struggle to give voice to the disability experience. "It is my hope that *Staring Back* is just one step in an ongoing effort to bring the lives of those of us who live with disabilities closer to the center where a truer understanding of the richness of our lives can be forged." This book is well worth the read and is highly recommended. (Plume/Penguin pb, ISBN: 0-452-27913-5, \$15.95)

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to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers. Triangle (Milwaukee): ShowBiz Thursdays! Always a great mix of comedy, show tunes & more. \$6 rail bust! Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

#### **Fridays:**

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Rubber, Uniforms, Uncut Meat. Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Club 94 (Kenosha): DK 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, Coronas. 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.

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

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.

Scandals (Madison): Happy hour! 9 p.m. to close. Live DJ. \$2 Doctor's.

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

#### **Saturdays:**

Cell Block (Chicago): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Nigh Riot 'til 3 a.m. Blackout in Holding Cell & Yard.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.

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 still close.

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

Mad Bar (Madison): Bottles of Rolling Rock \$2. Shots of Jagermeister \$2. Levi/leather uniform night! 50¢ discount for those dressed in Levi & leather or uniforms.

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.

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¢ tap 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:**

##### **Friday, November 14**

Cell Block - Full Moon Party & Contest (Chicago): \$100 drawing for Male Hide Gift Certificate. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Earl Pleasure, DJ. FMI call (773) 665-8064.

SWS Docks - LGBT Library Benefit (Milwaukee): Beer Bust at 9 p.m., \$5 at the door. To benefit the proposed LGBT Community Center Library. FMI call Queerscout (414) 342-5115.

Woody's - Grand Opening (Milwaukee) Everything starts at 4 p.m. at 1579 South Second Street. FMI call (414) 672-0806.

##### **Tuesday, November 18**

Club 219 - AIDS Pantry Benefit (Milwaukee): Goldie Adams presents a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Pantry at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-3732.

##### **Sunday, November 16**

C'est La Vie - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Testing Clinic will be there from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144

##### **Friday, November 21**

Boot Camp Saloon - Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee): 20% of the revenue, as well as the cover charge at the door, for Friday and Saturday (11/22) will be donated to the G/L Community Center Trust Fund - Endowment Fund. FMI call (414) 643-1652.

Walker's Point Cafe - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Testing Clinic will be there from 8 to 11 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144

##### **Sunday, November 23**

Cell Block - Beer Bust (Chicago): Great Lakes Bears host 5 to 9 p.m. Special Buffet & Prizes. \$3.75 pitchers all night. Holding Cell open at 6 p.m. Dominic, DJ. Open at noon. FMI call (773) 665-8064.

##### **Tuesday, November 25**

Club 219 - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Testing Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. to midnight. FMI call (414) 272-2144

##### **Wednesday, November 26**

Cell Block - Meat the Calendar Men of Team Chicago (Chicago): Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. w/dress code enforced. FMI call (773) 665-8064.

#### **Book Clubs, Classes & Readings:**

##### **Thursday, November 13**

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Peggy Claude-Pierre will talk about anorexia, bulimia and her book "The Secret Language of Eating Disorders" at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

##### **Saturday, November 15**

Woodland Pattern - Performance/Reading (Milwaukee): Terri Kapsalis, Jennifer Geigel, and Jen Benka. Tickets \$6 general, \$5 in advance & members. FMI call (414) 263-5001

##### **Friday, November 21**

GAMMA Book Club (Milwaukee): The group will discuss "Exchange Alley" by Michael Walsh at 7:30 p.m. Next month they discuss "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

##### **Saturday, November 22**

Woodland Pattern - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): Walter Mosley will read from his mystery "Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned" at 8 p.m. Tickets \$6 general, \$5 advance & members. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

##### **Sunday, November 23**

Woodland Pattern - Workshop (Milwaukee): "A Sense of Place in Fiction Writing" with Ellen Hunnicut will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. \$35 general, \$30 members. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

#### **Community Meetings and Events:**

##### **Thursday, November 13**

Business Financing Symposium - For Women (Milwaukee): Small Business Symposium at the Italian Community Center from 7:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Learn how to run, finance and start a small business. FMI & tickets call (414) 372-2070.

##### **Friday, November 14**

GAMMA - Annual Banquet (Milwaukee): At the historic Miller Inn at 6 p.m. Cocktails before dinner, business meeting after. Awards presentations. FMI call (414) 264-9180/

SAGE/Dane - Men (Madison): The SAGE men meet every Friday at Monty's Blue Plate Diner at 3:30 p.m. Sometimes its just High Tea & Talk, other times it's a movie or whatever. FMI call (608) 283-3255.

##### **Saturday, November 15**

Angels of Hope MCC - Celebration/Dedication (Green Bay): A weekend of celebration to dedicate their new building. Concert on 11/15, dedication on 11/16. FMI call (Green Bay) 983-7453.

HIV Health Fair (Chicago): It's FREE! 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency of Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive. FMI call 800-514-7197

Pride in Wisconsin Government Awards (Madison): First Annual Awards Night at Ancora Coffee Roasters from 6 to 8 p.m. \$5 donation. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

St. Camillus & SE Jaycees - AIDS Benefit (Milwaukee): A Casino Night & Un-Run will be held at the Milwaukee County Zoo in the Peck Welcome Center from 6 p.m. to

midnight to benefit children and adolescents affected by HIV/AIDS. FMI call (414) 258-1814.

##### **Sunday, November 16**

Dignity/Milwaukee - Worship (Milwaukee): Worship and social at 6 p.m. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap (Madison): Open discussion in the United meeting room at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bob (608) 241-5769.

P-FLAG (Waukegan, IL): A new chapter is organizing to serve Northeastern Illinois & Southeastern Wisconsin. It will meet the third Tuesday of every month at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 320 Grand Ave. (corner of Grand & Utica), Waukegan, Illinois from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (847) 336-5368.

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Meet for rehearsal and sing at Grace Episcopal Church on Capitol Square. FMI call Clay (608) 232-0528.

##### **Tuesday, November 18**

Sex Out Loud (Madison): Gay/Bi men's discussion group at the Memorial Student Union every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. until 1:15 p.m. Sponsored by UW Counseling & Consultation Services. FMI call Jay Best (608) 265-4901.

##### **Wednesday, November 19**

SAGE/Dane - Women (Madison): Women's chat group at the Bagel & Baking Co. on Attwood Ave. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

##### **Friday, November 21**

10% Society Dance (Madison): 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. in the Memorial Student Union, Great Hall, 4th Fl Center.

GAMMA - Dining Out (Milwaukee): Dine at Milwaukee's largest fish fry at Serb Hall at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Frontiers - Dining Out (Madison): Meet at The Shamrock for drinks at 6 p.m.; Dine at Que Sera at 7:30 p.m. FMI call David (608) 276-4040.

Windy City Gay Naturists - Thanksgiving Potluck (Chicago): They provide the turkey at 6:30 p.m. & everyone else provides the trimmings. \$3, members only! FMI, reservations & what to bring call (773) 281-8619.

##### **Sunday, November 23**

Dignity/Milwaukee - Worship (Milwaukee): Worship with Anointing of Healing at 6 p.m. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Integrity/Dignity - Worship (Madison): Eucharist and social hour at 7:30 p.m. St. Francis House. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

#### **Film, TV, Video and Radio:**

##### **Friday, November 14**

Oriental Theater (Milwaukee): "Telling Lies in America" & "Fast Cheap And Out Of Control" open. FMI call (414) 276-8711.

##### **Saturday, November 15**

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - Short Films (Chicago): Some selections: "Finished" at 1:15 p.m.; "Oy Gay" at 3 p.m.; "Madchen in Uniform" at 3:15 p.m.; "Peoria Babylon" at 7 p.m., and more. FMI call the Festival Hotline (312) 409-5553.

##### **Sunday, November 16**

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##### **Tuesday, November 18**

SAGE/Milwaukee Film (Milwaukee): "Fortune in Men's Eyes" with Sal Mineo & Michael Greer will be shown in the Fellowship Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave. at 7 p.m.

Public Access Cable 4, WYOU (Madison): Candidate for Governor, Ed Garvey, on "Nothing To Hide" from 9 to 11 p.m.

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##### **Thursday, November 20**

Chicago L/G International Film Festival - Closing Night (Chicago): "My Night With Reg" at 7 p.m.; "Dyke Camp" at 7:15 p.m.; "Intimate Relations" at 9:15 p.m.;

"Slaves to the Underground" at 9:30 p.m. FMI call the Festival Hotline at (312) 409-5553.

##### **Friday, November 21**

Madison Gay Video (18-30) Club (Madison) Mad About The Boy: Four Short Stories" & "Face Riders" will be shown at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Oriental Theater (Milwaukee): "The Wings of the Dove" opens. FMI call (414) 276-8711.

##### **Saturday, November 22**

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison) Mad About The Boy: Four Short Stories" & "Face Riders" will be shown at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Center, Cobb Hall. Free admission. FMI call (773) 702-8575 or 8596.

##### **Monday, November 24**

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film (Madison): "Midnight Cowboy" shows at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Dennis (608) 839-4060.

#### **Galleries & Museums:**

##### **Thursday, November 13**

Madison Enterprise Center - Installation (Madison): Laurie Beth Clark site-specific installation: "The Everyday Life Of Objects." Currently through the end of the month. Call the voice mail and leave a message regarding the show (608) 258-8550.

##### **Saturday, November 15**

UWM Fine Arts - inova (Milwaukee): "Art Deco Milwaukee" in Gallery Two, 3203 N. Downer Ave. The exhibition traces Milwaukee buildings that were created with the streamlined look of Art Deco. FMI (414) 229-5070.

##### **Tuesday, November 18**

Milwaukee Art Museum - Photography II (Milwaukee): An informal tour of "New Wisconsin Photography II" exhibition led by Tom Bamberger at 1:30 p.m. in the Segel Gallery. Regular Museum admission, free to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

##### **Wednesday, November 26**

Neo-Post-Now Gallery - Aluminum Christmas Tree Show (Manitowoc): This should be a "don't miss event." A glittering psychedelic forest of 35 Aluminum Christmas Trees will be shown through January 6, 1998, at the gallery. Most of the trees were made in Manitowoc between 1959 and 1969. A drive-by spectacle best viewed after dark! FMI call (414) 682-0337.

#### **Theater Arts:**

##### **Thursday, November 13**

##### **Friday, November 14**

Ko-Thi Dance Company - Pabst Theater (Milwaukee): "Harvest Festival 897" at 8 p.m. Featured guest artist "Forces of Nature Dance Theater Company" from NYC. FMI & tickets call (414) 286-3663.

##### **Saturday, November 15**

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Ben Vereen (Milwaukee): Vereen will bring his one-man stage show for an appearance with the MSO at the Wisconsin Center Arena at 8 p.m. FMI & tickets call the MOS Ticket Ofc. at (414) 290-7605 or 1-800-291-7605. TicketMaster (414) 276-4545.

##### **Friday, November 21**

Fest City Singers - Fall Cabaret (Milwaukee): "The Second Time Around" begins at 8 p.m. with complimentary drinks & hors d'oeuvres at Marcia's Second Time Around Playhouse, 6803 W. National Ave. Curtain time at 8:30 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 263-SING.

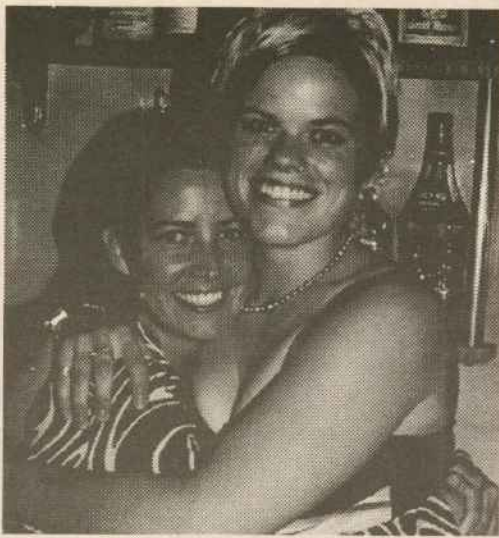
Florentine Opera - Season Opener (Milwaukee): La Boheme, Puccini's opera will have four performances at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 11/21, 22, 23, & 25 in Uhlein Hall. Tickets range from \$20 to \$90. FMI & tickets call (414) 273-7206 or 1-800-472-4458 (WI only).

UWM Fine Arts - Comedy (Milwaukee): Marga Gomez Live. The "Lesbian Lenny Bruce" will present her stand-up comedy act at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

UW-Madison - Wisconsin Union Theater (Madison): Donizetti's Opera "L'elisir d'amour (The Elixir of Love)" at 8 p.m. Presented again on 11/23 at 7:30 p.m. Student/senior rates. FMI & tickets (608) 238-8085.

Jerry Grillo - CD Release Party (Milwaukee): Release of "Goody For You" CD & party at The Milwaukee Ale House from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. No cover charge. FMI call (414) 332-3989.





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The Addams Family vs. The Munsters! Photo: Jamie

## DANCE BEAT

by DJ Bange

Here's the latest and greatest from the wacky world of dance music ... For those convinced they've already experienced all the Spice Girls they can possibly handle, there's some disquieting news. The onslaught has only just begun. Their first feature film *Spice World* is due to hit theaters later next month. The quintet's follow-up to their debut, also a soundtrack to the film, is in the stores now. In Britain, a trip to your local supermarket will turn up items ranging from dolls and lollipops, cakes and potato chips, to something called "Scary Spice Pizza." And that's just a preview of what should be hitting American shores after the release of their flick.

You've probably heard many crazy things about the band this year as I have. That they can't sing or dance. That they're a female Milli Vanilli. So I again went to search in the truth ... *Who are the Spice Girls?*

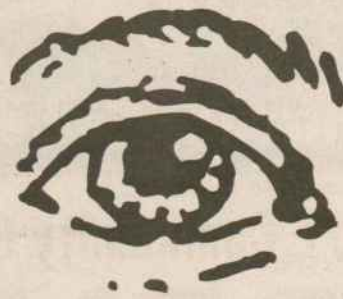
Melanie B. (Scary Spice), Emma Bunton (Baby Spice), Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice), Mel C. (Sporty Spice), and Victoria Adams (Posh Spice) were just five unknowns who had been picked from an audition of hundreds when they turned up at Trinity Studios in June of 1994. Three years later they are the biggest selling pop stars of the nineties after just one album and 5 singles. They entered Forbes richest entertainers list at #32 with estimated earnings of \$47 million last year alone. They have performed for Prince Charles and South African President Nelson Mandela, who called the band his "hers" and told the press that meeting the band "is one of the greatest moments of my life." (Again, I do not make this stuff up.)

The Spice Girls debut *Spice* has sold over 18 million copies world-wide. Virgin Records, the girls label, estimated 300,000 when "Wannabe" was released. And folks, this is where the mistake has been made. Do not underestimate the Spice Girls. They have written or co-written all of their songs. They have performed live, like at MTV's Music Awards, and did a better job than Sting, I thought. And, they are the product of a worldwide marketing campaign that even Coca-Cola and McDonald's must envy.

Personally, I am a fan of the Fab Five. They personify the essence of pop/dance music. They're fun. They move to their own beat. They're obnoxious. And just like a bad car accident, you can't pass 'em by without taking notice.

*Spice World*, the soundtrack, is a 10-song trip with everything from the 60's styled "Stop" to the Copacabana feel of "Never Give Up On The Good Times." You'll find their latest hit "Spice Up Your Life" and a new ballad called "Viva Forever." These two songs are the best work the girls have done to date, considering that topping the #1 hits "Wannabe" and "2 Become 1" is a major feat. (F.Y.I. . . . The album had to be recorded in a trailer on the set of the film due to the band's hectic schedule.)

In the following months I look forward to Spice Girls mugs, keychains, posters, dolls, and yes, I'd even like a slice of that "Scary Spice Pizza." This "Girl Power" thing isn't so bad.



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# KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

I have a bit of a gloomy story to tell you. It's about a girl I used to date in high school, Linda. Linda was a girl that I met at church. You see as kids, we had to go to church, bible study and the rest of that stuff. Linda's mother played the church organ while I played the church piano. Actually with the exception of me, all of the music was played by relatives of Linda.

Linda and me kinda started dating when I was 14 or 15 years old. As I said, we met a church and used to "make out" in the lower level of the church while everyone else was up stairs. I'm not sure how we pulled it off, you know, nobody seemed to wonder where we were or at least never asked us.

Dad was thrilled to see me dating a girl, and particularly Linda. My Dad and Linda got along well and with the approval of my parents, I invited Linda over for dinner. I dressed up kinda nice, put on my best manners and things were going great... right up until it was time to serve dinner. I was the host, so it was my job to serve everyone. What were we serving? Mom's wonderful homemade spaghetti.

Since Linda was a guest, she was the first one to be served. Now remember, I am trying to be suave, and make a good impression. I bring the first plate of spaghetti around to Linda, when I got the inertia-tilt ratio wrong and dumped the plate of food all over the floor. I even managed to get the side of Linda's dress. I was so embarrassed! All my dad could do was giggle, mom jumped up to help me clean up the mess, and Linda attended to her dress.

After that point of the evening, I don't remember a thing. I'm sure we finished dinner but I can't be sure. My mind went blank. Linda and I dated for a few more months, but broke up for one reason or the other ('cause I was GAY?!)

Today Linda needs help... lots of help. She married a man and had six kids. Over the years he started to be abusive in one way or the other. She just couldn't take it any longer, and they divorced.

After some time she met a new guy, and they started to date. Linda realized that this was not the guy she wanted to spend the rest of her life with, so she started to break it off. Apparently this "guy" showed up at her house and waited for her to come home. Waited for her in her garage with a soup can full of gasoline.

While in the middle of the argument he threw the can of gas on her, and threw a lit match. He then took off in her van as two of her kids watched in horror as their mother burned.

She is now in a burn center clinging on to life. She lost the fingers on one hand, and will probably lose the fingers on her other hand. The burns to her face are so severe that reconstructive surgery will be close to impossible.

Why am I telling you about this? I'm asking for your help. Linda is going to need many things that you and I take for granted. Not only is she going to be faced with staggering hospital bills, but she is going to need money for every day things. Her family is not "well off" and while they are doing the best they can, they are in need of help. Even though it's only a drop in the bucket, I'm going to give some money, my parents have given some money and I'd like to do

more.

If you would like to help a family that could really use it, send a check made out to Athelstane Assembly of God for any amount, put in the check memo "Linda", send it to Jamie c/o *In Step Magazine*, 1661 North Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (*In Step* will forward it to me, I will forward it to the church) I would take that as a personal favor.

*OK, let's move on to what's been going on in the clubs...*

Halloween this year was a hoot! It started at the Red Corvette with lots of freaks and the like, dressing up in hopes of winning a prize. The night of their party, the weather sucked so not a lot of people showed up but the people that were there were havin' a blast for what has turned out to be the last gay nite at Red Corvette.

The next party was at Triangle. I walked in (dressed up as a photographer) and started to chat with people. A group (in costume) all of which I recognized but one, walked up to me, and asked if I would take their photograph. I shot the picture and the one I didn't recognize, said Hi. As soon as he opened his... or should I say her mouth, I recognized the voice as being of Rob Bruckner's... dressed as Wonder Woman. He... she looked fabulous! Although he could have used a bit more cleavage he looked just like Wonder Woman. The rest of the Triangle staff was dressed up as Super Heroes as well.

The next night I went to La Cage's party. They had their regular Friday night show, and right after that they had the costume contest. There were many creative costumes along with the regular stuff you see every year. This year, I was expecting to see at least a couple of people dressed up like Mimi from the Drew Carey show but I only saw one. Club 219 threw a big Halloween bash as well. Cash and prizes went to the most creative costumes.

My next stop was Dish for their Grand Opening party. Omygod... if you haven't seen the place you really should stop in and check it out. It looks nothing like the old Phoenix, they completely remodeled the entire place. This has got to be one of Milwaukee's classiest clubs, and they should be proud of all the hard work put into the place. I had a great time with all the girls there with the exception of one crabby old has been. She told me that we (men) were not welcome there. Well, I had a little chat with the owner Julie, and she assured me that we are welcome. So... stop

in and see Milwaukee's hottest new place to party!

The parties at Diversions, In Between, Mama Roux, This Is It and Ball Game drew a big crowds too. I stopped at Just Us for the last big Halloween bash of the season, and the show was great!

After Halloween you wouldn't expect a lot of other activities, but you would be wrong. *In Between* celebrated their 2nd year anniversary with food, free shots and as usual, a good time. Triangle had another Lights Out Party, you know, you get a flashlight when you walk in the door but other than that, it's just plain dark.

I went to check out the new Levi/Leather bar, the Eagle this past weekend. Unfortunately they didn't let me in, I wasn't wearing boots. At first I was a bit "put off" but after thinking about it for awhile I guess it makes sense. So if your going to Eagle, wear boots!

A couple of things that are coming up I need to mention as well; Woody's, Grand Opening Party November 14th, be there! Ray and Steve tell me that the place is all but ready for years of good times.

Another "must see" event is Goldie Adams at Club 219 November 18th. This event is a benefit show for the Milwaukee AIDS Pantry. Show up with either 4 non-perishable food items and \$3, or \$6 will get you in the door as well. Don't forget some extra cash for tips and cocktails, remember this is a benefit show.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Terry and Jerry of *Wisconsin Light* for 10 years of a great paper. I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for Jerry and Terry, but I must admit, I had no idea the struggles they went through until I read the Editor's Note and the Publisher's Note of the anniversary issue, and realized the tenacity of those 2. Well guys, it sure has paid off, you have a great paper and deserve many kudos. The same goes for the rest of the people that helped *Wisconsin Light* become the paper that it is today. That includes Bill Menuier with whom I've had my "beefs" with in the past but have worked through them. If I get this column done in time, I will get all "gussied up", stop over at the Milwaukee Hilton for the Decade of Light celebration to wish them well on another "Decade of Light".

That's gonna do it for now, if you haven't put the storm windows up yet it might not be a bad idea and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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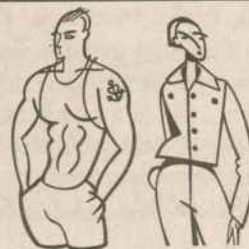
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E-mail ..... dross@execpc.com  
Web page: ..... http://www.execpc.com/~dross/aw/
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.**  
820 Plankinton Avenue  
Milwaukee 53202 ..... (414) 273-1991
- American Pride Associates**  
(Fund-raising, Education for Non Profit groups)  
PO Box 93421, Milw., 53203 ..... (414) 342-3834
- BiNet USA** (Bisexual political activism)  
PO Box 07541, Milwaukee, WI 53207 ..... (414) 483-5046
- Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline**  
Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm ..... (888) GAYTEEN  
Milwaukee Metro ..... (414) 272-TEEN
- Great Lakes Harley Riders**  
(International confidential contact for gay and bi Harley men)  
PO Box 341611, Milw, 53234-1611  
net address: http://homepage.interaccess.com/~hridrider/home.sht  
Horizon Travel (G/L Travel) ..... (800) 562-0219  
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- New Beginnings PENPALS** (Mo. newsletter)  
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..... (800) 334-AIDS
- WI Conference of Churches**  
(AIDS Caring Community) ..... (608) 244-0894
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P.O. Box 94, Francis Creek, 54214  
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- Wisconsin Light** (bi-weekly G/L newsletter)  
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- WI Legislative Hotline** ..... (800) 362-WISC

## Appleton Area (920)

### BARS

- Diversions** (MW, F)  
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702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 ..... 954-9262

### ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO** (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)  
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 ..... 235-5100
- Men's HIV+ Support Group Appleton** ..... 733-2068
- Family HIV Support Group Appleton** ..... 733-2068
- PFLAG Fox Cities**  
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 ..... 749-1629
- Fond Du Lac Friends United** (Bi/Gay/Lesbian Support-Social)  
Bill ..... 924-9106
- Fox Valley AIDS Project**  
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 ..... 733-2068
- Gay AA/Alnon** ..... 494-9904
- G.L.E.E.D.A.**  
P.O. Box 102 Appleton, WI 54912-0102 ..... 830-2065

## Green Bay Area (920)

### BARS

- 3 Brandys II** (Mw, L/L)  
1126 Main Street 54301 ..... 1-800-311-3197
- 1 Napolese Lounge** (MW, DJ)  
515 S. Broadway 54303 ..... 432-9646
- 2 Jovas** (MW, V)  
1106 Main 54301 ..... 435-5476
- 2 Zas** (MW, DJ, V)  
1106 Main 54301 ..... 435-5476
- 4 Sass** (WM)  
840 S. Broadway 54304 ..... 437-7277

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Angel of Hope** (MCC Church)  
PO Box 672, Green Bay 54305 ..... 432-0830
- Argonauts of Wisconsin** (L/L Social Club)  
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
- Gay AA/Anon** (Meeting Weekly) Green Bay ..... 494-9904
- Bay City Chorus**  
PO Box 1901, Green Bay 54305 ..... 497-8882
- Center Project** (HIV Testing and Counseling)  
824 S Broadway  
Green Bay 54305 ..... 437-7400 or (800) 675-9400
- Fond Du Lac Bi/Gay/Lesbian Support & Social**  
Bill ..... 924-9106  
Stacey ..... 923-3403
- Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB**  
G/L Guide to N.E. Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305
- Man's HIV+ Support**  
Green Bay ..... 437-7400
- Women's HIV+ Support**  
Green Bay ..... 437-7400
- Northern Womyn, Inc.** (Lesbian Support/Social Group)  
Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
- Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay** ..... 499-7080
- Positive Voice** (Gay and Lesbian Support)  
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 ..... 499-5533
- Mens HIV Support Group**  
Sturgeon Bay ..... 733-2068

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Chanticleer Guest House**  
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- BlackSmith Inn** (Bed & Breakfast)  
Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202 ..... 839-9222

## Madison (608)

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Prairie Garden B&B**  
W13172 Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 ..... 800/380-8427

### MEDICAL

- AIDS Network**  
HIV/AIDS Service Organization  
600 Williamson St, 53701 ..... 252-6540  
FAX ..... 252-6559
- Blue Bus STD Clinic** (Monday, Thursday)  
1552 University Avenue 53705 ..... 262-7330

### BARS

- 2 Manoeuvres** (MW)  
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- 3 Shamrock** (GS, MW, F, D)  
117 W. Main St. 53703 ..... 255-5029
- 5 Geraldines/The Men's Room** (MW, DJ)  
3052 E Washington, 53704 ..... 241-9335
- Greenbush** (G/S, M/W, F)  
914 Regent, 53715 ..... 257-BUSH
- 3 Kirby's Klub** (MW)  
121 West Main St., 53703 ..... 257-5455

### ORGANIZATIONS

- AASPIN Foundation** (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWA's)  
2828 Marshall Ct, Ste 210, 53705 ..... 273-4501
- Apple Island** (Womens Cultural Center/Hall Rental)  
849 E Washington ..... 258-9777
- Bi? Why? Why?**  
(Bisexual Support Group) ..... 257-5534  
PO Box 321, 53701
- Campus Womens Center**  
710 University Ave, #202, 53715 ..... 262-8093
- Dairyland Rainbow Squares**  
PO Box 1363, 53701-1363 ..... 246-9669
- Delta Lambda Phi** (Gay Frat)  
Box 513, Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, Madison 53706
- Different Spokes** G/L/B Bicycling Club ..... 241-8184
- 18-21 Yr Old Social Group** ..... 256-2667
- Frontiers** (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)  
14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703 ..... 274-5959
- Gay/Lesbian Information Recording**  
(ask for tape #3333) ..... 263-3100
- Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**  
PO Box 1722, 5370 ..... 255-8582
- Gay Fathers** c/o United ..... 255-8582
- Gay Mens Video Club**  
PO Box 8234, 53708 ..... 244-8675
- GALVANize** (Madison LesBiGay Pride)  
PO Box 1403, 53701 ..... 256-4289
- GLBT Phone Line** (United's Out-line) ..... 255-4297
- Kissing Girls Productions** (Lesbian Cultural Events)  
PO Box 6091, 53716
- Lavender** (Lesbian Domestic Violence  
Support Group) ..... 255-7447
- LesBiGay Issues Committee** (UW Advisory Comm.)
- Dean of Students Office,**  
75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 ..... 263-5700
- LesBiGay Campus Center** (Office, Lounge,  
Resource Center) UW Union ..... 265-3344
- LesBiGay Teen Support Group** ..... 251-1126  
(Briarpatch & Picada) or ..... 246-7606
- Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union**  
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
- Lesbian Parents Network**  
PO Box 572, 53701 ..... 255-8582

- Madison Volleyball Group** (Jeff) ..... 251-8716
- Madison Wrestling Club**  
PO Box 8234, 53708 ..... 244-8675
- MAGIC Picnic Committee**  
c/o The United ..... 255-8582
- Mens Alnon** ..... 255-8582
- New Harvest Foundation** (G/L Foundation)  
PO Box 1786, 53701
- Nothing to Hide** (gay cable) ..... 241-2500
- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians**  
PO Box 1722, 53701
- Rainbow Community Collective** (L/G/B/T Social Org)  
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- 10% Society** (student organization)  
Box 614, UW Mem. Union,  
800 Langdon, 53706 ..... 262-7365
- Unicorns of Madison** (L/L club)  
PO Box 536, 53701
- The United** (Education, Counseling, Advocacy)  
14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103, 53703 ..... 255-8582
- UW LesBiGay Alumni Council** (Russell Betts) ..... 262-2551
- Womansong** (Woman's Choral Group) ..... 246-2681

### RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity**  
Box 730, 53701 ..... 836-8886
- Affirmation** (L/G United Methodists)  
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 ..... 256-2353
- James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church**  
2146 E Johnson, 53704 ..... 242-8887

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4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 ..... 222-9128

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## Milwaukee (414)

### ORGANIZATIONS

- AIDS Awareness Group**  
(Sue Hall, Carroll College) ..... 524-7764
- Alcoholics Anonymous**  
(regular. Gay meetings) ..... 771-9119
- Beer Town Badgers**  
PO Box 840, 53201
- Bi Definition** (Bisexual Community Events)  
PO Box 07541, 53207  
Carol ..... 562-4058  
Steve ..... 483-5046
- BiNet USA** (Bisexual Political Activism) Steve ..... 483-5046  
or PO Box 07541, 53207 Carol ..... 562-4058
- Black Gay Consciousness Raising** ..... 933-2136
- Brew City Bears** ..... 443-0355  
13731 W. Capitol Dr., Suite 227 Brookfield, WI 53005  
E-mail address: bcb@execpc.com  
Net address http://www.execpc.com/bcb/
- Castaways M.C.** (Levi/Leather club)  
PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
- Community Elections Coalition**  
P.O. Box 92722, 53202
- Counseling Center** (LesBiGay support & discussion Groups)  
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 ..... 271-2565
- Cream City Chorus**  
P. O. Box 1488, 53201 ..... 344-9222
- Cream City Foundation** (CCF)  
2821 N. 4th St. #210, or,  
Box 204, 53201 ..... 265-0880
- Cream City Squares**  
(G/L Square Dancing Club) ..... 445-8080
- DAMES** (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)  
PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
- Delta Lambda Phi** (Gay Frat)  
PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 ..... 229-4054
- Different Drummer Theatre Alliance** (G/L Theatre Co)  
PO Box 92756, 53202 ..... 347-0673
- Fest City Singers** (Gay choral group)  
PO Box 11428, 53211 ..... 263-SING
- Firebirds** (L/L group)  
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**HANDY HUNK** This very attractive, certified massage therapist, is interested in giving hot oil, full body massages, to accomodating, 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

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**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

**YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE** I'll try anything once. This Bi, White male, totally inexperienced, wants to try it, out of curiosity. I need a discreet, gentle, friendly man. (Milwaukee) #6127

**TAKE MY PIX** Photographer wanted to take creative, magazine quality, photographs, of this good looking, in shape, 40 year old, White male. I'll also consider shoots including other hot, young guys. (Milwaukee) #6141



## 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

## 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

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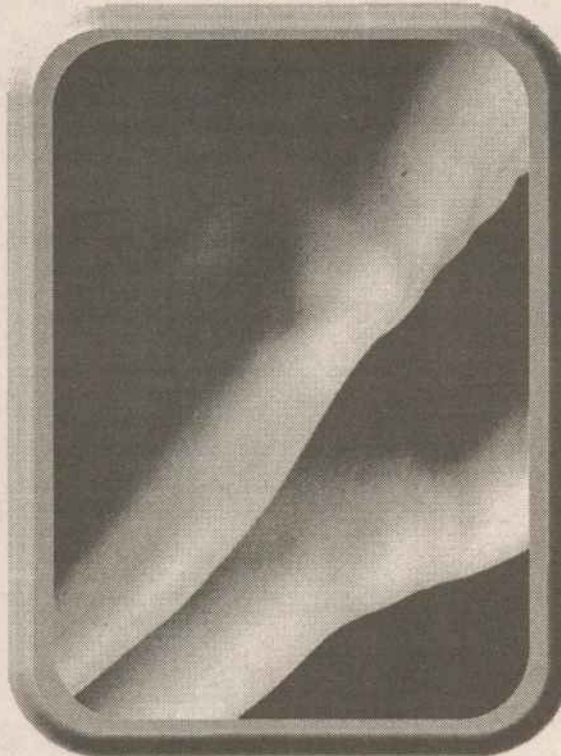
**FREE THINGS IN LIFE** I love to perform oral sex for anybody willing to receive it. Is that you? No strings attached, no reciprocation necessary. I'm from Dodge County. Call me, and see what I can do for you. (Milwaukee) #5896

**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

**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

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



**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

**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

**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

**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

## 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

**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

**MAKE ME A MAN** Boy wants to be made into a man. Mature guys, here's you're 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

**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

**TICKLE ME PINK** Ticking 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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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**HEAD OF THE CLASS** I'm a very good looking, White male, 5'9, 135lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and a swimmer's build. Unfortunately, I'm very inexperienced and need someone to teach me. I hope you're between 18 and early 20's, with a fit body. (Antigo) #8922

**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 APPLESEED** 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

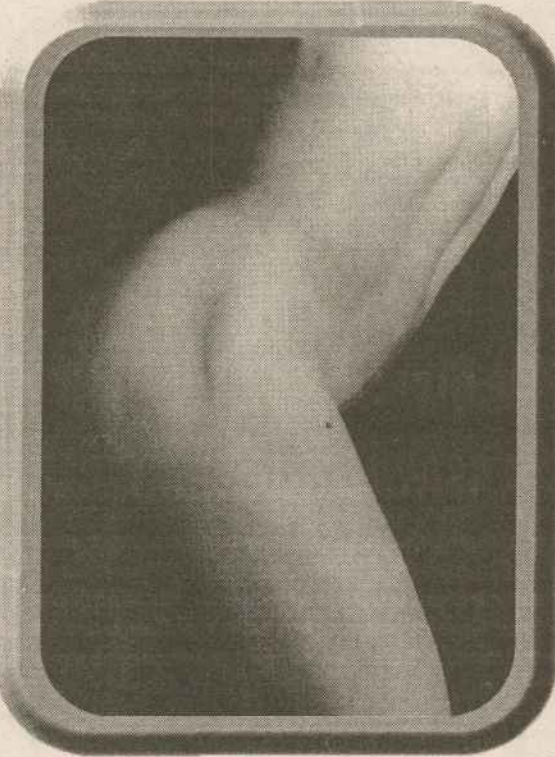
**ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO** This 19 year old, White male, wants to get to know other guys, under 30. In my world, everything is go. I like men who are intelligent, humorous, and compassionate. (Eau Claire) #3074

**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

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

**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

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701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 .....341-8862  
Prince Edward B&B  
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 .....526-2805  
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous  
(ask for Gay meetings) .....536-LIFE  
Women's Resource Center UWSP  
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 .....346-4851

## North Central (715)

Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806

Northern AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organ.)  
June Peters, Courthouse Rhinelander, 54501 .....369-6228  
Northern WI Lambda Society  
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 .....362-4242  
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of  
Gays/Lesbians/Bis .....359-7432  
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)  
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 .....682-2890

## Sheboygan (414)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081 .....457-1636  
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians  
Shirley: 458-2506Carolyn:467-0422  
Sheboygan Antiques  
336 Superior Avenue 53081 .....452-6757  
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)  
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan .....458-4889

## Racine/Kenosha (414)

Club 94 (MW, DJ)  
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94)  
Kenosha 53140 .....857-9958  
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)  
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143 .....657-5667  
JoDee's (MW, DJ)  
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What About Me? (WM)  
600 6th St. Racine 53403 .....632-0171  
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) .....554-6611  
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine  
625 College, Racine 53403 .....634-0659  
Gay Lesbian Union of Kenosha  
c/o Unitarian Universalist  
PO Box 593, Kenosha 53141 .....654-9427  
Southeastern WI AIDS Project (HIV/AIDS Service  
Organization) 6927 39th Ave.  
Kenosha 53141 1-800-924-6601; .....657-6644  
UW-Parkside G/L Organization  
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 .....595-2244  
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union  
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 .....472-5738  
Diamond Hill Inn B&B  
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie .....63-4421  
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)  
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 .....843-4209

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W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551	648-8457

## Northwest (715)

Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)	
PO Box 264, Superior 54880	
Connect (G/L info line)	
PO Box 1304, Superior 54880	394-9467
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)	
PO Box 152, Wausau 54402	842-1377
Da-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)	
33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls	723-0943
GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)	
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Cir, Eau Claire 54701	
JP Creations (WEB Design)	477-8802
http://members.aol.com/~creation	
N.O.W.A.P. (Northwest WI AIDS Project)	
505 Dewey St., So., #107 Eau Claire 54702	
	(800) 750-AIDS
Local Number	836-7710
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)	
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701	838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)	
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880	392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center	
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802	(218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) Greater Chippewa Valley	
PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011	
Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)	
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702	836-7710
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411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703	835-9959
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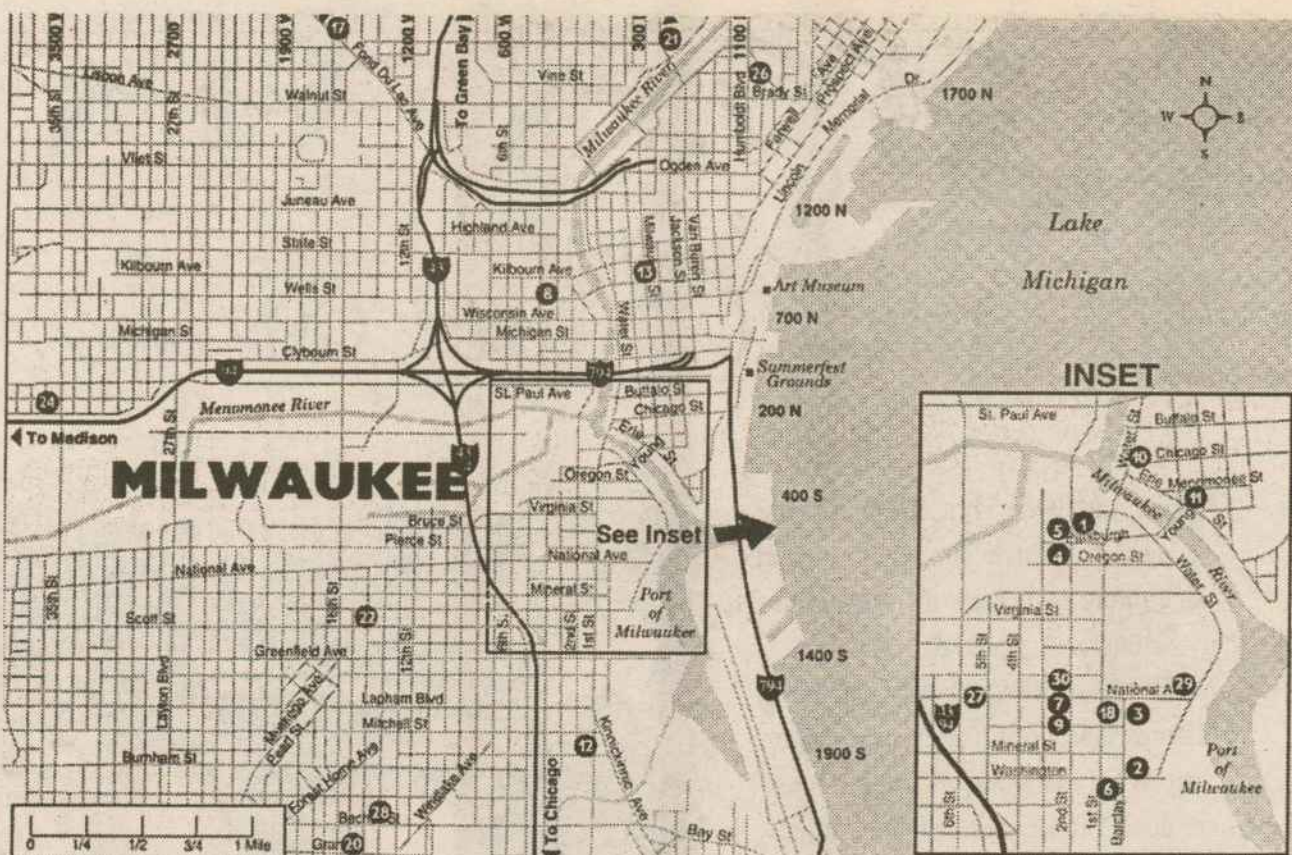
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e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)	
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601	782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat	735-4829
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Gay & Lesbian Alliance	
Box 131, Platteville, 53818	
La Crosse Health Dept. (AIDS/HIV Service Organ.)	
300 N 4th, La Crosse 54601	785-9872
LaCrosse L/G Support Group	
c/o Campus Ministry Center	784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News	
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602	
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays	782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601	
Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)	
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601	796-0383
Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)	800-484-8131
Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerswi@aol.com	
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581	

## Out of State

A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com	
2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405	(612) 377-MARY
CDC National AIDS Hotline	(800) 342-2437
Gay & Lesbian Americans	
PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013	(800) 889-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)	(202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF)	(202) 332-6483
Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)	
	(800) 442-9735
Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406	(616) 857-1401
Club Xpress (MW, DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829	(906) 789-0140
Emerald City (MW, DJ)	(847) 838-1888
Little Jim's (M, V), 3501 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657	(312) 871-6116
Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626	(312) 465-5307
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3169 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657	
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The Office (Mw, D, L/L), 513 E State, Rockford, IL 61104	(815) 965-0344
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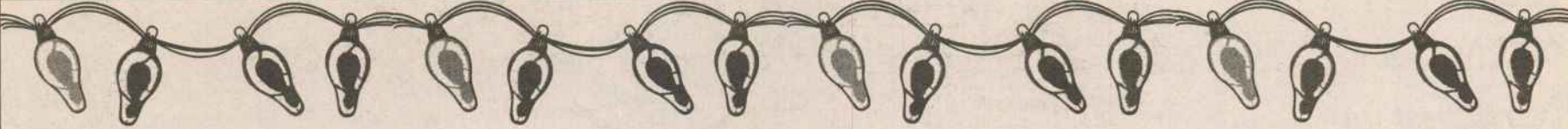
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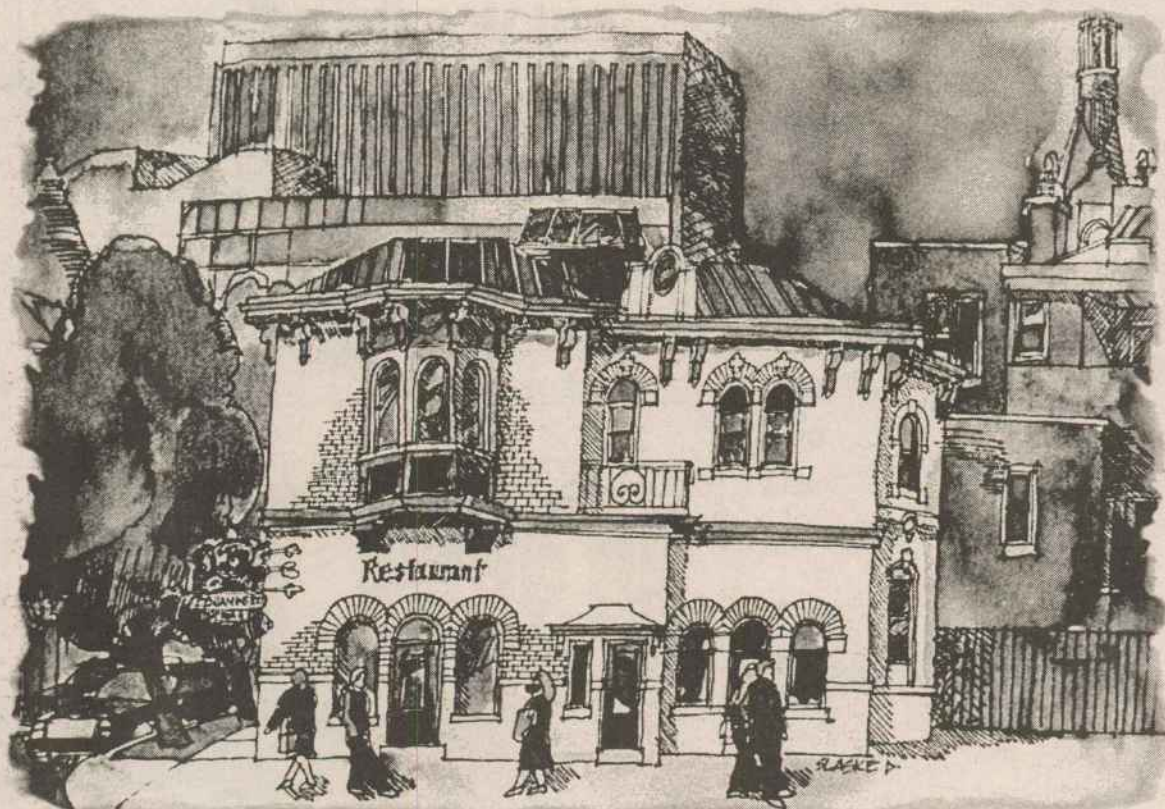


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