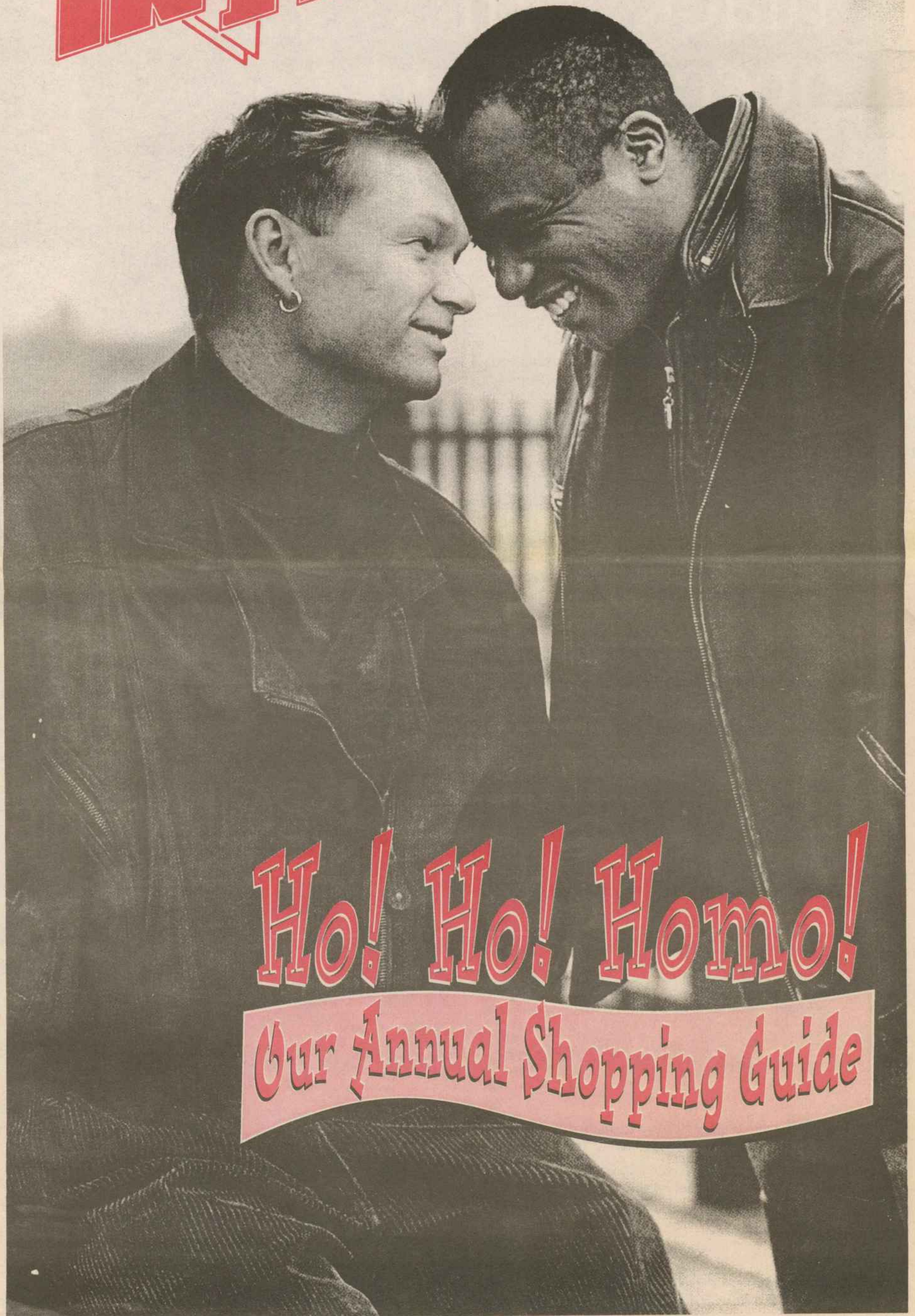


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After the Fire: Milwaukee Community Center to Move Forward

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff



—Mary Messerliee, of the Cream City Foundation presents Larry Stocks, co-president of the LGBT Community Center with a check for \$1,000. Photo: Jamie.

Milwaukee — Over 75 persons gathered on November 24 at a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the future of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. The meeting was held in the wake of a fire which severely damaged the Sander's Bowl building at 1801 N. Martin Luther King Drive on November 13. That building had been named as the primary site for a community center with a proposed opening in 1998, although no lease had been signed.

The meeting provided a forum for an update on the status of a building site, election of a board of directors and the importance of individual membership to the Community Center.

The Community Center received support from a number of community groups at the meeting. The Cream City Foundation donated \$1,000 to the Center's operating fund, and representatives from PrideFest and LAMM clearly expressed their continued support of the project. In addition, The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) have indicated no change in their plans to lease space in the center once it is open, according to Community Center representatives.

"I thought it was a great turnout, we walked out of there with many new members," Patrick Flarhety of the LGBT Community Center Board told *In Step*.

With plans well underway at the Sander's Bowl location, the site selection process is "at a crossroads" John Wirth of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Facility Committee told the group. While the fire did not completely destroy the building, Wirth indicated it did set back the timeline, and that Facility Committee will continue to use the Center's feasibility study as the group revisits the search process.

"We hope there are other sites available now, that were not available when we looked the first time," Karen Gotzler of the Facilities Committee told *In Step*.

"This is a perfect time for us to look, since we don't know how it will take for [the Sander's Bowl] building to be repaired," Gotzler explained.

Gotzler addressed the concerns raised about the Martin Luther King Drive location at the meeting, "It is important for people to give input now... before we sign a lease, so that we do pick the right place. As we look at our options, we may still end up there [Sander's Bowl]. But, this is a good chance for us to step back, and make sure we are making the right choice."

Gwen Kibbe, of the Community Center Board addressed the group on issues pertaining to the nomination and election of a Board of Directors for the Center.

Kibbe encouraged individuals to nominate themselves or qualified individuals, and affirmed that applications for Board candidates are due by November 29th, with interviews conducted the first two weeks of December by the Nominating Committee. 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 by the nominating committee on January 15, 1988.

"We should elect our board before we make any other commitments," Si Smits, owner of the Boot Camp told *In Step*. "I'm not too happy with the election process, it

doesn't seem like the most democratic procedure."

Kibbe explained that the Center's by-laws require a board be comprised of individuals from varied ethnic, gender and other backgrounds and experiences.

"We are trying to make sure that we live up to the requirements which Center really needs," Kibbe told *In Step*.

"Working on this committee has been the greatest experience of my life," Kibbe added. "It's a great group of people, and anybody who wants to be on the Board should nominate themselves, absolutely."

In Step will continue to cover this story as it develops. For more information about the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center persons are encouraged to call (414) 483-4710 or write to P.O. Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Fox Valley Organizations Sponsor Billboards to Reduce Homophobia

Appleton, WI — Declaring that gay people are everywhere and can be counted among those we all love and respect, two area organizations are collaborating on a billboard sign project which bears the message, "Someone You Know and Love is Gay."

GLEEDA (the Gay and Lesbian Education and Economic Development Alliance) and PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) are gay-supportive organizations in the Fox Valley which are co-sponsoring the billboards.

Three first billboards will be placed later this week in Neenah (corner of Main and Lake Streets), Menasha (Hwy 114 East of Third Street), and Oshkosh (Hwy 41 1.25 mi North of Hwy Z). Two additional billboards will be placed in Appleton and Kaukauna in December.

"Many people are unaware that they interact daily with people who are gay," said Harriet Bruyn, PFLAG member and mother of a gay son. "Friends, family members and co-workers may very well be gay, but their sexual orientation is only known if they tell us. We feel it is important to speak out for a group of people who are sometimes misunderstood and maligned by negative untruths and stereotypes," added Marty Brown, GLEEDA board member.

Gay bashings and the murder of a gay man in the area prompted the billboards' sponsors to embark on the project to help promote tolerance, better understanding, and acceptance of gay people in our community and in society at large.

GLEEDA (the Gay and Lesbian Education and Economic Development Alliance) is a growing network of lesbian, gay, and gay-supportive individuals, families, businesses and organizations throughout the Fox Valley. Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month. To receive a sample copy of their bimonthly newsletter or for additional information, write to Box 102, Appleton, WI 54912-0102, or call 920.830.2065.

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Child Custody Issue Flaring Up Around the Country

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Dallas, TX — Lesbian and gay parenting has popped up around the country as an increasingly contentious legal issue for courts and child custody officials.

For the second time, the North Carolina state Court of Appeals has ruled that a gay dad should continue to have visitation rights with his daughter, despite the objections of the girl's mother.

The court ruled that Michael Marshall, who lives in Tennessee, should have visitation rights with his 5-year-old daughter, who lives with the man's former wife, Lisa Sizemore of Charlotte, N.C.

The court declared that Marshall "was an excellent father" who got along well with his daughter and rejected Ms. Sizemore's objections to visitation rights because Marshall is gay and lives with another man in the home where the young girl would stay during visits with her father.

Then in New Jersey, a Superior Court judge ruled that the ex-partner of a lesbian mom should continue to have visitation rights with twin babies her former partner bore in 1995 while waiting for the unnamed women's custody court case is pending.

Superior Court Judge Philip Cummins declared "it's unfair to the kids to cut off visitation if I find she's a working part of the family." Judge Cummins' decision is only a temporary ruling until he hears the full custody case in March of next year.

The ruling, however, means that unless a court rules otherwise, same-sex domestic partners are not automatically excluded from routine visitation rights with children.

Meanwhile, Texas state child custody officials defended their policies of placing kids with gay and lesbian foster and adoption parents after a former Child Protective Services supervisor, Rebecca Bledsoe, threat-

ened to sue the agency, claiming she was demoted for removing a foster child from the custody of a lesbian couple — which she said is wrong.

Bledsoe has already filed an employment grievance against the agency over her demotion, claiming she was right in removing the infant from the home of the two lesbians because "homosexual conduct is against the law in Texas."

In threatening to sue the state over her demotion, a statement by Bledsoe said, "Just as you wouldn't put a child into a family where there were known shoplifters or worse, you shouldn't put them into a place where they are expressly violating the law."

But state officials said Bledsoe had no right to unilaterally redefine the agency's policies by herself and said the child custody agency rules for placing children had nothing to do with state criminal laws.

"What we look for when we evaluate potential foster or adoptive parents is their ability to protect, to nurture and parent a child," a Child Protective Services spokesperson said. "That's our primary criteria."

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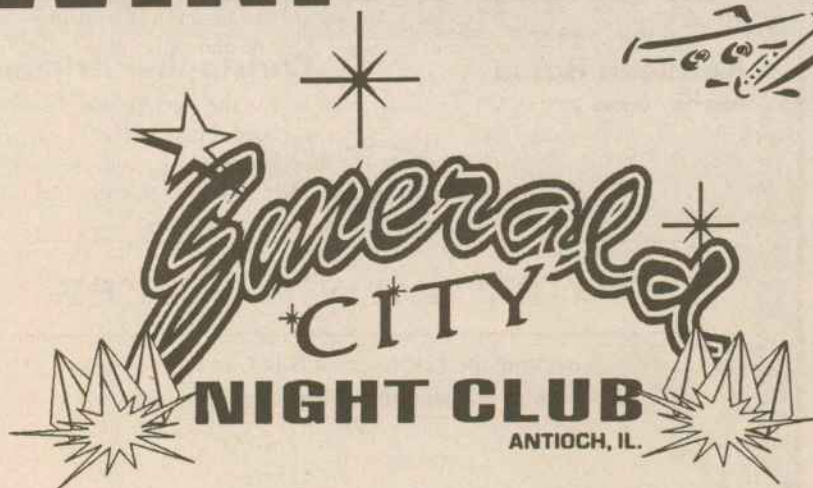
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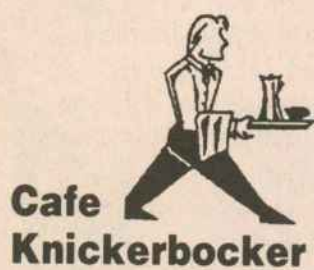
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Jim Kepner Dies; Pioneer Activist Founded Gay Archives

Los Angeles, CA — Jim Kepner, founder and curator of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives and a pioneer gay activist, has died. He was 74.

Kepner died November 15 at Midway Hospital in Los Angeles after surgery for a perforated intestine, said Ernie Potvin, a member of the archives executive board.

The archives, which Kepner started in 1942, contain about 22,000 books, more than 100,000 newspaper and magazine articles dating from 1906, matchbooks from gay bars, videos, photos, letters and such esoterica as a pink leather motorcycle outfit worn at a Los Angeles gay charity event.

The collection, valued by gay studies scholars around the world, is housed at USC. Other universities, including UCLA, Stanford and UC Santa Barbara, had vied for the archives.

"All of the public institutions for many, many years seemed like our enemies. So it's very astonishing," Kepner told *The Los Angeles Times* when USC won the treasure two years ago.

The Texas-born Kepner started collecting memorabilia and reference material when he was working as a railroad clerk in San Francisco in the early 1940s. At that time, he said, he and gay friends were just "trying to figure a way to come out of the closet."

"I've always been inquisitive," Kepner told *The Times* in 1988, "and, even though I never envisioned that the collection would evolve to what it has become, I always had an innate sense that what I was doing was important. It was something I felt driven to do."

Kepner continued his self-described "pack rat" methods after World War II during three years as a reporter for the *Daily Worker*, the Communist newspaper, in New York. He lost that job and was expelled from the Communist Party when party officials became aware of his sexual orientation.

"It was a subtle kind of thing, for those days," he said. "But there was no doubt left as to why I was more or less asked to move along."

The ouster awakened Kepner's activism two decades before gay causes became popular. He moved to Los Angeles, where he became an early member of the Mattachine Society, an important gay rights group during the 1950s, and other organizations championing radical causes.

He edited *One*, the first regular-circulation American magazine for and by gays and lesbians, which had to go to the U.S. Supreme Court for the right to distribute through the mail. Kepner also taught gay studies courses at *One's* office as early as 1956, decades before colleges began listing such classes.

Kepner was active in the gay community in 1968 when mass arrests at the Wilmington gay bar Patch prompted gays to go to a harbor police station waving flowers in a "petal protest." The incident was a precursor to the bloody June 28, 1969, Stonewall Inn riots in New York's Greenwich Village, which is considered the start of the gay rights movement.

But it was the "petal protest" rather than the Stonewall riots, Kepner believed, that prompted change in Los Angeles. The protest sparked the founding of several gay organizations, a legal aid group, a theater and film club and the Metropolitan Community Church.

Rochester Rejects Changes to Human Rights Ordinance

Rochester, MN — Rochester City Council members voted 5-2 against amendments to the city's human rights ordinance that would have extended mediation services to people regardless of age, disability or sexual orientation.

The vote against the ordinance change brought to an end a long, impassioned debate over the city's commitment to protecting human rights and its role in extending services to help people who claim they have been discriminated against.

The changes would have brought the city's ordinance into line with Minnesota's human rights laws. The city human rights commission submitted the proposed changes for council consideration last month.

More than 200 people attended the public hearing, including many who couldn't fit into the council chambers. After hearing from many speakers on both sides of the issue, Council Member Walt Stobaugh made a motion in support of the proposal, but it failed for lack of a second.

A move to include sexual orientation in the human rights ordinance also was rejected by the council in December 1993.

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Studies Report New Drugs Don't Eradicate HIV

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, DC — New research — the first major studies of their kind — shows what many AIDS experts had feared: that potent new anti-AIDS drugs, known as protease inhibitors, do not eradicate HIV in patients.

The studies, including two published in *Science* magazine and one to be published later in November, indicate that the virus continues to lurk in some immune cells even when it is undetectable in a patient's bloodstream for up to two years, effectively dashing hopes the promising new drugs might in fact be a cure for the disease.

The good news in the research findings is that the protease inhibitors, in combination with other existing anti-AIDS drugs, do in fact appear to help control the virus in a large number of patients over a prolonged period of time, making it a manageable illness, without the virus developing resistances to the medications.

In short, the new drug cocktails being widely used in the U.S. to help AIDS patients fight the disease aren't a cure but they do appear to be an effective medical treatment to keep the virus under control.

"We found we could isolate the virus from essentially all of our patients," when certain immune cells were activated in laboratory studies, said Robert Siliciano of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, one of the researchers. The study also involved scientists with the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York and the University of California at San Diego and involved patients who had been taking the new protease inhibitors as part of their treatment for at least two years.

The news wasn't all bad, however. The studies also suggest that, in the body, the virus either stops reproducing or reproduces at very low levels, without developing drug resistance — meaning that drugs are keeping the virus suppressed even if they aren't entirely eliminating it.

"The good news is that it isn't spreading — the bad news is that it isn't going away," said Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and lead author of a study to be published in the Nov. 25 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The downside in these new findings is that although the new drugs seem to be effective in keeping the virus under control for long periods of time, the new protease inhibitors combined with existing medications to fight AIDS are expensive and complex to use but must continue being taken indefinitely. The virus, the researchers say, seems able to lie in wait for years, fully capable of reemerging anytime patients stop taking the medicines.

With continuous therapy using the new drugs in combination with older anti-AIDS medications,

"People could go on and continue to do fine indefinitely," Siliciano said.

The studies did indicate, however, that a major fear scientists had — that the virus would become resistant over time to the new medicines — appears to be unfounded and apparently continue to be effective at suppressing the virus while taken regularly.

AIDS researchers now say that what's needed is a new weapon that's able to deliver a final blow to the dormant virus hiding in the body's cells after the disease has been brought under control by existing medicines.

Gay Rights Icon To Run for Congress

Langley, WA (AP) — Margarethe Cammermeyer, who successfully fought the National Guard's attempts to discharge her for being a lesbian, plans to run for Congress.

Cammermeyer, who recently retired from the Washington Army National Guard as a colonel, said she will to seek the western Washington seat held by two-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf.

"As a mother of four, grandmother of five, nurse and soldier, I feel like I understand the issues facing families as they struggle to make ends meet," Cammermeyer, a Democrat, said in a statement.

The decorated Vietnam veteran was discharged in 1992 after disclosing her sexual orientation in a 1989 interview for a top-secret security clearance. A federal judge ordered her reinstated and the government did not appeal. Her battle resulted in a best-selling book and a made-for-TV movie starring Glenn Close. Cammermeyer, 55, once called herself "one of the most famous lesbians in the country."

Ambassadorial Confirmation Stalled in Senate

Washington, DC — The nomination of Jim Hormel, heir to the Hormel Meat Co. and gay rights advocate, to be the country's ambassador to the tiny European nation of Luxembourg came to a screeching halt when two arch-conservative senators put "holds" on a vote to confirm the Clinton nominee and presidential campaign contributor.

Sens. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) each put a "hold" on a vote to confirm Hormel, even though the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved his nomination without dissent. In fact, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), the outspokenly anti-gay chairman of the Senate committee, didn't even attend the hearings on Hormel's nomination.

With the Senate now adjourned, it won't be until after Congress reconvenes in January that any action can be taken on the nomination.

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VA AIDS Agency to Close Two Housing Units

Richmond, VA — The Richmond AIDS Ministry says it will be closing the two homes it operates and is looking for alternative housing for the 14 AIDS patients it houses because of financial difficulties.

Within the past year or so a number of AIDS agencies around the country have folded up as a result of money troubles. Gerardine Luongo, executive director of the Richmond AIDS Ministry, called the need to close the housing program "a very sad time."

The agency has operated on an annual budget of about \$625,000, more than half of which comes from federal funds. But since 1994 federal funding for the agency has fallen some \$60,000 at the same time that private funding has also slackened and the agency is reportedly \$144,000 short of covering its expenses this year.

Chicago's Halsted Street Project to Be Modified

Chicago, IL — Following months of community debate, city officials are dropping much of its original plans for a \$3.2 million makeover of a section of North Halsted street, home to many gays and lesbians in the city, and substituting it with a more toned-down design.

The city had originally intended to replace and widen crumbling sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and plant 200 trees along the stretch of street. But the proposal to put up two 25-foot-tall gateway pylons painted in neon-colored rainbow designs drew enormous criticism from some residents.

So city officials, with the approval of a local gay and lesbian group, have opted instead to erect 11 sets of 23-foot-tall Art Deco-style columns down the middle of the street with a toned-down rainbow design halfway up the columns.

City officials said they wanted to include recognition of Chicago's gay and lesbian community in the urban beautification project.

Two Canadian Women Legally Marry in Unusual Situation

Vancouver, British Columbia — An intriguing same-sex marriage case is developing in Canada. George Scott and Linda Fraser were legally married in June of this year, but George was undergoing sex-change treatment at the time and is now Georgina Scott, making the two women legally married.

The couple, who live in Nanaimo, British Columbia, said they got married in part for political reasons as a challenge to marriage laws that don't allow same-sex couples to legally wed.

Rights activists say the couple's marital status isn't likely to be challenged until they attempt to file a joint tax return as a married couple.

While there probably aren't many men who are likely to undergo a sex-change operation in order to become a lesbian, Canadian activists say that if the two women are recognized as legally married under the country's laws, it will be difficult for Canadian officials to refuse marriage licenses to other same-sex couples.

Archbishop of Canterbury Opposes Proposed Change in Age of Consent

London — Dr. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, put some distance between the Church of England and the Rt. Rev. Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, after Bishop Harries called for lowering the sexual age of consent for gay sex from 18 to 16 years in Britain.

In a statement, the Archbishop said he was "worried by the signal that this would send out that homosexual sex is on a par with heterosexual sex."

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2,000 Create Change in San Diego

by Rex Wockner
Special to In Step

San Diego, CA — More than 2,000 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered activists descended on an uncharacteristically chilly and wet San Diego Nov. 12-16 for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's 10th annual Creating Change conference.

They attended 150 workshops and training sessions as the ongoing battle between gay-male sex activists and so-called neo-cons bubbled around them.

"It's a conference for activists or people who want to know what's happening in the gay community," said NGLTF Public Information Director Mark Johnson. "They come here, they meet each other, they learn from each other, they share, and they go back hopefully a lot more empowered, a lot stronger, a lot more knowledgeable."

In the cyberized '90s, the conference also is a time to match faces with e-mail addresses, said Don Romesburg, publications manager for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Especially since the Internet, we all work so closely together and yet we don't really know each other, and I think it's a way to bring our community closer together as persons instead of names," Romesburg said.

As NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel sees it: "This is the most incredible political gathering and party every year. It is just such a tapestry of every idea and issue that is facing our community."

Countdown to Hawaii

"The participants in the marriage workshops were really high-caliber," reported Evan Wolfson, director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Marriage Project. "People were very motivated, very into it — good exchange of views from state and national perspectives, so I actually am in a really good mood, really enjoyed it, it was very productive."

Wolfson is in a good mood for another reason, too, of course. Same-sex marriage is going to be legal in Hawaii in a matter of months, or sooner.

"We're going to see a decision from the Hawaii Supreme Court, possibly as early as December, almost certainly sometime this winter, and at that point, same-sex couples will be able to get married and we will enter into the next phase of this struggle which will be an extraordinarily transformed chapter where we will be in a very different place in our society," Wolfson told *In Step*. "We'll have a range of challenges but also unbelievable opportunities to engage non-gay people in support of our families and our equality, and to really have people understand what this discrimination has meant and why it should end."

Even if, as threatened, Hawaii's voters and legislature manage to amend the state constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage, logistics will prevent them from doing so until after gay marriage has been legal for several months.

"Our job is to make that [amendment] not happen by getting in there and fighting," Wolfson said. "If, however, this constitutional-amendment proposal is ratified by the voters, one question is, what will the legislature do? The actual amendment-proposal says that the legislature shall have the power — though not the obligation — to restrict marriage. So it's not automatically clear what would then happen. We'd then have to go into the legislature and fight to protect the lawful marriages we want to preserve."

"But even again, if they do the worst, and pass some kind of discriminatory, restrictive legislation, it's very clear that our legal position would be that people who are married are married, and whatever the subsequent change in law that may occur as to who can then get married, it would not take away the validity of those lawful marriages."

The Sex Panic

The conference's other hot topic was the ongoing fighting between New York's Sex Panic! group and its supporters, and gay authors Michelangelo Signorile, Gabriel Rotello and Larry Kramer and their supporters.

Sex Panic! says gay men are under renewed attack from politicians, cops and, most disturbingly, gay "neo-conservative" writers who disapprove of promiscuity, sex clubs, backrooms, 'tea rooms,' cruisy adult bookstores and so-called public sex.

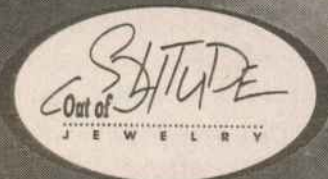
The "neo-cons" have been writing and speaking in favor of reduced gay-male promiscuity and monogamy. Signorile's new book takes aim at the drug abuse and unsafe sex at circuit parties, while Rotello's "Sexual Ecology" attempts to prove that core groups of promiscuous urban gay men are passing on HIV at a rate high enough to keep the AIDS epidemic alive.

A day-long Sex Panic! Summit explored the issue in detail from the sex-activists' point of view [see separate article] while an NGLTF town meeting on the topic degenerated at times into a shouting match about "barebacking," the deliberate decision to have anal sex without condoms.

A few of the men among the 200 attendees at the town meeting defended — or at least tried to explain the reasons for — barebacking, while a few visibly upset les-

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bians implied that if gay men are going to irresponsibly infect themselves then lesbians are done being sympathetic.

NGLTF was criticized for stacking the meeting's panel with only Sex Panic! supporters. Lobel responded that the panelists themselves were "fairly irrelevant" given the town-meeting format.

"People here have so many different perspectives that I'll be shocked if they're not all presented by the participants at the town forum," she said before the meeting began. "Did NGLTF drop the ball on a number of things? Absolutely. Do we every year? Yes. Should people take it personally. No."

Keynote speakers at this year's Creating Change conference included lesbian California state legislator Sheila Kuehl, National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization Executive Director Martin Ornelas-Quintero, youth activist Roland Santos Coloma, and dyke author Dorothy Allison, who wrote *Bastard Out of Carolina*.

"This conference creates a place once a year where activists and organizers from all over the country have the opportunity to be together, to share information, resources and ideas, and to go home better prepared to get the work done in what is, in my mind, truly the grass roots, dealing with issues at the local and state levels," summed up Conference Director Sue Hyde.

Next year's conference is in Pittsburgh.

Green Bay's Angels of Hope Dedicate New Building

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

Green Bay — Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Green Bay has experienced phenomenal growth. District Coordinator Judy Dale of Louisville, KY called it "The Little Church that Could" in her sermon on Sunday, November 16th.

"I will be telling the other churches about Green Bay's accomplishments. I truly believe that one day soon you will be in one of our cathedrals. Angels is reaching out to smaller communities, helping to form groups. Yours is a success story of the highest magnitude. Who would have believed this was possible eleven years ago?" said Dale.

Eleven years ago, Angels of Hope began in a small room at Napalese bar with a few members. Later, they moved to meeting room at Center Project.

"Again and again the membership was devastated by AIDS," Dale said emotionally. Angels so struggled that the district MCC office considered closing the Green Bay church.

In 1995, the Rev. Ken Hull came to Green Bay. Hull, a retired pastor for the Disciples of Christ who had transferred his ministry to MCC after coming out as a gay man, took over the congregation. With the help of his partner, Harry, they began building the membership. In 1996, Rev. Hull bought a small building on Forest, which he rented to MCC for a small amount. They celebrated the tenth anniversary of Angels of Hope at that location.

"We began to outgrow this building soon. And with our larger membership,

we were able to buy our own building."

The new site is at 3607 Libal St. in Green Bay. It is a large brick building in a residential neighborhood with a meeting room and large kitchen facilities downstairs. Childcare and children's activities are also held downstairs.

"Our members are men, women, and children. We have seven or eight little ones in Sunday School. We perform baptisms, commitment ceremonies, the whole spectrum. I think the GLBT community has been very responsive to our church — a church that celebrates homosexuality as another of God's wonderful creations," states Hull.

More than 80 people attended the church dedication on Sunday, including visitors from the Appleton branch, which Rev. Hull also organized and serves as pastor. Angels also has a newly-formed choir, in addition to piano and organ music.

A special musical guest, recording artist Terry Lee Ousley, also performed at the special service. After the ceremonies, a large dinner was held downstairs.

* For more information on Metropolitan Community Churches and Angels of Hope in both Appleton and Green Bay, contact Rev. Hull at (920) 432-0830 or (920) 983-7453. Services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 3607 Libal St. in Green Bay and at 5:00 p.m. at 110 Locust St. in Appleton.

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Medication Management Group Offered for Persons with HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is still offering its Medication Management Group. The Medication Management Group helps answer questions and explain routines to help increase the effectiveness of medications taken by HIV positive or AIDS infected individuals.

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

The Medication Management support group is designed to explain the details, answer questions and suggest compliance strategies.

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

The Medication Management Group's next meeting is Tuesday, December 9, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bay View Library, 2566 South Kinnickinnic (south of Lincoln Ave.). For more information about this group and other services available at ARCW's HIV Health Clinic, call 414-225-1571. For more information on HIV and AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDSline at 414-273-AIDS.

Positive Voice Holiday Dinner

Green Bay — Mark your calendars for December 12, and attend the Fourth Annual Positive Voice Holiday Dinner at the Woodside Country Club in East Green Bay. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails at the cash bar, with dinner following at 7 p.m. As part of the festivities there will be a "white elephant" gift exchange. Attendees are asked to bring two rummage-sale quality items wrapped in newspaper for the gift exchange.

Costs are \$14 for PV members and \$16 for nonmembers. Reservations must be made no later than December 6. For more information call PV at (414) 499-5533 and leave a message. The Club is located by taking Mason Street east (it becomes Finger Road) one mile past the the I-43 exchange and then turning left. The Club is located two blocks north on Erie Road.

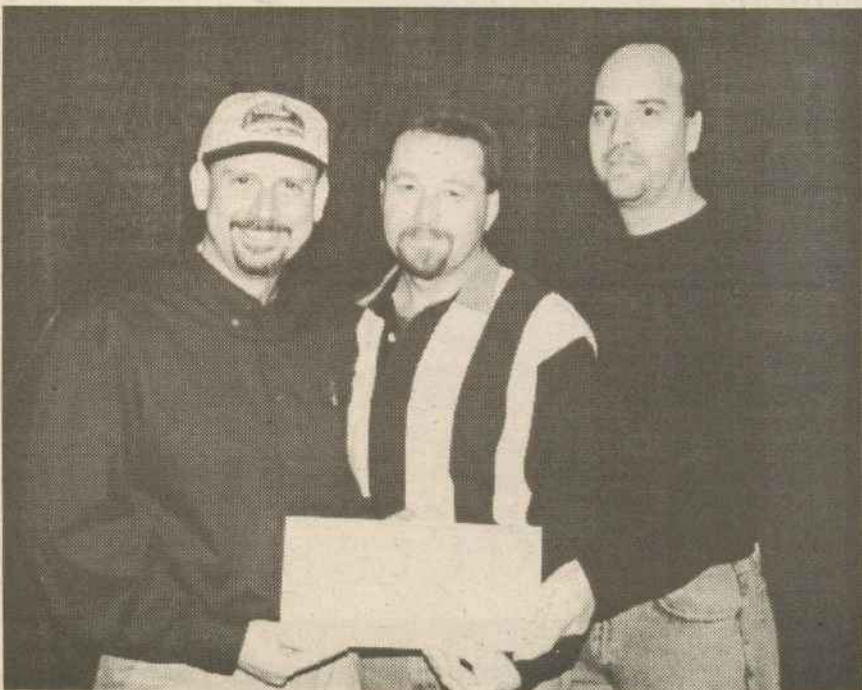
Jolly Holly Folly ARCW Benefit Slated

Milwaukee — Join the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) for its holiday benefit, a Jolly Holly Folly, on Tuesday, December 2.

"This spectacular evening of spirits, food and theater begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Milwaukee Center Arboretum and Gallery, 108 E. Wells St., with cocktails, from Miller Brewing Company and Skyy Vodka, and hors d'oeuvres provided by 25 of Milwaukee's finest restaurants and chefs," said Marge Beil, ARCW director of special events. "The food and ambiance are perfect to get into the holiday spirit, and you get to enjoy an evening at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater as well."

Participating restaurants include: African Hut; Allen Bradley Co.; Bark River Inn; Bartolotta Ristorante; Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro; Bear Brew Coffee; Boulevard Inn; Cafe Marche; Club Forest; Crawdaddy's; Design Decore; Richard Steele; Ed Debevic's; Fritz's On Second; Grill 720; King and I; La Boulangerie; La Conca D'Oro; La Perla; Lee John's Catering; M&M Club; Palermo Villa; The Pasta Tree; Suzy's Cream Cheesecakes; Wells Street Station.

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Tickets are \$75 and \$100. Sponsors are Miller Brewing Company, Skyy Vodka and WFMR FM 98.3. All proceeds benefit AIDS prevention, research and care for people living with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin. For more information or to order tickets, call 414-225-1549. Last year, over 600 people attended the first-time event.

Womyn's Craft Fair at Our Space

Milwaukee-- The Our Space group at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee announces its annual Womyn's Holiday Craft Fair. The Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 7 at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave. on Milwaukee's east side from 1 to 5 p.m.

Artists, craftswomen, and healing arts providers from Milwaukee and the Midwest will show off their work. Join them to support women artists and find the perfect gift for the special people in your life. The Fair is open to the lesbian community, friends and family. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information call (414) 271-2565.

Bi Definition Discussion Group Meetings

Milwaukee — Bi Definition, Milwaukee's bisexual social, support, and activist organization, will meet on Saturday, December 6 at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. starting at 7 p.m. The group will discuss issues related to coping with holiday stresses among other topics.

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

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

Bi Definition strives to have a diverse membership, so a special invitation is extended to all various ethnicities, youth/aged, orientations and physically and mentally challenged persons. For further information, please call Steve at (414) 483-5046.

Shorelines' Holiday Party At Just Us

Milwaukee — Shoreline will be hosting its Annual Holiday Party/Fundraiser for the AIDS Quilt on Saturday, December 13 at Just Us, 807 South Fifth Street from 7 p.m. until closing. Put on your boots and jeans and kick up your heels with free tow-step and line dance instruction and lots of country dancing. Free beer and munchies will be available along with surprise \$1 holiday gifts. Will your \$1 box contain something nice or a white elephant? You won't know 'till you open it up. Later in the evening Shoreline will present a new holiday dance routine.

Those of you having trouble meeting your recruitment quota will have the opportunity to win a new toaster oven. Proceeds from the raffle and the \$1 gifts will be donated to the maintenance of the AIDS Quilt, created last year by shoreline in memory of three of it's founding members.

Shoreline, Milwaukee's gay and lesbian country/western dance group, provides free dance instruction every Saturday night at Just Us. They are available for performances and fund-raisers and other causes. New members are always welcome. For more information write Shoreline Dancers at PO Box 92273, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0273 or call Just Us at (414) 383-2233.

"Homo for the Holidays" Workshop

Milwaukee — Want to bring your boyfriend or girlfriend home for the holidays? Don't know how your uncle would take it? Should you bring your partner to the company party? Will grandma have that heart attack your mother has been threatening? Get some tips about how to include your partner in upcoming social gatherings at "Homo For the Holidays," and then enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at a "Schmooze & Cruise" holiday party.

On Tuesday, December 9, just in time for the winter holidays, Gary Hollander, Ph.D., and Cathy Arney, CICSW, CMFT, will lead a discussion about bringing your partner home for the holidays, and other related issues. There will be plenty of time for questions and dialogue.

Following the discussion there will be a "Schmooze & Cruise" holiday party complete with food, beverages and a special visit from Santa, with goodies for all good boys and girls.

"Many of us in the LGBT community experience extra anxiety and tension around the holidays. This will be an opportunity for us to talk about our frustrations and come to solutions in dealing with families and coworkers during the holiday season," said Andy Bagnall, Manager of Gay & Lesbian Outreach at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). "The holiday party is our way to thank the LGBT community for its continued support throughout the year."

Please join the ARCW Gay & Lesbian Outreach Staff and guest facilitators at the M&M Club (2nd floor), 124 N. Water Street, Milwaukee. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. and schmoozing starts at 8 p.m.

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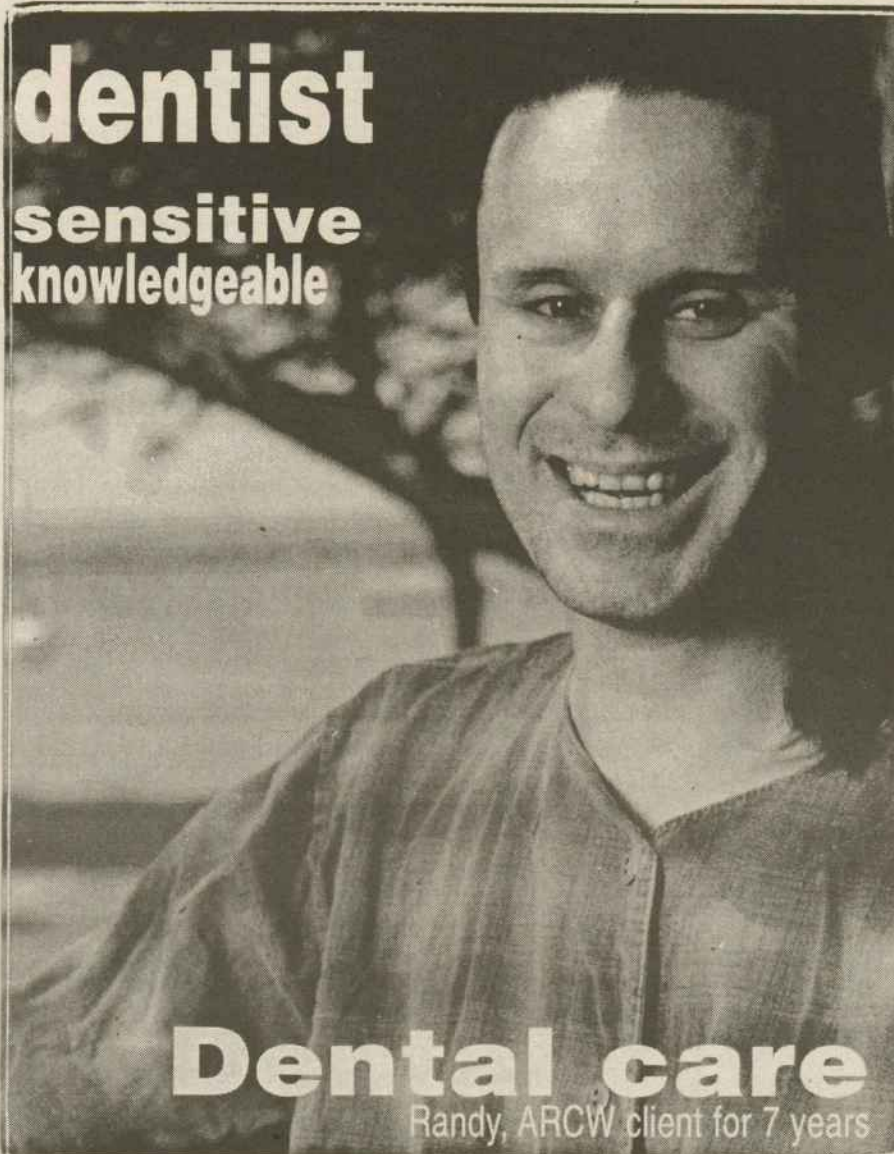


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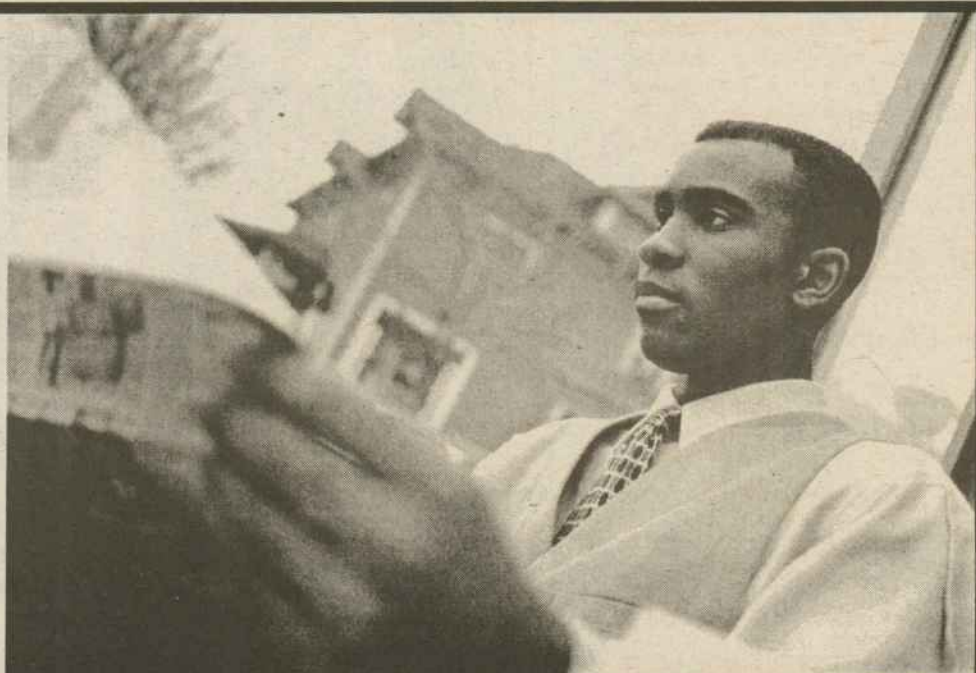
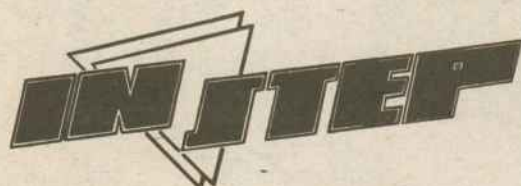
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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

I've been spending the last couple of weeks re-lining my cocoon for the Winter, so to speak. Major cleaning, new this and that, organizing the photos (yikes!), painting, all those things that make your home more comfortable for the indoor season.

It all started because my roommate Kim Z's family is coming from Iowa for Thanksgiving weekend. I'll be serving the full turkey day feast to them on Friday. Thanksgiving Day is at a friend's house, and I have a command to bring the stuffing, so that means things don't stop after Wednesday evening.

Gotta' dig out all the recipes (I make a renowned sausage/apple/craisin stuffing) to get things just right... to my standards, and I'd do this whether I was cooking a Friday Thanksgiving meal for his family, or just for a few of us. There are still a number of other things on my numerous "to do" lists aside from the food and right now, it just seems like an overwhelming amount of work ahead of me, but I'm confident it will all get done and the weekend will turn out fine. I'll try not to bitch too much (better double up on the St. John's Wort) but I do get testy when people crowd me in my cramped kitchen.

This Thanksgiving gives me great pause and much to be thankful for. I'm still alive, and doing quite well, thank you! Last Thanksgiving I was in the middle of my Leukemia chemotherapy treatments and wasn't sure what the future held. My leukemia remains in remission. Earlier this week, I received a call from one of my doctors to inform me that my HIV viral load is back down to an undetectable level, the first time since May, and after four drug changes. Obviously, the two newest drugs are working, and I'm very thankful (and so is my doctor) because they are the last anti-HIV drugs that are currently available on the market.

I'm also thankful for all of my friends in the community who have been so supportive and loving. I've had so many good wishes and hugs in the last few months that it's nearly overwhelming. I'm thankful to the close core group who I spend the most time with for putting up with me: Kim, Nel, and Joe. Since what is left of my family (brother, sister-in-law, niece and nephew, aunts, uncles, cousins) are back in Pennsylvania, I'll just keep them close in my heart. I'm also very happy that Kim's family is coming, because they've taken me into their big-hearted Iowa bosom and I look forward to hosting them.

Life is good, and I'm going to do my best to enjoy it while I can.

World AIDS Day is December 1st. Wear a Red Ribbon, attend a Memorial Service, Light a Candle in your front window, and if you are a Net Nut, participate in the first ever Electronic March on Washington. This is the tenth annual World AIDS Day and this year the theme is *Give Children Hope in a World With AIDS*. The event helps to focus on the continuing fight against AIDS in a global way: the magnitude of the pandemic is real.

By wearing a red ribbon and lighting a candle at dusk, you show your commitment to the fight in a unified way. The "Until It's Over" E-March will take place on the AIDS Action Council website at www.aidsaction.org and once connected "marchers" will be presented with a virtual version of the Washington Mall (where national marches traditionally take place) and can participate by signing on to a message to the nations leaders reminding them that America is committed to AIDS "until it's over". The website will also feature public speakers, an official updated account of attendees, and a virtual "booth" to order t-shirts and other stuff relating to this historic effort. The Wisconsin chapter of AIDS Action would love to see over 5,000 e-marchers from our state connect on that particular day.

And if you have a moment, give Wisconsin U.S. Rep. David Obey a call at (202) 225-3365 and thank him for his strong leadership on securing HOPWA Funding (that rural Wisconsin was at risk of losing) and for his commitment to pushing for the highest possible AIDS funding levels in the Labor/HHS Bill. Encourage him to continue his leadership and remind him how crucial this funding is to our community.

The fire that blazed through the King Drive building that was planned as the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center may have affected the historic building, but did not dowse the desire for a home of our own. A community meeting on Monday evening (after my morning deadline) will have more information on whether it will still be feasible to re-hab the building, or whether the Center Board will have to look elsewhere.

The Committee has leaped many obstacles in their path to this point, and this is just another one that has to be dealt with. They have proved how capable and determined they are, so I expect very little delay in plans. (But, God, what grief those of you closest to the project must have felt as you watched the building engulfed in flames! My heart goes out to all of you.)

Goldie and a cavalcade of stars helped raise \$727 plus two palettes of food for the Milwaukee AIDS Pantry during their Club 219 fundraiser recently. The money and food were a needed shot in the arm for the Pantry just prior to the holiday needs. Goldie came out of drag retirement and brought along lots of friends who donated their time and considerable talents. Thanks to all.

DRAG UPDATE: Mary Richards, former 219 Girl, and bearer of many Wisconsin titles, was recently crowned Miss Gay 90's in Minneapolis. You go girrrrr! Come back and see us soon.

The infamous New York drag superstar, Lady Bunny, of *Wigstock* (the movie and the annual event) and *Drag Queens of New York* coffee table book fame, will be making the rounds sponsored by Winston(!) cigarettes. Her Wisconsin performances include Madison's *Manoeuvres* on Dec. 11, and Milwaukee's Club 219 on Dec. 10. She's Wicked!

The Miss La Cage contest is slated for Dec. 15, plenty of



time to prepare for the delayed Mr. & Miss Wisconsin Pageant in February.

My mind isn't on this column this issue and for once I'm going to be brief. My mind is still racing about all the things I still have to do to get ready for Thanksgiving. But, let me remind you to sit back and reflect about all the good you have to be thankful for. Maybe things seem a little shitty, but there has to be something... if you're reading this you are literate and alive!

Letters

To the Editor:

I can sympathize with the frustration that Patrick Flaherty (Op Ed, Vol. 14, #23) doubtless shares with other members of the Domestic Partnership Task Force, and with most of the gay community after the failure of the Milwaukee Common Council to pass the Domestic Partnership proposal. At the same time, I have to wonder if a lack of funding prevented the task force from seeking competent legal advice.

I'm referring specifically to the clause in the original proposal that the partners had to be "of the same sex." That should have raised a red flag. If someone had proposed and ordinance requiring that the partners had to be "of the same race" or "of the same religion," I don't think very many people would have let it go forward.

If money for a legal opinion was required, Gay Community groups should have provided it. Surely a review of the short ordinance couldn't have been very expensive. It would have been money well spent — as worthwhile as some more publicized causes adopted by community groups.

It's understandable that the authors of the proposal wanted to limit participation, and they were right in that desire, for expansion to include all domestic partners raised the cost greatly. The increased cost provided an excuse for some to vote against the proposal who would otherwise have found a negative stand awkward.

One wonders whether some way to limit participation other than using a requirement likely to conflict with Wisconsin's anti-discrimination laws could have been found

(For example, a requirement that the partners had been refused a marriage license). If nothing could be devised, perhaps the issue should have been dropped rather than face a spectacular public defeat and the demoralization of those who gave so much time and effort to working for its passage.

Not having been a part of the effort, I don't know details of the activity and hope my speculations aren't too far afield. Perhaps the Milwaukee proposal was based on Chicago's and it was felt legal advice wasn't needed. The level of detail in the proposal suggests that someone with legal training worked on it. But Chicago's proposal didn't have to stand the test of Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law. I would think a Wisconsin lawyer would have raised objections to the proposal as it stood (of course, the City Attorney final did object).

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

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The holiday season means different things for many people. It can mean watching the "classic" holiday movies that are shown annually on television. For others, it might be the excitement of finding the "perfect" tree and decorating the house or apartment with wreaths, garlands and other holiday decorations ala Martha Stewart. And despite the mixed feelings many have about Wisconsin winter weather, many hope for the snowfall on Christmas Eve that reminds them of childhood. Merely having the time to enjoy the holidays with loved ones is another reason why people look forward to this time of year.

But along with good things, there the hassles. The occasional boring office parties that must be attended. The complexities of planning a swank get-together or simple party, or the stress many go through in going to the large family dinner. These are all things that can cause anything from minor headaches to major migraines. But there is one thing that is either more fun than breaking out the special decorations or more stressful than having the turkey fried to a blackened husk... and that is, of course, finding gifts for people.

Finding appropriate gifts during the holiday season can be an art form. Shoppers experience major adrenaline rush or are ready to tear out chunks of their hair by the time the experience is over. A good shopper must correctly anticipate what sort of gifts a person may like. Hitting the right stores can make all the difference in the world for you. If you can properly anticipate the person's taste, shopping is will not always be a traumatic experience. Many stores located in Milwaukee offer shoppers a variety of choices in the gift category, in part one we take a look at just a few.

Located just past the Walker's Point area near the Allan Bradley clock, Designing Men, offers a variety of choices to shop from. From tee-shirts to music, Designing Men offers merchandise that is mainly LGBT orientated.

Music lovers may want to check out either *Out Classics*, *Out Classics II*, or *Classical Erotica I or II* in Designing Men's music section. *Classical Erotica II* features music by Camille Saint-Saknr, Giacomo Puccinni, and Eric Satie that is perfect for playing during a sensual dinner at home or for holiday festivities that will be celebrated later in the evening. *Out Classics I and II* feature music by such renowned gay composers as Copland, Chopin, and Tchaikovsky. These CDs, among non-classical music selections, are generally priced around \$19.99.

For coffee lovers, the "Gay Java" gift set is a perfect choice. Featuring coffee from the "Gay Java" Line, its perfect who need the extra kick of caffeine sometime during the day.

For people who enjoy the visual arts, shoppers may want to consider various art or photo prints. Photographs that feature nude or partially clothed men is an excellent gift idea for people who enjoy art or photography prints in either office or home. Prints by such photographer such as Herb Ritts, Vivian Knox-Thompson, and Dan Nix feature captivating photos of men in intimate moments. Prints usually range from \$19 to \$25 dollars.

If a person wants the words "Daddy," "Drag Queen", or "Girlfriend" emblazoned on one's chest, the store is an ideal place to look. Designing Men's clothing selection also contains t-shirts with "Pride" emblem, such as the Pink Triangle and the Rainbow Colors. Or if the gift receive has a more jagged sense of humor, some of the slogan shirts, such as "That Slut Girl" with a vamped image of the "That Girl" logo will be appealing. For underwear, 2(x)ist (To Exist) and Joe Boxer lines are available in boxers, boxer briefs, briefs, and bikini. T-shirts usually range from \$11.99 to \$21.99 and the underwear selection range from \$9.99 to \$16.99, depending on the cut and style.

Changing Times, located right on Brady Street, has things that appeal to people who lean toward the more alternative. Shoes by such companies as Doc Martens, Muro, GBX, Creepers and Femme Fetiche are available. The shoes come in a variety of styles, from the basic black or brown shoe, to the steeltoe multi-eyelet combat boot, to the patent leather stiletto heels. Shoes can range from \$87.50 to \$150 dollars.

A considerable range of leather jackets are also at the store. Bomber jackets, leather trench or mid-torso coats, and vests are available as well. Although many are in the standard black and brown, there are other jackets that come in such non-traditional colors like red or powder blue. Jackets range from \$200 to \$300 dollars.

People who are looking for Gothic wear can also find clothes that are suitable. Crushed velvet dresses and shirts, leather pants, and dresses and shirts made in a spiderwebbed pattern are ideal gifts for persons who tastes veer toward dark romance. Tight fitting print dresses or shirts in creative designs can also be found in the Gothic section. Gothic gear can range form \$50 to \$150 dollars, depending on the item

bought.

Running the range from subtle to very ornate, the jewelry section is large and diverse. Jewelry with Celtic crosses, pentagrams, and other designs are good gift ideas. Prices for jewelry is between \$6 to \$30 dollars.

For those who prefer a more basic look, Changing Times has a number of t-shirts. T-shirts, featuring slogans such as "How To Use the 'F' word" can be found, and manga shirts are available for fans of Japanese animation. Band tees, featuring the names and logos of music groups can be found as well.

Club wear and fetish wear can be found at Tie Me Down, also located on Brady Street. Latex, rubber, and leather pants in several different colors are ideal gifts for people who like to style it up at the clubs. Several styles of spandex shirts, and shirts and dresses made of a screen mesh material can also be found at the store. Club and fetish gear usually ranges from \$50 to \$70 dollars or more, depending on the piece.

Zippo lighters are making comeback, and Tie Me Down has several with different characters from independent comics on them, such as characters from the comic "Love and Rockets", and characters by the legendary comic book artist R. Crumb.

For those who wants to have someone pierced, Tie Me Down also does piercing. A person can have their navel, tongue, septum (the area between your nostrils, or labret (the area between one's lower lip and chin pierced). Piercings can range in price between \$45 to \$60 dollars, depending on the body part.

People who like comics might want to check out Capital City Comics, located right inside the building where The Coffee Trader is located. Posters, t-shirts, and prints might make a gift for the comic book fan. Also, collected volumes of various comic book storylines can be found at Capital City.

For those who enjoy comics written on an intelligent angle, any one of the collected volumes from DC's "Sandman" series makes an excellent gift. Written by award-winning author

Neil Gaiman, the volumes contain the adventures of a character who controls the world of dreams. "Preludes and Nocturnes," "The Doll's House," "The Seasons of Mists," and "The Kindly Ones" are editions that a comic book enthusiast might enjoy. Other noteworthy titles include the "Cerebus" collected volumes, "Strangers in Paradise: I Dream of You," and Frank Miller's "Sin City" tales.

If a persons knows that focus of their gift shopping enjoys superhero books more, there are several collected editions that might be worth getting. X-Men's "The Dark Phoenix Saga," "Wonder Woman: The Contest," and "Justice League America: New World Order" might be gift options.

Also comics and videos drawn in the recently popular manga and anime style might be good options too. T-shirts and posters with characters or logos are good ideas for those who like a little color and adventure on the page. Collected editions range from \$11 to \$25 dollars, and poster and shirts range from \$15 to \$30 dollars.

For taste that might be a bit more literary, AfterWords is a good place to find books. Excellent coffee table books include "Factory", a book on male photography by Eric Faber, "The Essential Duane Michaels," and the "Kama Sutra of Gay Sex" by Bjorn Andersen and Dr. Ray Lightbown. Photobooks range form \$30 to \$60 dollars.

Noteworthy fiction includes "A Live Coal in The Sea" by Madelien L'Engle, "Fearful Symmetry" by Greg Bills, "Mysterious Skin" by Scott Heim, "The Mists of Avalon" by Marion Zimmer Bradley, and "The Beauty of Men" by Andrew Holleran.

Nonfiction titles that might be a person might enjoy included "Sex Between Men" by Douglas Sadownick, "A Century of Women" by Sheila Roubotham, and "Couples" by John Gettings, a pictorial book on gay and lesbian couples.

If shopping at home is more your style, catalogs are the way to go. The Tzabaco Catalog billed as the "modern general store," has some of the most original gift ideas — especially for those special names on your list, the pets in your life. From Christmas stockings filled with kitty and dog treats to doggie towels for wiping his muddy feet to the very cute "Cat-in-the-Box" birchwood box in which a very smug calico cat clutching a mouse springs from from its hiding place when the front panel is pressed. Tzabaco has a range of items unlike any other catalog, prices range from \$6 for cat treats up to \$89 for the "Cat-in-the-Box". If you can't get the Tzabaco Catalog before you begin your holiday shopping, be sure to get it before you finish there are plenty of unique items for your two legged friends as well... you'll love it. Call Tzabaco at 1-800-856-1667.

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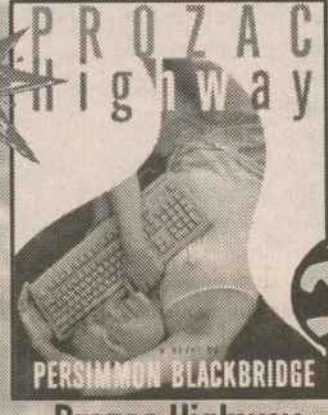
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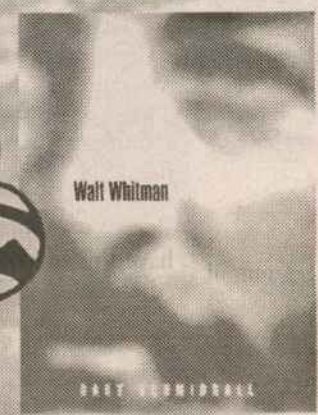
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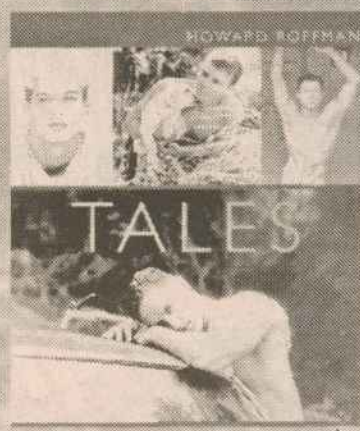
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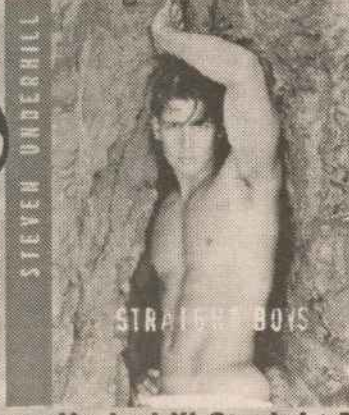
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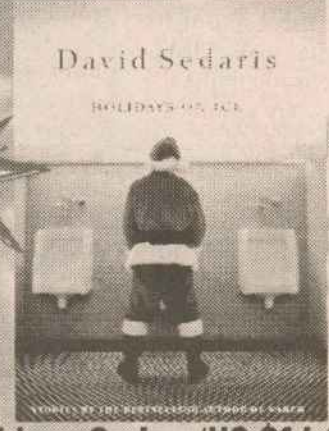
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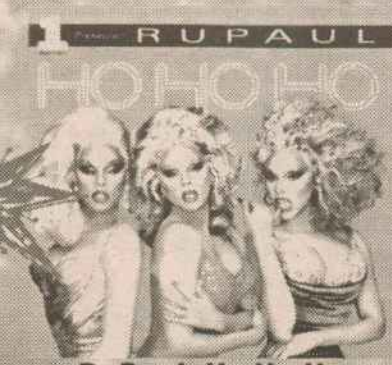
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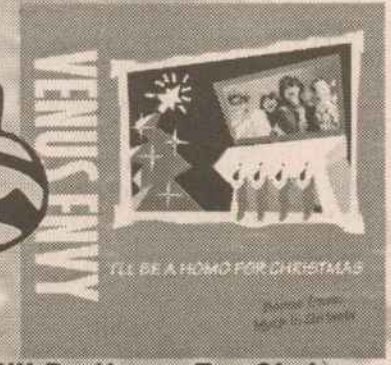
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The Lady Chablis

by Tim Nasson

New York City — The last time I conversed with The Lady Chablis (yes, her legal first, middle and last names), it was on the telephone. She in her apartment in South Carolina, (was in while she was taking a bubble bath as I recall?). At the time, nearly a year ago, she was proud to be a fledgling author. "Hiding My Candy", a spin-off, if you will, of the three years and counting New York Times best-selling non-fiction book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil".

In "Midnight...", gay author John



Berendt chronicled Chablis' (even her eighty-seven year old grandmother calls her by the name — "She'd get out of breath calling me 'The Lady Chablis'") life as a drag queen, or 'female impersonator' as she likes to be labeled, in Savannah during the early eighties.

Like a small fish in an ocean, Chablis quickly found herself in a body of water that was very intimidating, with a lot of big fish trying to get close to her.

One of the biggest fish happened to be Clint Eastwood who took Chablis' comment of wanting to work on the film version of "Midnight..." very seriously.

"Listen child," she said to me, arriving to do the interview over forty minutes (fashionably?) late. "First of all, forgive me for keeping you waiting. I had to walk over here from my hotel since there weren't enough rooms for me here at this one. The 'Doll' is just not used to walking". Or getting up at the ungodly hour of noon on a Saturday in New York City.

"People think that I lobbied for the part in the movie. I couldn't have cared less if I was in the movie to be honest with you. I am happy the way things turned out and that Clint decided on using me to play myself, but the whole story of how I became involved in the film was misinterpreted from the very beginning," she says, sipping from her tea with honey, still recovering from the food poisoning that caused her to get to NYC three days late.

"What I HAD said to Clint when I knew he was ready to begin casting the film was, 'If you want the film to win an Academy Award, you best cast me as myself,'" say added, with the bravado that has made her one of the most sought after performers in the south.

That comment would obviously lead to the question of how much she enjoyed playing herself in the film and what she thought of her performance.

"I have not even seen the film yet," she said, "I am waiting for the right opportunity to see it. I missed the first screening of it that you saw the other

night. I may go to the premiere in Hollywood, but honestly, I think I may stay home and wait for it to open so I can see it with my friends. That is more important to me, seeing it with friends."

Not the answer that many would expect the 'Doll' to utter.

"Working on the film was a unique experience," she said, "It was scary at first, but Clint made me feel very comfortable and made the task so much easier for me."

Chablis' own book is on the way to being adapted for the big screen, but she (who went off on Liz Smith for referring to her as he/she in a recent column, "I am a she," Chablis reiterates, "What if I called her she/he?" undoubtedly referring to Smith's reported lesbianism) has no big desire to step into her own shoes again in front of the camera. "I don't know if I have what it takes to do this again. I never set out to be an 'actress'. All I know for sure is that I am getting paid nicely for the film to be made into a movie."

Chablis (who states her age is forty, has been comfortably adorning herself with woman's attire since fourteen) spends a lot of her time in the southern United States doing her show which has lately been attracting a large heterosexual audience. "I think that I am proof that straight people now respect gays more. I don't mind that they laugh at me on stage. That is what I am there to make them do. I think that is where the laughter stops thankfully. I don't find or hear that many straight people laugh behind my back about me. For the ones that do, I just have this to say, 'Two tears in a bucket. Mother-fuck it.'" Or, for the comedically challenged, 'Get over it'.

"I decided to move to South Carolina, because I felt that living in Savannah all year long, I had no privacy. It made it hard to do a show there if people saw me everywhere I went. I couldn't even go to Piggly Wiggly inconnegro. That is out of costume for the white people who wouldn't understand that," she says. "I love performing in Savannah though. In fact the city takes in over \$100 million a year in tourist revenue. The number one reason people go there is to see Mercer House. The second reason is to see me, child."

Chablis is not used to the sudden movie fame, which really hasn't even began with the public yet. "Usually when I am the talk of the town, I am doing all the talking".

Talking about an Academy Award nomination many in Hollywood and the press are doing after having seen her performance. And hers is not the only gay one destined to snag a nomination this year. Rupert Everett is a shoo-in for "My Best Friend's Wedding", but there is also Greg Kinnear for his role as an AIDS patient in "As Good As It Gets" opposite Jack Nicholson this Christmas and Robert Downey Jr. for the same type of role, in "One Night Stand" who could get nods.

Whether Chablis decides to jump in front of the camera again to play herself again or later on down the line in another role remains to be seen. She does have someone in mind to play herself thought if she decides not too. "I admire Whoopi Goldberg. She actually called and expressed interest in playing me in "Midnight..." I thought to myself, 'She would be good except for the fact that she doesn't look good in red lipstick and the 'Doll' only wears red."

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Carolynne Warren as Miss Adelaide and Jay Jivoff as Nathan Detroit in the Skylight Opera's production of *Guys & Dolls*. Photo: Paul Horpedahl.

Skylight Opera Presents "Guys & Dolls"

Milwaukee — Skylight Opera Theater continues its 39th season with *Guys & Dolls* with music and lyrics by Fran Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Set against the color of New York City's high lights and low life, this fable of love, marriage and temperance is based on a story and characters by Damon Runyan. Winner of Drama Critics' Circle Award and three Tony awards, *Guys & Dolls* includes such memorable songs as "Luck be a Lady" and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat." *Guys & Dolls* is sponsored by ANR pipeline Company.

Nathan Detroit searches for a new location to hold his legendary crap game while he evades marriage to Adelaide, his chorus-girl fiancée of 14 years. As a device to get the money he needs for the game, Nathan bets Sky Masterson, a notorious gambler and womanizer, that he cannot sweep Miss Sarah Brown, the Salvation Army lass, off to Havana.

As Sky and Sarah fall in love, and Nathan's crap game proceeds furiously, Nathan

and Big Jule square off on a bet that Nathan can't win. With Lady Luck on his side, Sky saves Nathan and honors his promise to Sarah to save the Mission by filling it with his fellow gamblers. The testimonies begin and all are redeemed. After all the bets are laid, love wins out as Adelaide and Sarah marry their men.

The production will be in the Cabot Theater and tickets are available at the Broadway Theater Center Box Office. Tickets range in price from \$21.25 to \$43.25 (tax included) and discounts are available for seniors and students. For more information and tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Holiday Event at Gallery 218

Milwaukee — Gallery 218/The Walkers Point Artists Association will present the 9th Annual *Feliz Navidoodads* show December 12, 13, and 14. This holiday sale, located at 218 South 2nd Street, transforms the gallery space into a holiday bazaar, providing visitors with a unique shopping environment.

Twenty artists will be displaying and selling jewelry, glass, ornaments, oil paintings, watercolors, photographs, tin-can banjos, hats, knitwear and much more. Refreshments will be available. Special hours for this event are Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is a food donation for the *Hunger Task Force/Food For Families Campaign*. A few spaces are still available for artists. In addition, the exhibit "Artists Wreaths," an all media show of unique wreaths created by area artists will be on display. All wreaths are for sale with half the proceeds to benefit the gallery. Wreaths are still being accepted. A prize will be awarded for "Viewer's Choice." Gallery 218 is a not-for-profit, artists-run, alternative space dedicated to providing opportunities to area artists. For more information call (414) 277-7800.

Bay City Chorus Holiday Concert

Green Bay — "Because It's Christmas" is the theme of this year's Bay City Chorus Holiday Concert, which will be performed on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00pm, at Peace United Methodist Church, 919 Schwartz Street, in Green Bay.

The concert will include a variety of musical selections from traditional to contemporary, and a sing-along of old time holiday favorites. The fun afternoon will be just the thing to get you in the holiday spirit!

Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. For advance ticket sales and for more information, call (Green Bay) 437-8449.

Broom Street Theater Presents "Di, Princess Di"

Madison — She was the "people's princess" and a legend in her own time. Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson Street, presents its latest production *Di, Princess Di*, the story of Diana Princess of Wales, written and directed by Joel Gersmann. This is the first play ever written about Dana Spenser, an unconventional woman whose dramatic life and death cause huge outpourings of love and affection throughout the world.

In the cast are Broom Street veterans John Sable, Isa Norwood, Robert Moccero, Dan Jacobson, and Bob Thurmer. Also starring are newcomers Liz Erber and Sean Lawler. Stephanie Turner makes her Broom Street Theater debut in the featured part of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

The production set design is by Rick Vondran, painting design by Richard Swaback, lighting design by Luke Delwiche, and light/sound engineering by Jennifer Harding. *Di, Princess Di* is Joel Gersmann's 107th production at Broom Street Theater.

All shows are at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 14 through December 21. Tickets are \$7 at the door only (sorry, no reservations). For more information call (608) 244-8338.

"Men Together — Portraits of Love, Commitment, and Life"

A nice addition to any coffee table, and a nice addition to your Christmas list for the guy who has everything is "Men Together/Portraits of Love, Commitment, and Life."

A hardcover book loaded with wonderfully sensual (not graphic!) photographs of male couples photographed by a marvelously talented photographer David Fields; and personalized essays about the couples by Anderson Jones.

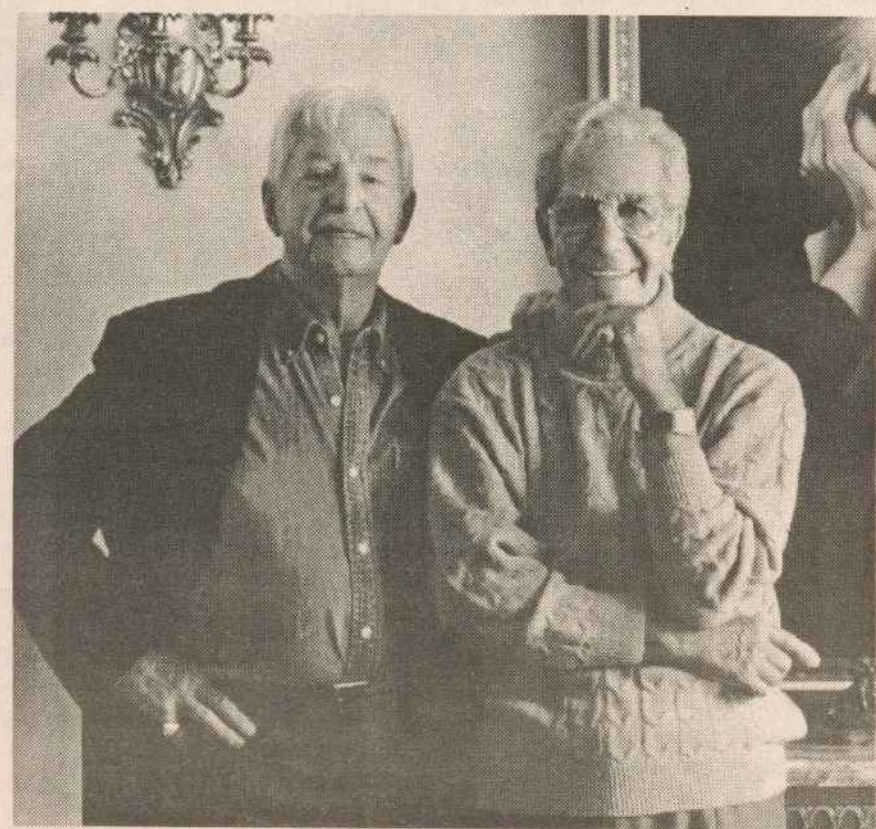
These are stories of twenty-nine couples (men) whose loving, committed relationships have endured in spite of social norms, pressures from family and friends, and expectations about what it means to be a man in this world. These couples include some famous and not-

so-famous faces.

Anderson Jones is an on-line editor with Turner Network Television's "Rough Cut" website and a freelance writer who contributes frequently to the *New York Times*, *Out* magazine, *Entertainment Weekly*, *TV Guide*, and *Genre* magazine.

David Fields has been a portrait photographer and photojournalist since 1980. His work has appeared in *Arena*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Esquire*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, and many other publications. He is also the photographer for "Georges Perrier — Le BecFin Recipes," from Running Press.

Pictured from the right, Mr. Blackwell (of the famous worst dressed list) and R.L. Spencer in the entry hall of their home.



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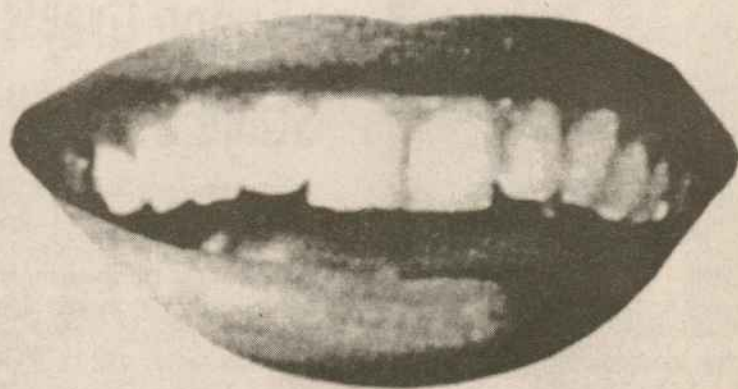
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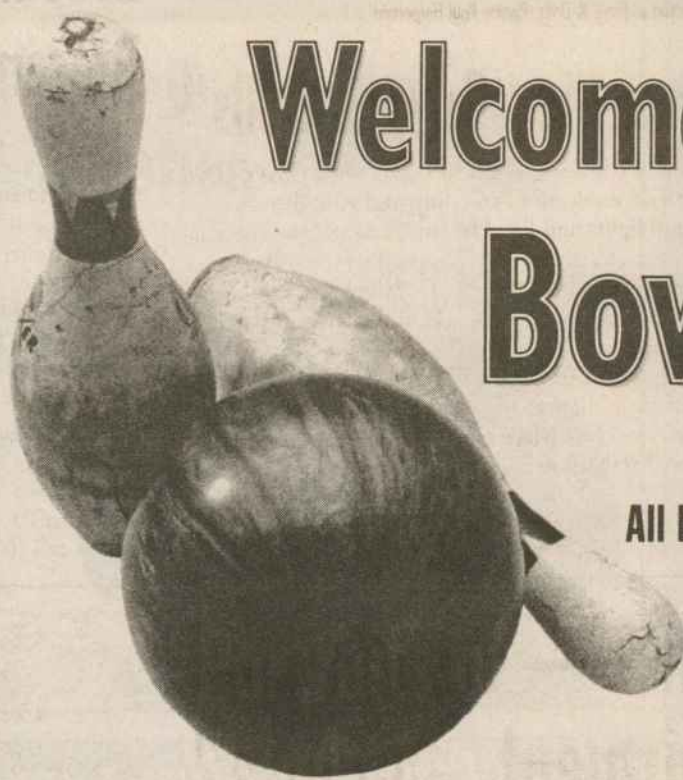
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Next Act Theater Readies Production of Simon Gray's "Stage Struck"

Milwaukee — Next Act Theater's production of *Stage Struck*, a play by Simon Gray, one of England's most celebrated and popular playwrights will have its opening night December 5 at 8 p.m. at the Stiemke Theater, 108 East Wells Street. The play will run through December 21 (there will be a preview performance on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.).

Stage Struck tells a tale of a cleverly concocted labyrinth of intrigue and deception. The beleaguered back-stage husband of a theater and film diva stages the biggest show of his career as he takes revenge on her not-so-secret lover. This delicious British suspense thriller has more twist and turns than a bent corkscrew. The theatrical thrills of lighting-fast dialog, gripping suspense and shocking surprise will keep audiences on the edges of their seats.

The cast includes David Ceasarini as the down-trodden husband, Carrie Hitchcock plays the superstar wife, Steve Koehler takes on the role of Herman, and Norman Moses rounds out the cast as Widdecombe. Johnathan Smoots will direct. J. Branson is the scenic designer. Lighting will be by local lighting designer Eric Appleton. Jill Lyons is prop designer and Marsha Kuligowski is the costume designer.

Tickets are available for the production are available at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office. Prices range from \$15 (preview) to \$18, \$22 and \$26. There will be a Talkback immediate-

ly after the December 11 and December 18 performances. Student, senior and group discounts are available. For ticket prices and more information call (414) 224-9490.

UWM Student Film & Video Festival

Milwaukee — The Fall 1997 Student Film & Video Festival at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be held Friday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in the UWM Union Theater, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Coordinated and sponsored by the student-run University Film Services, UWM Theater, and the UWM Department of Film, the festival includes original student films and videos from many perspectives. Entries include experimental, experimental narrative, and documentary films.

Entries are juried by film department students. The doors for the festival open at 7 p.m., and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$3.50 for students and seniors and \$4.50 for the general public. For more information call (414) 229-5656.

Cream City Chorus "Home for the Holidays"

Milwaukee — Traditional Christmas music is the fare at the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus' holiday concert this year. "Home for the Holidays" will take you back to memories of voices raised in

praise and celebration, including many of the standard and most beautiful songs of the Christmas season. The concert marks the first major performance under the direction of Ken McMonagle, who assumed the role of Music Director in September.

"Home for the Holidays" will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 7 at St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and are available at BESTD Clinic, M&M Club, and AfterWords Bookstore. Tickets are also available from chorus members or by contacting the chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC; or by mail to PO Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1488.

Bel Canto Chorus Holiday Concert

Milwaukee — Let the horns sound and the trumpets blaze as Milwaukee's highly acclaimed Bel Canto Chorus ushers in the holiday season with a very special Christmas concert on Saturday, December 6 at 8 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church, 1755 North Calhoun Road.

The Bel Canto Chorus and Chamber Orchestra will perform Rutter's "Gloria" and Nelson's "A Christmas Story" followed by an audience sing-along of beloved carols. Ticket prices are \$15 and \$20. For more information contact the Bel Canto office at (414) 476-6640.

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Tickets are \$18 for Wednesdays (except New Year's Eve), Thursdays and Sundays; \$22 for Fridays and Saturdays. The Sunday, December 28 performance will be interpreted in American Sign Language. For more information, times and to purchase advance tickets call (608) 266-9055, TTD: (608) 267-2674. The Madison Civic Center box office is located at 821 University Drive.

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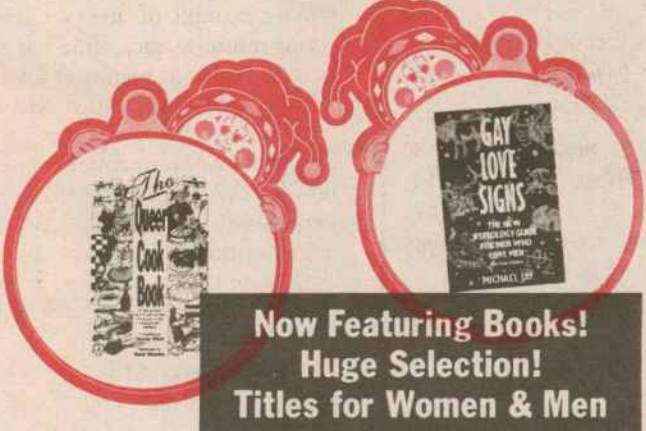
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Activities:

Thursday, November 27

WinterFest - (Milwaukee): This will be the last year to use the skating rink at Cathedral Square Park. The blade-work will continue through January 18, 1998. For weekly activity information, check out the sign boards posted around the Park.

Saturday, November 29

FrontRunners - Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Meet 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.

Saturday, December 6

FrontRunners - Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Meet 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): Play at U.W. Engelmann Gym From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring gym shoes & \$2 to help defray costs. FMI (414) 264-9180.

Madison Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Practice/instruction at 8 p.m. Beginners welcome. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings). Also on December 20 at 8 p.m.

Windy City Naturists - Swimming (Chicago): An evening of swimming at 5:30 p.m. FMI, location & costs call (847) 451-1138.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Evening Women's Bowling (Milwaukee): Meet at Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Ave. at 7 p.m. \$2 per game, includes shoes and tax.. FMI call Ball Bob at (414) 264-5020.

Wisconsin Aids Ride '98 - Bike Ride Orientation Schedule (Milwaukee): If you plan to join the ride in Wisconsin in July of 1998, to benefit Camp Heartland & 6 other WI AIDS Organizations, here are the orientation location dates across the state: Appleton 12/3; Eau Claire 12/11; Green Bay 12/16; Kenosha 12/13; La Crosse 12/17; Madison 12/4; Milwaukee 12/6; Mand Wausau 12/10. For more information on times & locations call (608) 287-0700 or 1-888-RIDEWIS.

Bar Specials:

Sundays:

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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): Video Dance Party! Come see your favorite sporting events. Bloody Marys \$1.50. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. to 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.

Kirby's (Madison): Packer Sundays with a \$4 Beer Bash!

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.

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

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, tap 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 Bud products are \$1.

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

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Melrose Place 7-8 p.m. "Rebecca's Private Party" - you're invited! Original vodka \$2.75. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Kirby's (Madison): Melrose & Ally McBeal Mondays with \$2" wide-screen TV & free munchies.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

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

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. 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.).

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!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy Happy Hour - 4 to 5 p.m., \$1 rail & domestic beer. Happy Hour 5 to 9 p.m. Monday Night is 80s Night! \$1.75 rail & domestic beer.

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): XXX 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!

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Karaoke with Prizes! Your hosts are Mark & Sammie. Free & anonymous HIV testing & counseling sponsored by Lake County Health Dept. \$2 vodka drinks.

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

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

Kirby's (Madison): 2nd Tuesday of every month is Fetish Night! FMI call (608) 251-1030.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Progressive Night! Starts 9 p.m. to close. \$1

rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half hour to closing.

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

Scandals (Madison): Happy Hour 9 p.m. to close. \$1.50. taps.

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.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy Happy Hour - 4 to 5 p.m., \$1 rail & domestic beer. Happy Hour 5 to 9 p.m. Spin the Wheel!

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): "Ellen" at 8:30 p.m. Big Wednesday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange at 10 p.m. \$1.50 MGD Lite bottles.

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.

Kirby's (Madison): \$1 taps of Busch & Bud Lite.

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.

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.

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).

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy Happy Hour - 4 to 5 p.m., \$1 rail & domestic

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

If you happen to live in a part of the country where the leaves don't herald the changing season by changing color, you could still tell that winter is coming by the flurry of catalogs that start arriving in your mailbox. The catalogs represent every product you have ever bought in your life, or ever thought about buying—along with a few you've never thought about purchasing, leaving you to wonder how you got on that particular mailing list. My sister, for instance, whose name is Lori King, gets one catalog addressed to "Sergeant King" and another with a full complement of scrubs and other medical-type gear; she is a travel agent and has never been in the military.

The *Wireless* catalog is one that my gal and I receive every year about this time because we once subscribed to Public Radio when we actually had some discretionary cash. The *Wireless* catalog and Public Radio both assume an educated, intelligent audience, and so I like to look through the pages of that catalog and see what smart people think is chic and/or charming these days. When I pause to chuckle at a t-shirt reading "Pardon me, do you have any cheap, yellow mustard?" or a sweatshirt that says "Front" on one side and "Bach" on the other, I know the nerd I thought I'd left behind in high school is still right here with me.

But the *Wireless* item that really caught my eye this time, and gave it a little entrepreneurial glint, were the city-specific Monopoly games. I suppose it's too late for this gift-giving season, but why, I thought, has no one marketed a Lesbianopoly game? It occurs to me that someone may have and I've just missed it and am at this moment about to reinvent the wheel, just like Pat Sajak and Merv Griffin before me. If so, my apologies to the original creator. But I can't resist speculating on how the game would have to be changed to represent the Lesbian Nation (? la Jill Johnston, circa 1973).

To begin with, the tokens would need to be changed, almost en masse. The wheelbarrow could stay, but that may be my bias, having a gardening virtuoso for a girlfriend as I do. Otherwise, I recommend the following

changes: replace the top hat with a baseball cap, the Scottie dog with a wolf dog, the race car with a sports utility vehicle, and the battered old boot with a Doc Marten boot. And the closest most lesbians' hearts ever get to an iron is the gridiron, so maybe exchange the iron token for a football.

Then there's the matter of the properties represented on the board itself. That presents some potential ideological problems. If I were to take the easy way out, I suppose I could just substitute the names of streets in P-town. But being myself one of thousands and thousands of lesbians who have never set foot there, I find it hard to claim that as LesbianLand. So then what? Well, what about using a Michigan Womyn's Music Festival model, with properties like Crone Heights and Jupiter Jump-off and the Twilight Zone? Or maybe the properties should be various and sundry famous lesbian institutions, past and present, like Mountain Moving Coffeehouse and the Ladybug Bar in Chicago, the Duchess Bar in New York, Mona's in San Francisco, or Doe Farm in Wisconsin. I haven't worked out those details yet, but whichever property scheme one went with, there would be the sticky issue of ranking the properties from most to least valuable, a rather nonfeminist endeavor, it seems to me.

But, then, all of the economic issues of this game could prove to be troublesome. For instance, the Chance and Community Chest cards would surely have to read, whatever the assessed fee, "more if you can, less if you can't." Hotels and houses would no doubt end up being bought communally, making divvying up the money from renters a bit trickier. No wonder there are so many lesbian accountants.

And in the old days, "Jail" would most certainly need to have been changed to "PC Prison," where one would be sent not for monetary breaches but, rather, for breaches of politically sensitive etiquette, perhaps, for example, for expressing glee at amassing more wealth than your opponents or for accepting the Community Chest card that offers \$10 for having won second place in a beauty

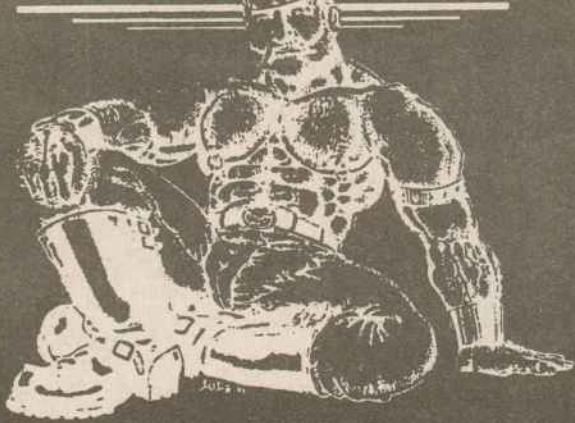
contest. In these more politically lenient times, however, jail can probably stay just as it is, and forget what I said about the ideological issues concerning property: we lesbians are no longer ashamed of earning money and owning property.

Chess, too, seems ripe for a lesbian makeover. The chess board in *Wireless*, with the pieces replaced by Simpsons characters (King Homer, Queen Marge, etc.), could just as easily be done in a lesbian motif. King and Queen would become butch and femme—or, for the S/M crowd, dominatrix and submissive. The bishop could be replaced by a witch, the rook/castle by either a menstrual hut or pup tent, and the horse by a truck. The concept of pawns is still somewhat troubling to an old-time feminist like myself, so I guess they would have to become collective members, fighting the patriarchy and gender roles of every kind. I wonder if I could paint little tiny t-shirts on them reading "Meat Is Murder" and have them shod in miniature plastic Birkenstocks?

I suspect there are other classic board games that could in some way be lesbianized ("Clue," replacing, for instance, Colonel Mustard with Colonel Cammermeyer?), and I'm surprised no one's done it yet. Maybe it's because we've just spent so many years translating the hetero experience into a lesbian one that we don't even notice, anymore, that we're doing it with the small things, like board games. Or maybe we've just been busy with more important things.

Whatever the reason, picture yourself on a snowy winter's eve with your partner's Butch backed into a corner by one of your collective members, who is saying, "Keep your laws off my body." Now doesn't that sound like fun?

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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.

Kirby's (Madison): \$1 taps of Busch & Bud Lite.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust. DJ & dancing 7 nights a week.

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

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. Bottles of Special Ex & Special Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Cuervo \$2. Shots of Totto \$1. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

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

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

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

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. 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!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 4 to 5 p.m., \$1 rail & domestic beer. Happy Hour 5 to 9 p.m.

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): After Work Cool Down! Mondays

through Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. \$1.25 rail drinks.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Dance Party. DJ Bange. Shot Specials.

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.

Kirby's (Madison): \$1 taps of Busch & Bud Lite.

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Fish Fry. Lunch from 11 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 4 to 5 p.m., \$1 rail & domestic beer. Happy Hour 5 to 9 p.m. Dancing!

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 Dance Party! DJ Bange. Shot specials.

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

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

Kirby's (Madison): \$1 taps of Busch & Bud Lite.

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.

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

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

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!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Spin the Wheel! Dancing!

Bar Events:

Thursday, November 27

Club 219 - HIT Welcome Show (Milwaukee): The show will begin at 10 p.m. This is to entertain the bowlers who are attending the Tournament. FMI call the HIT Hotline

(414) 332-7142.

Sunday, November 30

Cell Block (Chicago): Leather United hosts a Beer Bust from 5 to 9 p.m. Special buffet & prizes. \$3.75 pitchers all night. Holding cell opens at 6 p.m. DJ Dominic. FMI call (773) 665-8064.

Thursday, December 4

La Cage - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, December 5

Emerald City - Wisconsin Night (Antioch, IL): Show your Wisconsin ID at the door and your first drink's on us! Win a trip to Mexico for just showing up!! Winner must be present to win. In Step's Jamie will be there taking pictures. No cover before 9 p.m. DJ Bange spins at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Firebirds Club Night! Starting at 10 p.m. Drawings & drink specials begin at midnight. FMI call (414) 299-9709 and leave message.

Kirby's (Madison): Two-day Kirby's Klub Krawl to Milwaukee. First 25 to sign up and pay deposit will have round-trip bus ride, hotel room, and beer & shots on the way to Milwaukee. Return to Madison late Sunday, 12/7.

Just Us - Shoreline Christmas Party (Milwaukee): Free dance lessons. Free tap beer while it lasts. Snacks & shot specials. The pool table is back. All from 7 p.m. to close.

Wednesday, December 10

Triangle - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Book Clubs, Classes, & Readings:

Tuesday, December 2

Gerber/Hart Gay Men's Book Club (Chicago): The group will discuss "Cities of the Plain." This is the 4th of the original seven volumes of "Remembrance of Things Past" (especially the page 23 defense and condemnation of homosexuality) by Marcel Proust at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (773) 883-3003.

Thursday, December 4

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Mequon): Jim Scribbens, author of "Milwaukee Road in its Hometown" will talk and use photographs to resurrect details of a bygone era at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Friday, December 5

AfterWords Bookstore - HIV Testing (Milwaukee) The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 7 to 10 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.) Jim Hightower, author of "There's Nothing in the Middle of the Road but Yellow Stripes & Dead Armadillos" will talk about his new book at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Tuesday, December 9

Gerber/Hart Library - Book Discussion (Chicago): Join a series of discussions about the G/L political movement. Bring your ideas & questions. FMI and to sign up call (773) 728-5119.

Community Meetings & Events:

Thursday, November 27

GAMMA - Thanksgiving Dinner (Milwaukee): The Bobs

continue their tradition, inviting those with no plans for the holiday to join them for Thanksgiving Dinner. Begin arriving at 1 p.m. Dinner at 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Shake It Up/Frontiers - Teddy Bear Thanksgiving Potluck (Madison): Meet at 4701 Judy Lane. Bring a dish to pass and a Teddy Bear to be given to the Children's Shelter on Monroe St. There will be singing, putting lights on outdoor trees, making food chains for the local wild critters (i.e. squirrels). Dinner will be at 5 p.m. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

Friday, November 28

SAGE/Dane - Gay Male Geezers (Madison): Meets every Friday at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave at 3:30 p.m. High Tea & talk or maybe a movie. FMI call (608)

Saturday, November 29

Community Brainstorming Conference — Jewel/Osco at Humboldt Yards (Milwaukee): A forum of panelists will discuss whether this will further divide our community from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. Mathew's CME Church, 2944 N. 9th St. FMI call Louis Butler, Char at (414) 286-8759.

Messiah Sing-Out (Madison): WI Chamber Orchestra fund raiser at The First Congregational United Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$14 general admission, \$12 seniors & students. Advance tickets (608) 257-0638 or at Borders Book Shop & Orange Tree Imports. On the day of the concert \$16 & \$14.

Sunday, November 30

Dignity - (Milwaukee): There will be open worship at 6 p.m. followed by a social gathering. Also on December 7 at 6 p.m. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Irish Cultural & Heritage Center - World AIDS Day Memorial Service (Milwaukee): St. Camillus Ministry will host a celebration on the eve of World AIDS day at 7 p.m. FMI call Kathryn (414) 259-4664.

World AIDS Memorial Service (Madison): At the First Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive at 7 p.m. Dignity/Integrity Celebration of Life. The Perfect Harmony Chorus will sing two songs. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

Tuesday, December 2

Boyz Nite - ARCW (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer-Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just Dish! FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

Sex Out Loud (Madison): Gay/Bi men's discussion group meets every Tuesday 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, December 3

10% Society-GB (Green Bay): The chapter reconvenes at the Union weekly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The no-fee support meetings with facilitator are at 4:30 p.m. FMI call Don S. (920) 437-8449.

SAGE/Dane - Women's Chat (Madison): Meets every other Wednesday at the Bagel & Baking Company, 2044 Atwood Ave. at 9:30 a.m. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Friday, December 5

Madison LGB Business Alliance — Holiday Party (Madison): FMI call Darren (608) 277-2782.

Saturday, December 6

Bi-Definition - Support Group (Milwaukee): Meets at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 483-5046.

Life's a Drag

©by Bob Arnold



"Serious? Honey, to him you were just a passing fiance..."



—We're taking up a collection for new t-shirts! Photo by Jamie at Eagle.



—Lean on me. Photo by Jamie at Eagle.

GAMMA - Holiday Party (Milwaukee): Join them and hail the new season and share some good cheer. FMI call 264-9180.

Shake It Up - Chicago Field Trip (Madison): Do N. Michigan Ave. to see the Holiday hype & decorations, plus a sunset stop atop the John Hancock Building for cocktails. Visit the Art Institute to see the Renoir exhibit, or see the Irving Penn fashion photography exhibit or whatever. A visit to the Gentry Piano Bar is a given. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

Sunday, December 7

Womyn's Holiday Craft Fair (Milwaukee): Artist, craftswomen, and healing arts providers will be at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee from 1 to 5 p.m. A \$2 donation is requested. FMI call (414) 271-2565.

Film/TV/Video/Radio:

Thursday, November 27

Humphrey IMAX Theater (Milwaukee): This theater that is part of the Milwaukee Public Museum is currently showing "Africa: The Serengeti" through June of 1998. FMI call (414) 319-IMAX.

Friday, November 28

Downer Theater - Film (Milwaukee): "Kiss or Kill" opens. FMI call (414) 964-2720.

Sunday, November 30

HER TURN - WORT 89.9 FM (Madison): A 30 minute radio news show for those who use the "F" word (feminism). Followed by a Womyn's music show, "Her Infinite Variety" from 11:30 to 2 p.m. To volunteer call Susan Goldwoman (608) 256-2001.

Wednesday, December 3

QUEERY - WORT 89.9 FM (Madison): Your Queer FM radio station for news and information for south-central Wisconsin plays every Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. To volunteer call Margo Robb at (608) 256-2001. Followed by "This Way Out" a nationally produced show for GLBT folks at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

Humphrey IMAX Theater (Milwaukee): "Titanic" opens in this maximum imaging, domed theater that is part of the Milwaukee Public Museum. FMI call (414) 319-IMAX.

Monday, December 8

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film (Madison): The group will screen "Six Degrees of Separation" at 7:30 p.m. FMI & Location call David R. at (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, December 10

Nothing To Hide - Cable 4 TV (Madison): Airs every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tonight "Race in Madison" an 88 minute look at Madison's racial problems. Also "When Democracy Works (29 minutes).

Galleries & Museums:

Friday, November 28

Gallery 218 - New Work (Milwaukee): This all-media show by 15 of the gallery artists is currently in progress



— BIG smile. Photo by Jamie at Woody's



— We've got eagle eyes. Photo by Jamie at Eagle.

and will continue through 12/7. FMI call (414) 277-7800.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Beaded Objects (Milwaukee): Current through 1/18/98. "Strung, Woven, Knitted, and Sewn: Beadwork from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas" in the Journal/Lubar Galleries. Regular Museum admission. MAM members free. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

UWM Gallery Two - Lester Smith (Milwaukee): Currently showing through 12/19. Smith is a self-taught Wisconsin artist of French & Ojibwa Indian ancestry. Paintings, jewelry, twig furniture, wood carvings and knives, and taxidermy animals, 3202 N. Downer Ave. Free to the public. FMI call (414) 229-5070.

Wednesday, December 3

UWM Gallery Video (Milwaukee): Jeanne Dunning's video of a woman's head on a revolving daily covered tray is slowly covered with meringue by an anonymous hairdresser. 3252 N. Downer Ave. Free. Runs through 12/31. FMI call (414) 229-5070.

Friday, December 5

Milwaukee Art Museum - First Friday Music (Milwaukee): Jay Edward & The Casper Blues Band in the Vogel/Helfaer Galleries. Dance or sit back and listen. Cash bar & docent-led tours. \$5 MAM members, \$7 non-members.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gabriele Munter's German Expressionist Paintings (Milwaukee): Show runs through 3/1/98. 75 paintings, 30 drawings, prints and photographs by Munter (1877-1962). MAM has the largest collection of her paintings (11) outside of Germany. Regular museum admission. MAM members free. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Tuesday, December 9

MIAD - Student Exhibition (Milwaukee): Drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and more through 1/17/98. Opening reception on 12/12 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admittance is free and all works are for sale. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Theater Arts:

Friday, November 28

Skylight Opera - Musical Opening (Milwaukee): "Guys & Dolls in the Cabot Theater at the Broadway Theater Center through 12/21. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Sunday, November 30

Chicago Symphony (Chicago): Beethoven, Hindemith & Stravinski conducted by Pichas Zukerman at 3 p.m. Pre-concert conversation at 2 p.m. FMI call PhoneCharge (312) 294-3000.

Grand Opera House - Christmas Theater (Oshkosh): "Miracle on 34th Street" will be presented at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16, \$18 & \$21, and are available by calling (920) 424-2350 (Visa/MC).

Skylight Opera Theater - Music (Milwaukee): A vocal quartet called "BoyGirlBoyGirl" opens in the Miller Cabaret in the Skyline Bar, and runs each Friday & Saturday evening at 10:30 p.m. through 12/21. Free and open to the public. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Monday, December 1

Chicago Symphony - Klezmer Music (Chicago): Superstar violinist Itzhak Perlman joins Klezmer musicians in "In the Fiddler's House" at Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI & Tickets call (312) 294-3000.

Chicago Symphony - House of Blues (Chicago): Symphony Center will welcome Dr. John and his band, Charlie Musselwhite, Robert Jr., Lockwood and Alvin Youngblood Hart at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$60. FMI call



— Very Purple! Photo: Jamie at Club 219.



— Si and friends. Photo by Jamie at the Boot Camp



— We are waiting to see who jumps out of the Grand Opening Cake. Photo by Jamie at Woody's

Phone Charge at (312) 294-3000

Tuesday, December 2

Riverside Theater - Tap Dance (Milwaukee): "TAP DOGS," Hunky Australian & American men turn tap upside down on an industrial construction-site set. The International Award-winning tap sensation opens for a six-day run (8 performances only). FMI & tickets call (414) 224-3000.

Wednesday, December 3

UWM-Milwaukee - Band Concert (Milwaukee): Larry Coombs, principal clarinetist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will play with the band at Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8800 W. Bluemound Rd at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Thursday, December 4

Next Act Theater (Milwaukee): "Stage Struck" will be presented in the Stiemke Theater, 108 E. Wells St. through 12/21. FMI, times & tickets call (414) 224-9490.

Oshkosh Opera House - Waverly Consort (Oshkosh): Christmas music in the timeless spirit and pageantry of the medieval church dramas and mystery plays. Tickets \$16, \$18 & \$21. FMI & tickets (MC/Visa) call (920) 424-2350.

UWM Fine Arts - Comedy/Theater (Milwaukee): "You Can't Take It With You" opens for a run through 12/20 in the Fine Arts Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. First Friday Talkback after the 12/5 performance. FMI & times & tickets call (414) 229-4308.

Friday, December 5

Fest City Singers - Fall Cabaret (Milwaukee): "The Second Time Around" continues its run 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. Also on December 6. FMI & tickets (\$12) call (414) 263-SING.

Foothold Dance/Performance (Milwaukee): "Where The Heart Is" will be performed at the Lincoln Center of the Arts, 820 E. Knapp St at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 265-1346.

University of Chicago - Advent Vespers (Chicago): An 8 p.m. service of scripture and song celebrating the arrival of the Advent Season in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Avenue. The Service is free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 6

Bel Canto Chorus - Holiday Concert (Milwaukee): The chorus will perform Rutter's "Gloria" and Nelson's "A Christmas Story" followed by an audience sing-along of beloved carols at St. John Vianney Church, 1755 N. Calhoun Rd. Tickets \$15 & \$20. FMI call (414) 476-6640.

Milwaukee Chamber Theater - Comedy (Milwaukee): "Beyond The Fringe," the timeless, hilarious British comedy runs through 11/4/98 in the Studio Theater. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Sunday, December 7

Cream City Chorus - Christmas Concert (Milwaukee): "Home for the Holidays" is presented at St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave. at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. They are available from chorus members, AfterWords Bookstore, BESTD Clinic and the M&M Club. FMI call (414) 344-WCCC, or by mail at: PO Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1488.

Grand Opera House - Christmas Music (Oshkosh): "The Boys of the Lough," will perform traditional Irish and Scottish Christmas music in "A Celtic Christmas" at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, \$22 & \$25. FMI & tickets (MC/Visa) call (920) 424-2350.

Irish Cultural & Heritage Center - Messiah Sing-Along (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee Catholic Symphony Orchestra will lead soloists (and you) in Handel's famed oratorio at 2 p.m. 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. Admission is free. FMI call (414) 345-8800.

University of Chicago - Handel's Messiah (Chicago): This annual event involves many groups, including the Rockefeller Chapel Choir and the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra. The event takes place at 2 p.m. in the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave. Tickets \$12-\$15, general and \$10 student. FMI call (773) 702-7300.

Wednesday, December 10

St. Josephat Basilica - Handel's Messiah (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra & Chorus perform at 7:30 p.m. in this restored landmark at 6th & Lincoln. Also on 12/18 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 (main floor), \$10 (balcony). FMI & tickets call (414) 273-7206.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Whew... what a weekend. Usually I start this column sometime Sunday morning but not today, I'm getting a pretty late start. Not only am I nursing a bit of a cold, I'm also nursing a nasty headache from the party I attended last night. Actually there were 2 parties I attended this weekend both of which were house parties so I didn't hit the clubs much this weekend.

Just a couple of things on my mind this week so here goes...

Let's start with the house. Restoration continues on my dining room. This year I am having people over for Thanksgiving so the push is on to get the dining room finished. As I write this column there is

afternoon which will leave me Wednesday early evening (right before Joel and I head to Chicago to see *Rent*) and Thursday morning to clean. And believe me there is LOTS of cleaning to do.

As you may have heard by now the LGBT Community Center's proposed North Martin Luther King Drive site suffered from a fire that tore through the building November 13th. Tonight (Monday, November 24th) there is an informational meeting that I will attend to find out what the new plans are and to push for a different location. Now, I know there are some people that are comfortable with the M.L.K. Drive location but I hear from many people that are not comfortable and will not participate with that location. The vast majority of the people that I hear from want to see the LGBT Community Center located in the Third Ward, close to the clubs. Many of those same people won't even fork over the \$30.00 to become a member until a Third Ward location is decided on. Why? People are already comfortable heading down to that area and feel pretty safe there. It's also centrally located and near many bus lines that run through the city. There are 2 bus routes that run up and down M.L.K. Drive. Going through the Third Ward are 6 bus routes making it easier for more people get to.

From the beginning (2 years ago when the whole LGBT Community Center process started to roll) most of us assumed it would be located in the Third Ward. I understand things like cost and space and that the committee looked at 40 sites, it just seems like there have got to be more viable choice in the Third Ward.

Let's talk about involvement for a minute. I heard a couple of groups that felt like they were not being included in the process. "Not enough effort" to include "us." Or "many of us don't read the *In Step* or the *Wisconsin Light* so how are we supposed to know what's going on." Well, I got news for ya, you can't bitch about "not being included" if your not willing to put forth the effort to be involved.

I do plan on following this issue closely and even though the location has not yet been decided on, I am going to write a check for \$30.00 to become a member. I will continue to push for a Third Ward location, and go to as many meetings as possible. If you would like to be more involved, you can either call the LGTB Community Center Hotline at (414) 483.4710 or write to them at LGBT Community Center, P.O. Box 92722

Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Moving on to what's been going on in the clubs....

South Water Street Docks sponsored the kickoff of the LGBT Community Center Library Book Drive November 14th. The cash collected at the door will go to the proposed Library. SWS Docks, Mama Roux and a couple of other places are drop off points if you have Gay restated books you would like to donate.

The Grand Opening of Woody's was a huge success. The place has a fresh new look, and (with the exception of Ray) cute bartenders! The place has a new sound system, a new bar in the back, a new pool table and plenty of space for dancing. If you haven't seen it yet, stop in and check it out.

Happy anniversary to Kurt and the staff at *In Between*. For 2 years, *In Between* has been a favorite spot for lot's of Milwaukee club-goers. Here's to many more years at *In Between*!

Cartwheels at Club 219? That could only mean one thing... Goldie Adams! That's right, Goldie came out of hiding to help the Milwaukee AIDS Pantry stock up for the Holiday season. The show was incredible. There was a long list of Milwaukee's best talent including Kimberly Ann, putting on what turned out to be a very successful show. Over \$740.00 and 160 pounds of food were added to the food pantry after the show.

Boot Camp has been very involved with the LGBT Community project and should be given kudos for the effort. Friday November 21st, Boot Camp held a fund-raiser with all of the money taken in at the door and 20 percent of the night revenue donated to the LGBT Community Trust Fund. Hats off to the Boot Camp!

Last Friday night I put on a pair of Levi's, a black t-shirt, and my black boots and headed over to the Eagle. I walked in, down the stairs and looked around. The place seemed empty... that is until I went around to one of the 2 back bars. Back there is was crowded with people on the dance floor and even more people at the bar. The music was better than most Milwaukee bars play. More like the Chicago bars. No doubt, the Eagle has made a place for itself in Gay Milwaukee.

Steve Kelso made a return appearance at *Designing Men* on November 22nd. Yeah, I guess he's kinda cute, but he's not my type... however I know lots of people that wouldn't throw him outta bed for eating crackers.

Stand-up comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer appeared at the Centennial Hall November 22nd. Sources tell me that the place was filled with lots of people,



—Cutie of the week! Photo by Jamie at Woody's



—Goldie! Photo: Jamie at Club 219.

plaster dust all over my house. No matter how many doors you close to contain the dust, it manages to find it's way throughout the entire house. You might think it was the furnace that carried it everywhere but nope, I covered the cold air return to prevent that from happening. Anyway, the project should be done by Wednesday



—Scully... her hair is an X-file. Photo: Jamie at Club 219.

and that "Suzanne was hilarious". I was unable to make it, but I saw her a few years ago at MAPFest and she is a funny lady (no relation to Barbra).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that took the time and generously gave money to the "Linda Fund" in my last column. Rob Bruckner, Skylab Inc., Bill Attewell, Jack Smith, Joel P., Sharon Mahos and Thomas Mielke were kind enough to write checks to help ease the burden Linda will have to endure. As I said, every little bit helps and I thank you very much for caring enough to give.

That's gonna do it for now. Remember not to over due it at the Thanksgiving dinner table and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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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**

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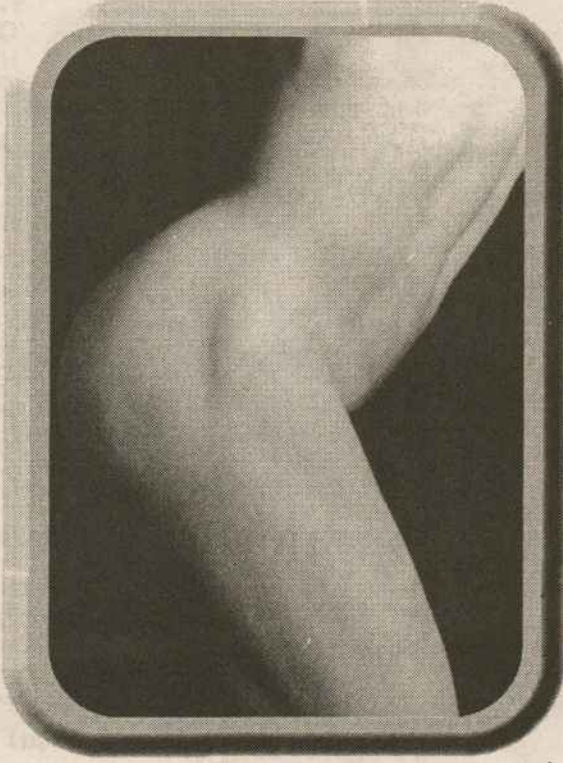
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YOU WEAR THE PANTS This hot, Bi, White male, seeks men to dominate me. One at a time or groups. I'm especially interested in Transvestites and Transsexuals. (Madison) **#7890**

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

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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**

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

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PAPA BEAR IS TOO HOT! This 30 year old, White male, is looking for a dominant, aggressive, intelligent, papa bear, over 45, who's bigger than me. I'm 5'10, 170lbs, with light, Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm looking forward to discussing interests with you, but I'll tell you now that mine include light S&M and B&D. (Milwaukee) **#9837**

KNOT'S LANDING This good looking, 37 year old, White male, 5'8, 160lbs, wants to get into the bondage scene. I've been longing to be tied up but I don't have any experience. I hope you'll call if you can show me what it's all about. Use a tight knot. (Milwaukee) **#9928**

YOUR BODY OBSESSER I'd like to meet a bodybuilder who likes having his body worshipped and serviced, by a smooth, in shape, good looking, White male, 5'9. I'm very versatile and can be submissive or dominant. (Milwaukee) **#9635**

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FOREVER YOUNG I'm a very young looking, 25 year old, White male, 5'11, 145lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and good looks. I wanna meet other guys, 18 to 27, for fun. (Milwaukee) **#8835**

THE LOOK OF LOVE I'm looking for a tall, masculine guy, over 6ft, either Black or White, who has varied interests. I'm a 46 year old, White male, who's kind, loving, and enjoys nice people and good sex. I'm the type who prefers a quiet night at home. I'm very oral and into kissing, hugging, and making love, not just having sex. (Milwaukee) **#8741**

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

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

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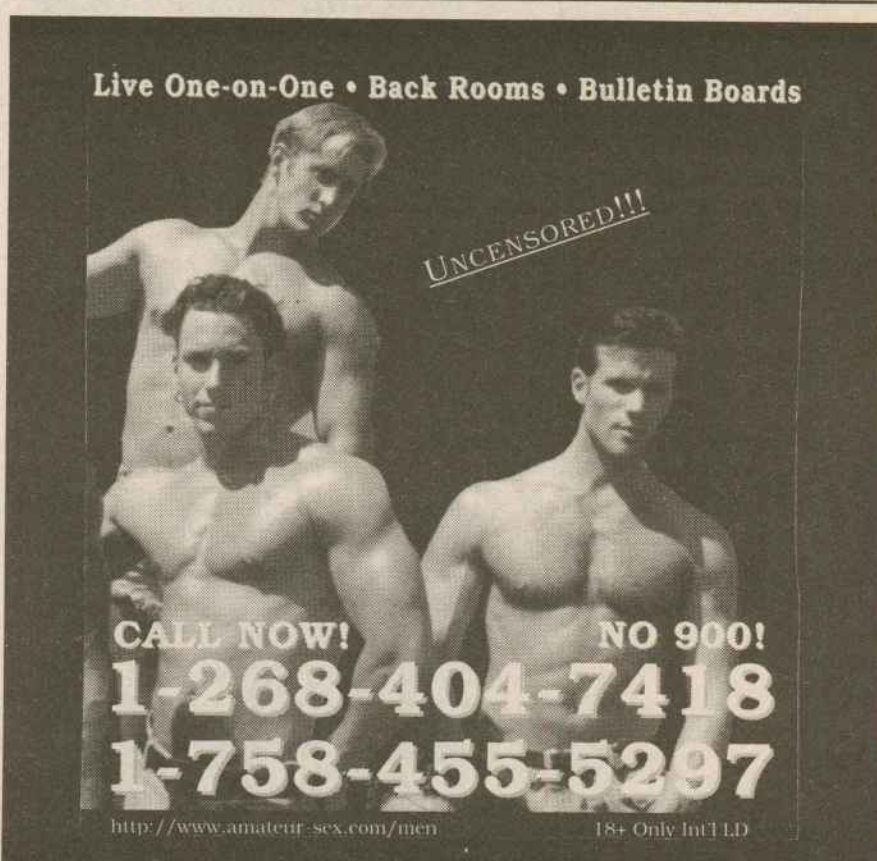
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Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
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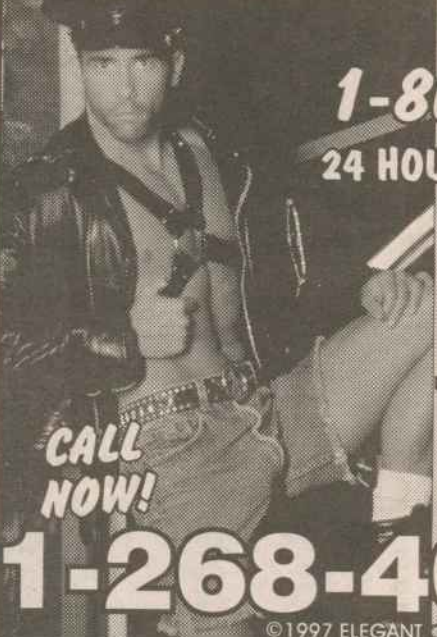
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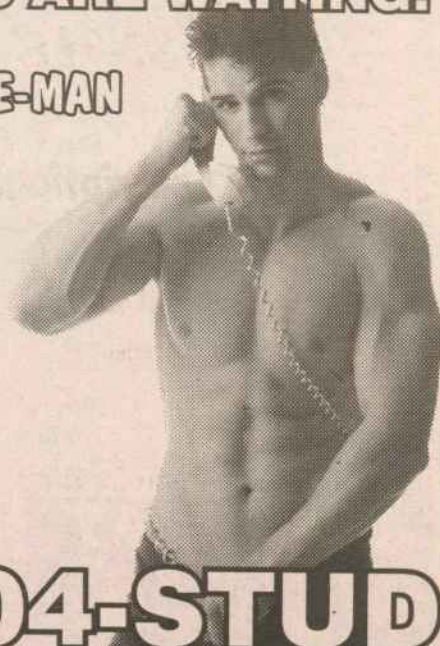
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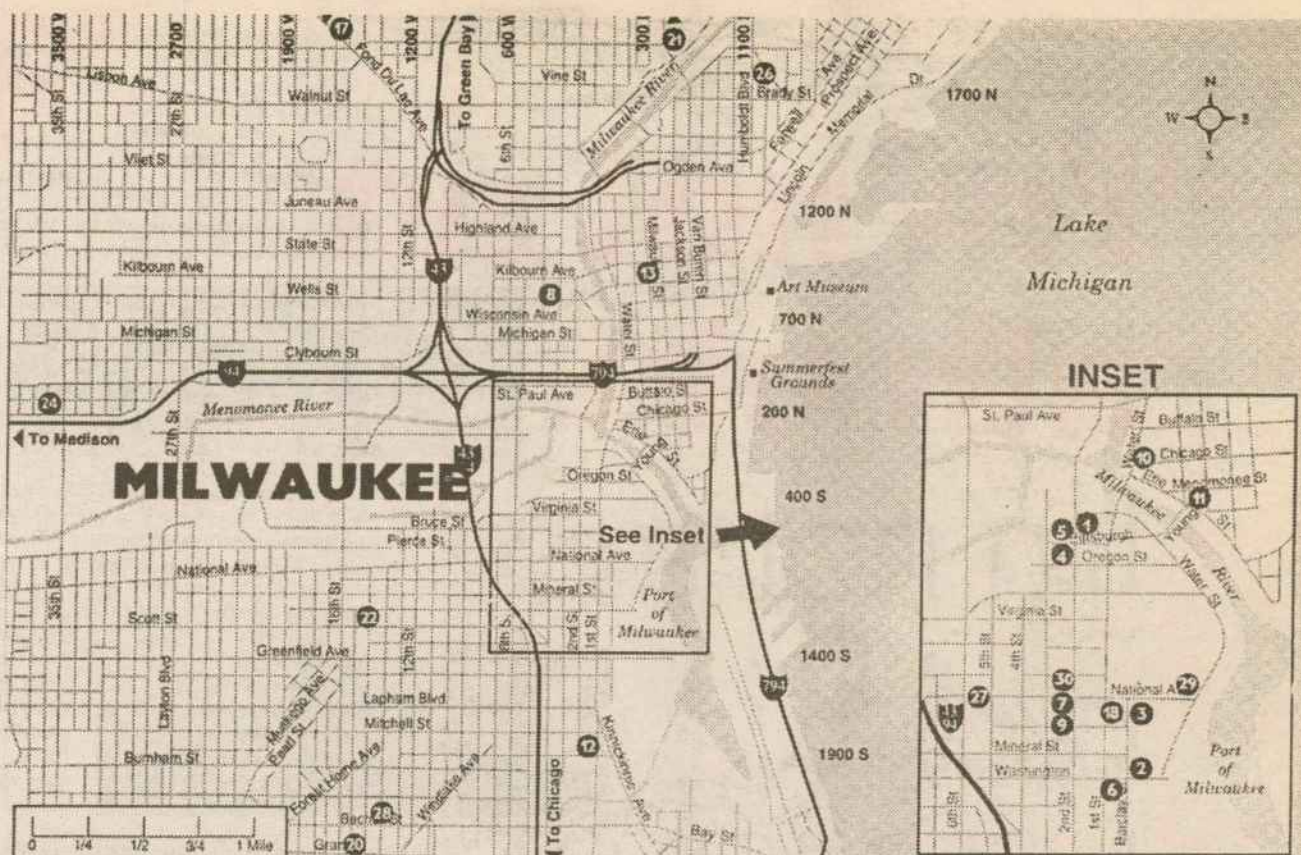
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- National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
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gorgeous bike trails. Twin Cities → Wisconsin → Chicago AIDS Ride 3 is one of five AIDS Rides that have provided nearly \$40 million for AIDS service organizations. That is more money, sent more quickly to AIDS charities than any fundraising event in history. Over 30,000 people have participated in the Rides, and most of them had never done anything like it before in their lives. Some didn't even own a bike when they first registered. And many have described the event as "life-changing."



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This is not about bicycling. It's about moving beyond your limits. It's about doing something significant about AIDS. While there have been advances with new drugs, people are still dying and in need of help. AIDS is by no means over. This is a great event to do with friends or family, or a group from work. We can promise you this: if you do the AIDS Ride, you'll talk about it for the rest of your life.

I hope all of you have fun, but I could never do anything like that!

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