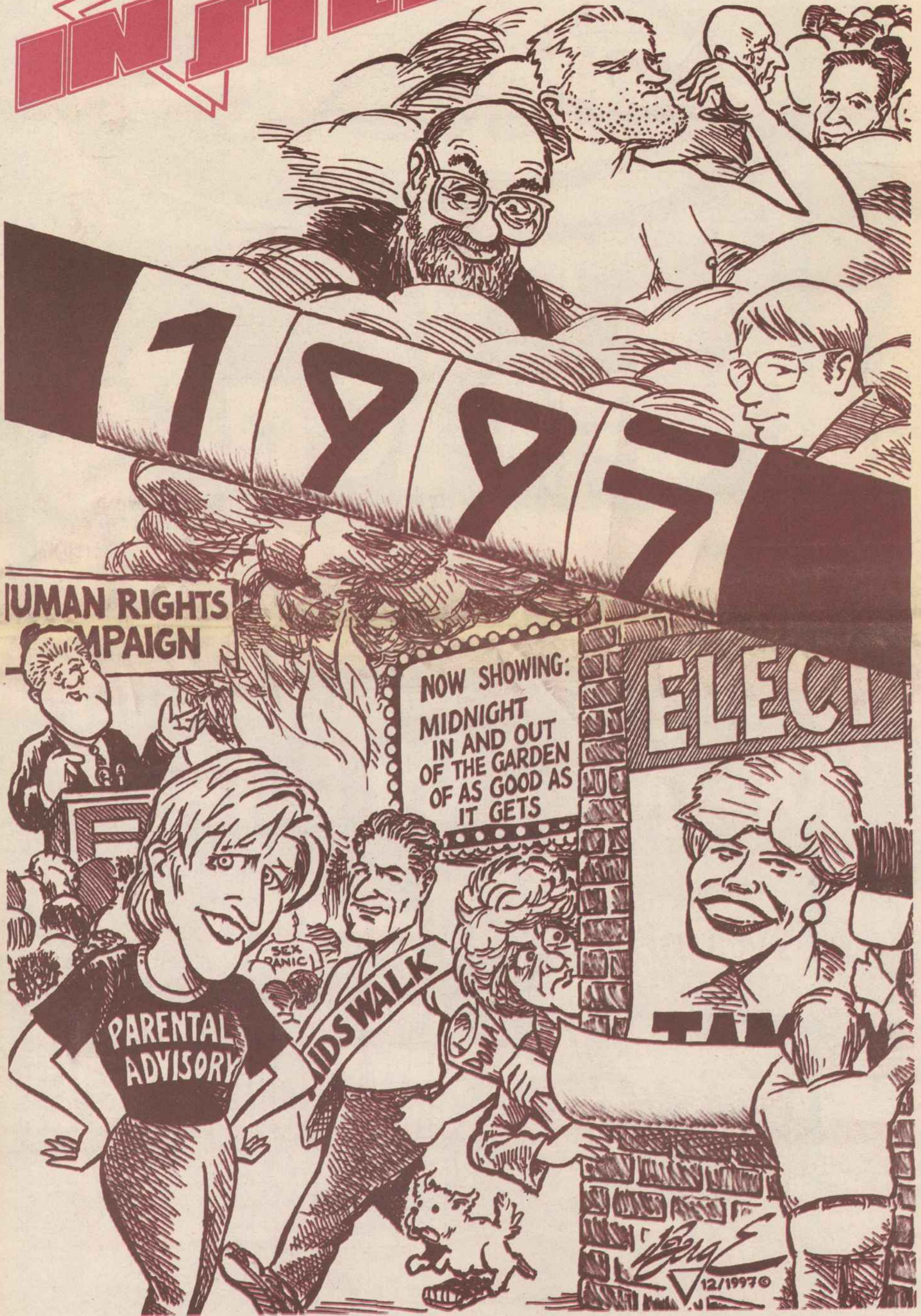


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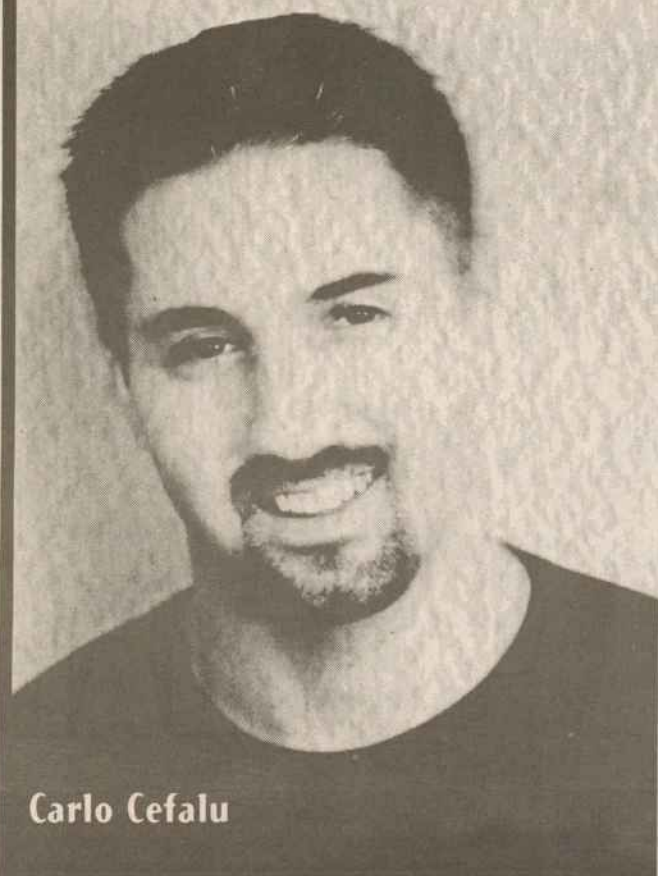
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New Jersey Extends Equal Adoption Status



Michael Galluccio, Jon Holden and their two year old adopted son Adam.

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Newark, NJ — In a legal case that's being hailed as a landmark decision for gay and lesbian Americans, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to allow homosexual couples to jointly adopt children on the same basis as married couples. Before, gays and lesbians in New

"It is the quality of parenting, rather than the sexual orientation of parents, that is important for children's development."

Jersey — and in some other states — were allowed to adopt children, but each partner had to seek separate adoption status, causing long and expensive delays for most couples.

The New Jersey decision resulted from a class-action lawsuit against the state brought by a gay couple — Michael Galluccio and Jon Holden — who have cared for a two-year-old foster child named Adam since he was three months old.

The couple wanted to adopt him even though Galluccio says that when they began caring for Adam the boy had many physical problems from birth.

"He was real sick when we brought him home," Galluccio said. "He was born to an HIV, drug-addicted mother. So he was born addicted to drugs, he had lung damage, cardiac arrhythmia, an enlarged liver, and he was testing positive for HIV at the time. So he was not in good shape."

The youngster now appears to be in much better health, although he may continue to suffer some illnesses for years.

As to why the two gay men wanted to adopt Adam, rather than just continuing to serve as foster parents, Galluccio says it was to give the boy some legal protections.

"If I adopted him alone and something happened to me," Galluccio said, "he is left without a parent, and his fate is pretty much up in the air. The logical thing would

be for him to go with Jon, but Jon would have no legal rights to Adam, or Adam any legal rights from Jon. So just for his protection, and the stability of his life — that was the main reason behind everything."

Prevented legally from jointly adopting, the couple sued the state, charging that, by having more difficult adoption rules for unmarried couples — gay or straight — the state was violating their rights to equal protection under state and federal law. A New Jersey Superior Court judge agreed, and in October ruled in the couple's favor. The new policy was issued in mid-December — less than a week before the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays — by state officials as a result of the court ruling.

Gay rights advocates said the new policy puts all unmarried couples in New Jersey on an equal footing with married couples for the first time in adoption cases, and they predict it will vastly streamline the process for gays and lesbians trying to adopt children — and will be an important case in legal battles in other states, even though the lawsuit has no precedence outside of New Jersey.

No one knows how many gay and lesbians couples in America are already adoptive parents, of course. But the American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the case for the two men in New Jersey, believes between 8 million and 13 million children in the U.S. are currently being reared in gay or lesbian households. Most of these kids, of course, are the biological children of one of the gay or lesbian parents, but the ACLU and gay rights organizations say a not-insignificant number of the youngsters are also foster or adoptive children in gay households.

Anti-gay conservative groups attacked the new policy, and Steve Schwam of the Family Research Council, a far-right anti-gay lobbying organization in Washington, D.C., said the policy "knocks marriage out of its special status as the proper place for rearing children, which all the social study data shows is the most healthy environment for a child to be raised."

But in fact there are only a few studies evaluating children reared in gay or lesbian households, and they are actually fairly consistent in indicating that such kids grow up pretty much the same as children from more traditional families.

"It is the quality of parenting, rather than the sexual orientation of parents, that is important for children's development," said Charlotte Patterson, a University of Virginia psychologist.

In a study of 37 families, Patterson found no major

differences in social skills and behavior problems between children raised by lesbians and kids raised by heterosexuals. In a second study, Patterson examined 80 families that had children through artificial insemination. Fifty-five families were headed by lesbian couples or single lesbians; 25 families were headed by heterosexual couples or single heterosexual moms.

"From the data on children's social competence and behavior problems, it was impossible to distinguish which children were born to and brought up by lesbian parents and which by heterosexual parents," Patterson said. Other studies have also found that children raised by gays and lesbians are no more likely to become homosexuals than children raised by heterosexual parents.

Galluccio said the strict standards required in New Jersey — and probably in most other states — to adopt children were tough enough to assure that adoptive parents would be at least as good as any married couple who had children of their own.

"We had to go through the same rigorous approval process that a married couple would have to go through," he said. "The state didn't indiscriminately say because we wanted a baby that we could just have one. We went through months of training and investigations and fingerprinting, and I do think that we are good parents. But I don't think we're unique, as gay men who happen to be good parents. I think that gay men can be good parents and so can lesbian women."

Ultimately, Galluccio and Holden hope to adopt a baby girl to complete their family — and the couple leave no doubt that the two men and their son Adam are a family.

"This is what it's about," Galluccio says. "This is a family — an American Family. I know that there's people that aren't going to see it that way, and change is never easy, but we're a family."

Ruling Upheld in Hawaii Marriage Case

Honolulu, HI — The Hawai'i Supreme Court last week upheld a lower court ruling that prevented eight state lawmakers from intervening in the case that led to a decision allowing gay couples the right to marry.

A ruling in the lawmaker's favor might have jeopardized Circuit Judge Kevin Chang's Dec. 3, 1996, decision that said the state could not deny marriage licenses to three gay couples who were seeking to marry.

Chang had refused to allow state Reps. Felipe Abinsay Jr., Michael Kahikina, Ezra Kanoho, Colleen Meyer, David Stegmaier, William Swain, Romy Cachola and Gene Ward to intervene in the case to argue against same-sex marriage. The eight appealed the decision.

The Supreme Court without comment yesterday affirmed Chang's decision not to allow the lawmakers to intervene.

Chang's ruling in favor of the three gay couples is under appeal to the Supreme Court, which ruled in 1993 that denying marriage licenses to gays and lesbians amounts to unconstitutional gender discrimination.

The Supreme Court in 1993 sent the case back to Circuit Court for a new trial, with the burden on the state to show a compelling interest to deny marriage licenses to gays and lesbians.

Chang's December 1996 ruling said the state was unable to show such an interest. However, he ruled that marriage licenses cannot be issued to same-sex couples while the case is on appeal.

The high court is not expected to rule on that appeal until next year.

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Group Won't Rent School Theater for Concert by Lesbian Duo

Corvallis, OR (AP) — The Corvallis Folklore Society won't rent Ashbrook Independent School's theater for a concert by a nationally known lesbian folksinging duo after all.

The society wants the school to develop a formal non-discriminatory rental policy before it will book the 402-seat theater for its events, said Anna Ellendman, concert coordinator.

As of now Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will hold their Feb. 28 concert in the downtown Majestic Theatre.

Ashbrook had denied use of its theater to the duo, saying it didn't want to appear to promote or attack sexual lifestyles.

The folklore society complained to the city, which said the refusal violated its anti-discrimination ordinance.

Dave Gore, headmaster of the private, non-denominational school responded by promising the school would work with the city to rewrite the rental policy. The school also offered the theater to the society at a reduced rate.

"We hope that Mr. Gore will eventually rewrite the rental policy to comply with city law so that the Ashbrook School theater can become a resource for arts organizations and their audiences in our community," Ellendman said.

Many Gay Golden Globe Nominations

New York, NY — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the nation's leading lesbian and gay media advocacy group, expressed its enthusiasm at the unprecedented number of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and gay-inclusive storylines honored with Golden Globe nominations last week in Los Angeles.

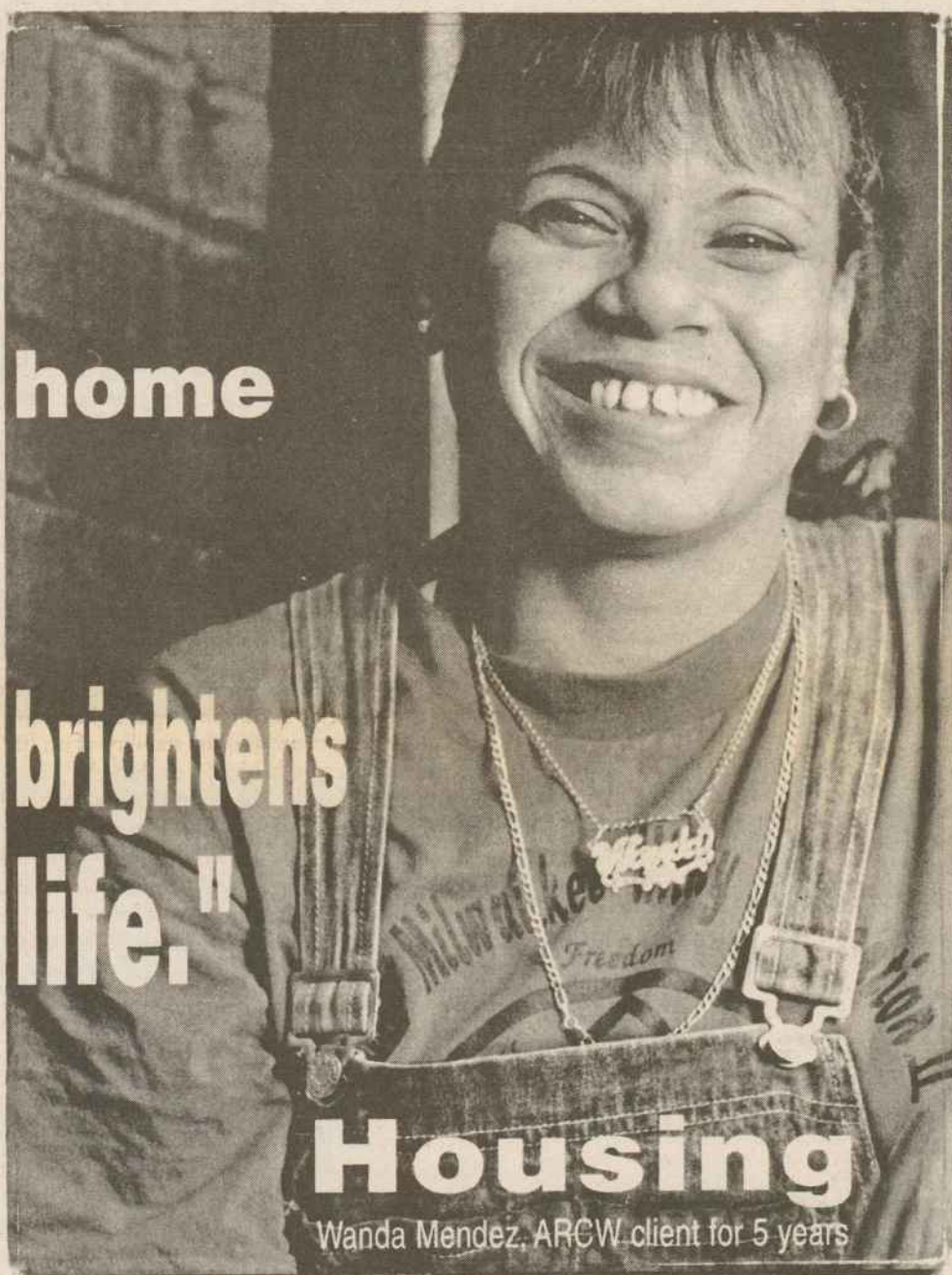
In & Out, already box office gold world-wide, gar-

nered a best musical or comic motion picture nomination, as did the film's star Kevin Kline, for his performance as a gay teacher. Joan Cusack was also nominated for her supporting role in the film.

Another best musical or comic motion picture nominee was *My Best Friend's Wedding*, which features openly gay British actor Rupert Everett, nominated for best performance in a supporting role for his portrayal of a gay man. In the same category, Gregg Kinnear was nominated for his portrayal of a gay man in *As Good As It Gets*. That film also garnered nominations for best director (James L. Brooks), best drama motion picture and best screenplay. In the category of best actress in a comedy or musical, Joey Lauren Adams was nominated for her performance as a bisexual woman in *Chasing Amy*.

Openly gay sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres was nominated for best actress in a comedy series for her role on the history-making television show *Ellen*. Nominated television series with recurring lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender supporting characters include *Chicago Hope* (Vondie Curtis-Hall), *Frasier* (Edward Hibbert), *ER* (Jorja Fox), *NYPD Blue* (Paige Turco), *Party of Five* (Mitchell Anderson), *Spin City* (Michael Boatman) and *Friends* (Jane Sibbett and Jessica Hecht).

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Gay and Lesbian Clergy Challenging Church Policies

San Francisco, CA (AP) — He hardly looks the part of a renegade, this clean-cut pastor who hums to himself as he walks through the sanctuary of his tiny church with his black lab Murphy trotting at his side.

But there is something about the Rev. Jeff Johnson that many church leaders

“If I came out publicly — for example, in the press — I would be fired,”

would rather you didn't know — something that led them to reject Johnson and the 55 members at San Francisco's First United Lutheran Church.

Johnson is openly gay. He also refuses to take a vow of celibacy. And that is unacceptable in the eyes of the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — and the majority of faiths, Christian and otherwise, in this country and many others.

“As far as they're concerned, I no longer exist,” says Johnson, one of a growing number of pastors who are challenging their churches' stances on homosexuality.

Leaders in many faiths are struggling with this question: what does it mean to be gay or lesbian and a person of faith? The question seems particularly precarious when applied to pastors and rabbis.

“Twenty or 30 years ago the bold move would have been for a white church to hire a black pastor,” says Rita Nakashima Brock, a religious expert and director of the Bunting Institute at Radcliffe College in Massachusetts. “These days, it's the church that hires an openly gay or lesbian pastor that is scrutinized.”

Until recently, it was the norm for lesbians and gay men, both pastors and parishioners, to hide their sexuality or to leave their faiths altogether.

These days, a very few lesbian and gay pastors — in the United Church of Christ, Metropolitan Community Church and some reformed Jewish synagogues — have the church's blessing to be openly gay without requiring celibacy.

Other pastors and rabbis are willing to come out to their congregations. But the majority maintain a “don't-ask-don't-tell” policy with the higher ups, knowing that divulging too much would have swift and costly consequences.

Even those who consider themselves the equivalent of married rarely tell their bishops or other church elders.

“If I came out publicly — for exam-

ple, in the press — I would be fired,” says one Protestant pastor, who doesn't hide her long-term relationship with a woman from her San Francisco congregation and peers, but has not discussed it with church leaders.

Living openly has not always been easy for the 35-year-old Johnson and his church without moral — not to mention financial — support of the greater Lutheran church. They receive financial support from a Washington-based nonprofit that supports gay and lesbian Lutheran pastors.

But, if they have any regrets over supporting him, his parishioners don't say so.

“He is who he is, and we love him for it,” says 75-year-old May Vignola says of “Pastor Jeff,” known as much for his ready laugh as his ability to quote any number of Biblical passages at will.

Vignola, a member of First United Lutheran Church for more than 45 years, was one of several members who stood behind Johnson when the ELCA ordered the church to fire Johnson or be thrown out.

“The few people in the church who didn't agree, well,” Vignola says, pausing, “They left.”

That was in 1995. But Johnson's troubles began long before in 1987 when he and two lesbians decided to come out to their bishops while in seminary at Berkeley.

“It was gut-wrenching,” Johnson says. “As far as we knew, no one had ever come out and survived.”

His bishop at the time was the Rev. Lyle Miller, a man Johnson had known since his childhood days in Simi Valley, Calif., and who was a close personal friend of Johnson's parents.

“Part of the reason I became a pastor was because of him,” Johnson says of Miller.

That made it all the more painful when, in 1988, Miller called Johnson into his office to ask him to sign a life-long vow of celibacy.

“What about unconditional love, unconditional grace?” Johnson asked Miller, who had spread newspaper clippings about the three seminarians across his desk.

“There was no religious motivation behind what he was doing,” Johnson said. “He wanted to save his political butt.”

Discussing the matter is still difficult for Miller, now a Lutheran pastor in Tacoma, Wash. He has recently rekindled his friendship with Johnson's parents but not Johnson.

“It was very painful and Jeff is a fine person... He has good gifts and is a dedicated person,” Miller says. “But if a person is gay, he or she is not to be sexually active as a gay person. Sexual activity belongs in the commitment of marriage.”

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New Zealand Court Upholds Ban on Gay Marriage

Wellington — An appeals court ruled out marriage for same-sex couples, but two of the court's five judges agreed that New Zealand's marriage laws discriminate against gays and lesbians.

The Court of Appeal judges were unanimous in deciding that the country's 1955 Marriage Act requires marriage to be between a man and a woman.

But two of the justices said the law violates the Bill of Rights Act by discriminating against same-sex couples. Nonetheless, the court found that that act cannot override the Marriage Act.

The judges were considering an appeal by three couples in long-term lesbian relationships of a High Court decision last year that struck down their marriage applications. The appeals court judges said only new legislation would allow the Marriage Act to accommodate same-sex marriage.

Settle Reached in Credit Union Lawsuit

Boston, MA — A New Bedford credit union has paid \$5,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by two gay men who applied jointly for a loan, but were denied.

Paulo Lopes and David Nichisti said they were told by a loan officer at the First Citizens Federal Credit Union that their relationship was not like a marriage and their application could not be considered in the same way as a joint application from a heterosexual couple. The two had applied for a loan to consolidate their debts.

"Of course, if this couple had the opportunity to marry, they would not have been turned away," said Mary Bonauto, an attorney with Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, who represented the men.

Along with its \$5,000 settlement, the credit union issued a letter of apology. The couple had filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

More Opposition in Texas Lesbians Adoption Case

Dallas, TX — More opposition is rising up against the prospective adoption of an infant by a lesbian couple in Dallas, this time backed by the religious right.

Earlier in November, Rebecca Bledsoe, a former Child Protective Services supervisor threatened 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 because sodomy is illegal in Texas.

Now the Liberty Legal Institute, a conservative legal organization that champions right-wing causes, says it will try to intervene in the case on behalf of the child's uncle. The group says the baby's uncle is "desperately seeking to gain custody" of the infant for himself rather than allow the child to be adopted by the unnamed lesbian couple and that the legal agency is helping him prevent the women from adopting the child.

Transsexual Dad Can Sue for Custody of Daughter

Orange, CA — Orange County (Calif.) Superior Court Judge Gary Ryan has ruled that Joshua Vecchione, a father who became a male through a sex-change operation two decades ago, is legally male and can keep fighting in court for joint custody of his three-year-old daughter over the objections of the girl's mother.

Kristie Vecchione had attempted to gain sole custody of her daughter on the grounds that the couple's 1990 marriage was illegal because Joshua Vecchione was in fact a female and state law doesn't recognize same-sex marriages.

But Judge Ryan declared that under California law, Joshua is legally male and was a man at the time of their marriage since the state recognizes the reassigned gender of transsexuals at the time of the surgical reassignment.

Their daughter was conceived by artificial insemination with sperm donated by Joshua's brother.

It was not immediately clear whether Kristie Vecchione would appeal Judge Ryan's ruling before continuing with the custody case.

Sex outside of marriage has, in fact, been the focus for many faiths when it comes to gay clergy, making for often contentious church conventions and disciplinary hearings as a growing number of pastors — both gay and straight — break their silence.

There also are a growing number of straight pastors who are speaking on behalf of their gay and lesbian counterparts. One of those is the Rev. Walter Bock, a retired Lutheran pastor in San Francisco who has spoken on Johnson's behalf.

"I don't think it's fair or right," Bock says. "A Christian ministry of word and sacrament is still being carried on and it has nothing to do with their sexuality."

"And we're losing a lot of fine people because of it."

It was that sort of opinion that led a small group of San Francisco pastors to ordain Johnson and the two lesbian pas-

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tors he graduated with in 1990 against the church's wishes. The church still considers the ordinations illegal.

In another move of defiance, Lutheran pastors in San Francisco have continually elected Johnson as their dean to represent them in the Sierra-Pacific Synod — 218 Lutheran congregations in Northern California and Nevada.

"There's a very clear intention to send a message to the church," says Bishop Robert Mattheis, who now oversees the Sierra-Pacific Synod.

Mattheis — who calls Johnson "very gifted and capable" — says the synod has not challenged Johnson's election, though he cannot participate in official church business, such as ordinations.

But, beyond that, some sense a shifting in the synod's views on the matter. Unlike his predecessor, for example, Mattheis opted not to punish St. Paul Lutheran Church, a large congregation in Oakland whose pastor is openly gay and in a long-term relationship.

"I chose to say I'm just going to not deal with that and let it take care of itself," Mattheis says. "My sympathies lie more on the open and accepting side. The issue is not settled for me but my sympathies are there."

The issue is also hardly settled for the ELCA or any other number of churches — both in terms of clergy and parishioners.

Last year, for example, the American Baptist Churches of the West, voted to expel four churches in the San Francisco Bay area for a policy of welcoming gay and lesbian members without attempting to reform them.

With all the discussion and the infighting has come change — albeit slow moving — for some churches, including the Chicago-based ELCA.

I sense that there is less and less resistance ... and more of a willingness to think seriously about the question," Mattheis says of his faith. "It won't happen tomorrow...."

"But God's timing surprises us, almost always."

In the meantime, Johnson is happy to continue to challenge the system by serving as dean. But his most important work, he says, remains in the day-to-day workings of his own parish.

"I perceived erroneously that the church was one of the greatest agents of social change," Johnson says of larger Lutheran church. "I still believe that to a point."

"...But my goal is not institutional change because that will happen long, long, long after real change has already retaken place."

Anti-Gay Crusader Brings Protest to Duluth

Duluth, MN — An anti-gay crusader whose demonstrations prompted Duluth's gay city planner to turn down a job in Topeka, Kan., is bringing his protests to northeastern

Minnesota.

Duluth Planning Director Darrell Lewis said last week he would refuse the city-county planning director's job in Topeka because of persistent anti-homosexual demonstrations by the Rev. Fred Phelps and his followers from the Westboro Baptist Church.

Phelps said he is busing about 25 of his followers to Duluth on Dec. 26 "for an old-fashioned street preaching," likely on the steps of City Hall where Lewis works.

When he turned down the job in Topeka, Lewis said that making his reason public "would be an important repudiation of Phelps."

"I didn't anticipate this would be an issue in Duluth at all, either in the media or with Mr. Phelps" Lewis said. "I don't think Duluthians think much of people like Phelps filled with so much hate. I've had nothing but positive reaction since this all came out."

Phelps says his "mission" in Duluth is aimed not only at Lewis but at the city for letting a gay man hold a position of authority.

"From the fact that a militant, openly gay crusader is employed as Duluth's city planner it appears that Duluth, Minn., is another antichristic municipality going the self destructive way of Sodom and Gomorrah," Phelps wrote in announcing his trip to Duluth.

Lewis said he turned down the job because Phelps has created an aura of hate and fear of gays in Topeka that generally doesn't exist in Minnesota.

Phelps said Lewis' comments about the general acceptance of homosexuality in Minnesota shows "further evidence that Duluth's spiritual and moral condition is dangerously decadent and depraved."

Mayor Gary Doty said he doubts his city's residents will accept Phelps' message.

"I'm a Baptist, I went to Baptist church for years and that's not the kind of message real Baptists espouse," Doty said. "I don't think he'll draw much interest in Duluth."

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Plymouth Church to Celebrate Epiphany

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Plymouth's celebration includes a potluck dinner, a candle light tour of the church building and a short vespers service. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the service follows at 7 p.m. The service will be held at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Blvd. For more information call (414) 964-1513.

Free Holiday Guided Tours at Historical Society

Milwaukee — Free guided tours will be offered at the Milwaukee County Historical Society on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30. These tours of the Historical Society's two floors of museum exhibits will include exhibits about the area's founding settlers, an early drugstore and cooper's shop, children's toys, and the Milwaukee River.

Tours will be offered each day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Reservations are not necessary. At the end of each tour, a "Billie the Brownie" radio show episode or story will be presented. For more information call (414) 273-3288.

Holiday Survival Tips From P-FLAG

New York, NY — "Special survival skills are needed on all sides when lesbians and gays reunite with their families and loved ones during the holidays," says Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) President Nancy McDonald.

"The holidays are stressful times ... college kids return home, families spend more time together. For many, this presents a chance to speak honestly about being gay, lesbian or bisexual," noted McDonald.

"While some families may be accepting, others may struggle with their religious beliefs ... and others may need to rethink how they see gays and lesbians."

But following a few simple tips can go a long way towards making holiday reunions a little bit warmer. The tips, divided into two separate lists, are entitled "Home for the Holidays: Tips for a Happy Holiday." Parents can benefit from suggestions on how to welcome home gay, lesbian and bisexual loved ones. Just as importantly, gays and lesbians can learn how to best approach family reunions.

Each holiday tip sheet offers more than a dozen suggestions. Among those tips targeted at families and friends of lesbians and gays are: Realize that the situation may be as difficult and awkward for your gay loved one as it is for you; Take interest in you family member's life. He or she is still the same person; Connect with someone with whom you can talk openly about your concerns and feelings.

A second tip sheet, targeted at gays and lesbians urges them to: Make a decision about being "out" to each member of the family before you visit; Recognize that your parents need time to acknowledge and accept that they have a gay child. It took you time to come to terms

with you sexual orientation, now it's you family's turn.

Many of PFLAG's 400 chapters nationwide offer an outstretched hand to help families survive the holidays, ranging from telephone helplines to support meetings. Just contact PFLAG's national office (202) 638-4200, check the phone book for your local PFLAG chapter or visit their website at <http://www.pflag.org>.

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As their name suggests, Diversions is open to all and everyone is welcome. Watch for Back in Black's grand opening festivities in January. For more information, questions, or comments please feel free to E-mail them at: DiversionW@AOL.com. Or you can call them at (414) 320-1466.

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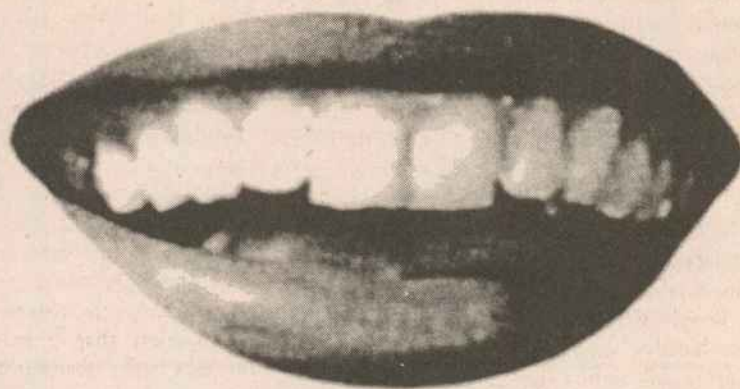
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The Limits of Sexual Freedom

Analysis by Attorney Arlene Zarembka

Those of us in the LGBT community are, by nature, rebels. Coming to terms with who we are is an act of rebellion against the societal presumption of heterosexuality.

But there is nothing inherently progressive about being a rebel. Some rebellions have been reactionary. The Southerners rebelled against the Union in the Civil War. The Nazis rebelled against the Weimar Regime, determined to form a "Thousand Year Reich" based on "Aryan" supremacy. Other rebellions have been progressive and revolutionary.

Those who demand the right to have sex anywhere, any time, are rebels against societal strictures, but they are hardly revolutionaries.

Mahatma Gandhi rebelled against racism in South Africa, transforming him into a leader of the movement that toppled the British Empire in India. Those who participated in the American Civil Rights Movement were rebels against apartheid.

These thoughts came to mind as I read Caleb Crain's recent article in *Lingua Franca* entitled "Queer Theorists and Gay Journalists Wrestle Over the Politics of Sex." The article discussed the "Sex Panic" group that formed in New York City earlier this year, and the developing split between academic "queer theorists" and mainstream activists over public sex. (The name "Sex Panic" reflects the group's contention that society is in a panic about controlling Gay Male sexuality.) Crain's article, in turn, brought to mind a meeting I had attended where a Gay activist asserted his right to have sex whenever and wherever he wanted to.

Those who demand the right to have sex anywhere, any time, are rebels against societal strictures, but they are hardly revolutionaries. For eons patriarchal men have been aggressive about their "right" to act on their sexual desires. Even many men who would not force women to go to bed with them often label women who do not wish to have sex with them as prudes, frigid, up-tight, etc. — in short, as negative about sex.

Many "sex panic" adherents similarly appear to label anyone who believes society has a right to regulate public expression of sex as "sex negative," while, not surprisingly, labeling themselves as "sex positive." Such labeling sets up a false dichotomy. People who relish sexuality and who are hardly "sex negative" can support government's right to regulate or prohibit certain types of sexual expression. On the flip side, people can oppose government prohibitions in the name of "sexual freedom" in order to justify their sexual oppression of others. Labeling those who are on one side or another of the debate as "sex negative" or "sex positive" is a disingenuous way to avoid the underlying public policy issue as to what restrictions, if any, society can place on sexual expression.

First, a definition: By "public sex" I am referring to sexual acts that are likely to be seen by members of the general public. I'm not referring to sex in parked cars where there's no one around to see,

to sex in sex clubs where those who enter the doors know the type of place they are entering, or to hugging and kissing in public.

I see nothing wrong with narrowly-drafted laws restricting public sex. For example, Missouri's "indecent exposure" law prohibits exposing one's genitals under circumstances where the person knows it is likely to cause alarm or affront. Indecent exposure laws generally were passed to protect women from sexual harassment by men, and had nothing to do with anti-gay animus.

What *is* wrong, however, is the police using such laws to target Gay Men in

police undercover operations. Their modus operandi is to have undercover officers hang out in the parks and engage men suspected of being gay in conversations about sex. When a man responds to the implicit invitation to sex by touching the police officer or by starting a sexual encounter in a car (or sometimes merely for inviting the undercover officer to go home with him), the man is arrested. Police routinely embellish their versions of the encounter, since, after all, the case involves the officer's word against a Gay Man's word as to who said and did what, and the police can count on the judges and juries believing their version of the events rather than the defendant's.

The entire Gay community, not just "sex panic" adherents, ought to be outraged by police entrapping men and then arresting them for engaging in nothing more than a private encounter about sex.

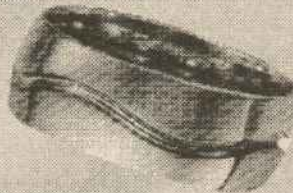
Thus, although the abuse of indecent exposure laws in police undercover operations is wrong, there is a legitimate public policy behind indecent exposure laws. Likewise, laws prohibiting sexual relations between adults and minors (whether in public or in private) are entirely appropriate, even though persons have sometimes been falsely accused of violating such laws. (Indeed, if we used false accusations as the basis for deciding which criminal laws should be rescinded, we would have no criminal laws whatsoever.)

Yet an ideology of opposition to all societal restrictions on sexual expression leads to silence on the question of pedophilia. A chilling part of Crain's article is her description of the stunned but "respectful" reaction that a man received at a June "Sex Panic" teach-in at New York City's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in June when he announced he had been imprisoned for 4 years for having sex with underage boys. The silent reaction to his pedophilia contrasted sharply with the heckling that a Gay Man received at the teach-in when he said he felt that celebration of multi-partner sex made it difficult for him to maintain his long-term monogamous relationship.

Those who elevate rejection of all societal limits on sexual behavior to a moral principle find themselves having no basis for objection when pedophiles jump on the bandwagon.

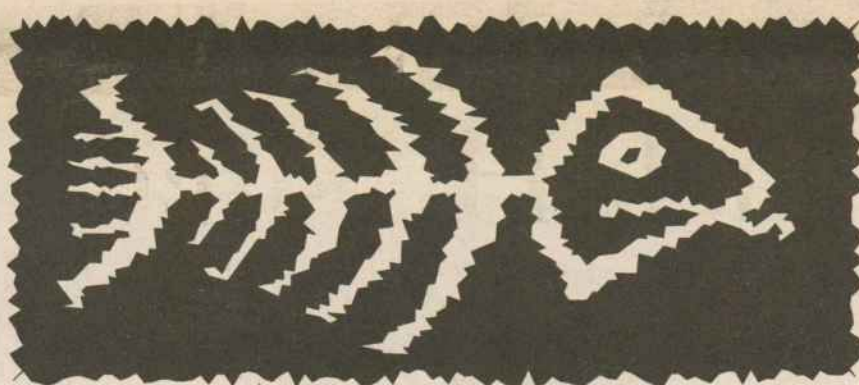
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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

The last column of the year always provides a challenge. As a writer there are several "formula" columns for such a situation, most centered on events of the past year or an overview of the Big Stories. Years back when I ran the paper, I would dive into the morgue (news parlance for back issue files) and page through each, pulling choice articles and thus plotting out the events of the past 12 months in our community. I can't do that anymore.

Now, I write at home, where I don't have the library of resources that were an integral part of the office. I'm lucky if I keep the last issue or two of the various gay publications I read around before they hit the recycling bin during monthly purges. I don't like clutter.

Unfortunately, I'm also not yet connected to the internet (I keep watching the computer prices dropping and keep putting off a purchase) so I can't do research electronically. Bill has always invited me to write my column at *In Step's* current office, but they use Mac's and I'm trained on IBM's. That, plus I smoke like a fiend when I write and they don't have a hermetically-sealed area with its own air system to lock me away in. Besides, I usually write in "comfortable" togs, and do it after the 10pm news on deadline Sunday.

Sure, I can recall some of the major highlights of '97. Ellen DeGeneres' personal coming out and her show *Ellen* right along with her. The hit movie *In and Out* and its widespread popularity and acceptance. The Hawaiian gay marriage issue and its positive outlook. President Clinton speaking at the Human Rights Campaign fundraising dinner and his appointment of more out gays and lesbians to his administration. The vital effort to open the Milwaukee GLBT Community Center. The positive news about new AIDS medications and the hope they hold for many. PWAs going back for work, who two years ago were near death. The New Jersey court case last week that allowed two gay men to co-adopt a foster child, opening up adoption as an option for any couples (same sex or opposite) at least in that state, but giving credence to other adoption battles across the country. Milwaukee's PrideFest, better than ever. The GALVANize March and MAGIC Picnic combining for the first time creating a great weekend in Madison. Pride festivities in Green Bay and Superior.

Certainly there were set-backs, too. Fires at the Main Club in Superior and the proposed site of the Milwaukee community center. The vicious attack from the Right and its rabid followers who waged hate via anti same sex marriage acts on the national and local levels in reaction to the Hawaiian case. Gay men sliding back into unsafe sex practices, the spread of AIDS in the younger gay and minority communities and those PWAs who fail on the new drug combos. The bombing of a lesbian club in Atlanta. The federal Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) is still languishing in Congress, even though polls show a majority of Americans agree gays and lesbians should not be discriminated against at work.

Those come to mind. I'm sure there are more Big Stories, both pro and con. But I still sense a positive change in the general American populace in terms of acceptance of gays and lesbians. Thanks to the mainstream media, the general public has been saturated with gay movies, news, television shows, characters and just plain old eye opening experiences. Exposure is education. That's why our leaders have been so insistent on urging us to "come out" all these years. We are now seeing some positive results.

Unwittingly, the Right just may have helped our cause because their vitriolic blabbering has turned many middle of the roaders completely off. Now many Americans are realizing just what kind of shit we have to put up with and they realize it just ain't right.

Author Tony Kushner in a *Last Word* in the December 23 *Advocate* calls it "Gay perestroika". He explains:

"Racism still exists, but the African-American civil rights movement changed the world forever. Sexism still exists, but feminism changed the world forever. Homophobia still exists, but we have changed the world forever. It's what Gorbachev said about perestroika: A movement succeeds not when everything is perfect but when so much has changed that there's no going back."

Profound, intuitive words, but then I expect nothing less from Mr. Kushner. I certainly couldn't say it better and I totally agree with him. Even in casual conversations with non-gay people, I've noticed a positive tilt in attitude. Now that we have the momentum in our favor, or so it seems, it's our duty to keep plugging away. It is *not* time to sit back and think things are going to keep getting better if we don't continue to push... hard for what is rightfully ours as American citizens. *Equal Rights* not so-called Special Rights.

There, that's my '97 version of an end of the year column. That said, there *are* a few more tidbits I'd like to relate to you...



Between the disease itself, and the drugs PWAs take to combat HIV, many of us have problems of a sexual nature. I'll be blunt... some of us just can't get it up. I'm also going to be

totally honest with you. I've had that problem for nearly three years, and up until the last couple of months, I had just put sex out of my mind. I don't go out socially real often, and the vast majority of my friends are "sisters" aka platonic relationships, thus the opportunities really haven't presented themselves to meet potential partners. Plus, there is always that fear of rejection when you're upfront about your status; and your own self-image problems don't help, either.

I didn't feel good, I didn't look good, I had no libido, and I figured well, you've got an incurable disease, you've sowed *many* wild oats in the past, be content with that. But now the medications are working. I'm still alive and have hope for the future. And I want the future to include sexuality.

Friends are wonderful, but it's been years since I even necked with someone, much less felt another man's body next to mine. So now the interest has come back. Unfortunately, the equipment wouldn't work.

I talked to my doctor, who I've confided in all along, and explained how I wanted to try and make things work again. He knows I'm an activist patient and felt assured I knew how to adhere to safer sex. Actually I've educated him on more than a few subjects on AIDS and prevention over the years since I'm his longest surviving patient. We chatted and laughed over the lack of a sex life (he's going through a divorce) whatever the cause.

Now some of you may come across physicians who don't even want to discuss sex. After all, you're infected with HIV so they may feel you shouldn't have a sex life. If that's the case, find a new doctor.

My physician offered me several options: to send me to a urologist to check out the mechanics; a referral to a shrink if I thought it was a mental block or whatever; an appointment with an endocrinologist to check out the chemical system; and we even discussed various potential herbal remedies.

I have periodic appointments with my endo doctor anyway, because of other chemical imbalances (thyroid, potassium) so I decided to wait until I saw her. After our discussion, she ran a test on the level of various hormones in my blood and we found the answer. My testosterone level was only 112, when normally it should be in a range of 360 to 1,200.

I'm now getting shots every two weeks of 200 milligrams of testosterone. I just had my third shot last week. And lo and behold, it's working! I won't get into specifics, but all I know is I had to shout with glee one morning the other week (loud enough to wake up Kim in the other room) when I woke up with a "morning missile". It's been years...

I'm still not at full throttle, so to speak, but then again, I am in my mid 40's. Now I've got another problem: I've got to learn how to cruise all over again because I've lost the touch.

That's really a personal story to be telling you, dear reader, but if any of you are in the same boat, you might want to have your testosterone and other hormonal levels checked out the next time you have to have blood work done. It was such an easy answer compared to having a urologist poke and prod, or a shrink probing your psyche.



In the last issue I commented about the Two Rivers man with AIDS who bit his mother, drawing blood and got a letter lambasting me from "Bemused in the Northwoods" who urged me to consider the old gay dictum: "Never take a news story or a drag queen at face value!"

I had related the account of the case from a report in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Bemused sent me a much more detailed article that was printed in the *Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*. As Bemused said, the Milwaukee paper got some few key facts incorrect and he accuses them of anti-AIDS prejudice by selecting only negative comments from the initial police report. The Manitowoc paper's article was fully fleshed out, and more conciliatory.

I certainly don't want to fan the flames of anti-AIDS hysteria, and I chastised myself for even writing about it, after my deadline. Like I said then, I didn't know all that facts, and I made some erroneous assumptions (Assume: make an ass out of you and me).

Thanks for enlightening me with the full story, Bemused, but he still shouldn't have bit her! I can relate better than you'll ever know.



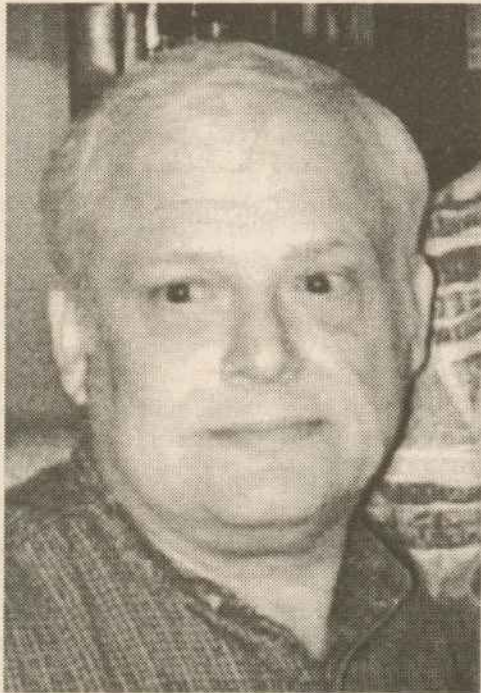
Hope you all had a pleasant Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to those of you still celebrating as this issue hits the streets. The New Year is fast approaching, and I sincerely hope you all will party safely and not drive drunk. Milwaukee buses are free all night.

Peace, Health, Prosperity, and Happiness in '98... I'll be lookin' for Love!

Memorial

Nelvin Johnson

1946-1997



A Personal Memorial To My Friend Nel
By Ron Geiman

One of my dearest friends, Nel Johnson, died in his sleep sometime between 1am and 3pm Monday, December 22. He was 50 years old. I'm still in shock as I write this and plans for a special Milwaukee memorial service in January and funeral arrangements in Sparta later this week were still unscheduled as this issue went to press.

Nelvin moved to Milwaukee from Sparta, Wisconsin in 1983, and not long after, we met through mutual friends who were all transplants from the LaCrosse/Sparta area: Kim Zweibohmer, Peter Keller, Ron Stahr and Mark Pellowski. In La Crosse, he was one of the co-owners of the now-closed gay bar,

The Red Lion. He moved to Milwaukee so he could live in a friendlier, big city gay environment.

He was a proud retired Sargeant in the US Army, and a disabled veteran of the Viet Nam war. Service in Viet Nam was one of our first connections, and gave us a niche in our circle of friends. I remember vividly back during the rancorous Milwaukee Public Schools debate over the inclusion of gay friendly education when hundreds of hate mongers swarmed an MPS hearing on the issue. After the hearing, as Nel and I were leaving, a group of flag-waving middle aged right-wingers commented as we walked by: "Oh look, that one (Nel) has a cane, he must have AIDS!" Nel stopped dead in his tracks, spun around, beet red, took his cane and rapped it HARD against his prosthesis and said, "I'll have you know I lost this leg serving my country in Viet Nam fighting for people like you!" The confronters cowered under his anger, cast down their eyes, and backed away quietly. I was never more proud of him.

Through his relationship to me and my previous ownership of In Step, he gradually became more active in the community. He was a long term board member of the Cream City Foundation and was also a member of the Human Rights Campaign, the Victory Fund, PrideFest, and a supporter of various pro-gay politicians and AIDS groups.

While with CCF, Nel staffed the center when it operated on S. 2nd Street, and then volunteered to run the office at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center. He was a past member of the Executive Board and made many friends in and out of the organization.

Even though Nel was always on the periphery of the In Step office during the period of '84-'95, emotionally he went through all my highs and lows as a publisher as a close, cherished confidant.

When I became ill in July '95, he was instrumental in keeping my dream alive even though he hadn't a clue as to how to run things. He and other close friends did the job for four months, and never missed an issue. I asked him to become my guardian during my incapacitation, and he oversaw the transition to the sale of In Step to Bill and Jorge in Oct. '95. His honesty and integrity I could never repay.

The call at 7pm Monday from our mutual friend Stan Liebe confirmed my worst fears. Nel had scheduled a holiday party at 7pm, on the eve of his departure home to Sparta to spend Christmas with his family. He would have celebrated his 51st birthday on Christmas Day.

I had tried calling him three times throughout the day, starting at about 3pm. Several messages went unanswered, and I figured he was running errands in preparation for the party. Stan thought he might have gone to the office. By 5:30 a thought of "what if..." crossed my mind. After another call with Stan, he went to Nel's condo, and saw his car in the lot. Lights were off. Knocks on the door went unanswered. Neither of us had a key. The police were called and we hoped for the best.

Stan met the officers and they gained access through his balcony door. They found him, in bed, deceased, but lying in his usual sleeping position. It appeared he had a peaceful natural death. Autopsy results were pending.

I've never met any of his family but felt as though I knew them because he frequently mentioned them. His parents, two brothers and two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved to spoil, all live in the Tomah-Sparta area. He dearly loved his blood family, but he loved his gay family, too.

It fell upon Stan to call and inform his parents. He had met them numerous times, which made the call all the more difficult to make.

Kim and I invited those that were to attend Nel's party to our house later that night, as Nel would have wanted. We sat up until after 3 a.m. Tuesday reminiscing. Nel never did want to grow old and infirm, he was insistent about that. He'd be glad his house was spic and span in preparation for the party. He'd just had his hair cut at our house Sunday afternoon by B.J. Daniels. He wouldn't have to be embarrassed about how he or his house looked when the police and coroner came. That would have been important to him. Death with dignity, and all that.

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Guest choreographer Sean Curran and UWM faculty member Janet Lilly discuss UWM's "Winterdances." Photo: Alan Magayne-Roshak

UWM Dance Program Presents "Winterdances"

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Dance Program in the School of Fine Arts opens its 1998 season with *Winterdances*, on January 16 through January 18. The concert features 30 dance majors (including Sheboygan's Becky Larson) in new choreography by UWM Dance faculty members Marcia Ruth Parsons, Janet Lilly, and Ed Burgess, along with special guest artist Sean Curran.

Based in New York, guest choreographer Sean Curran, who has toured extensively with the dance and percussion phenomenon *Stomp*, is a former member of the Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane Dance Company. His new work "Landscape/Horizon," set to the music of Ravel, will feature 17 student dancers and has been selected for performance this March at the Midwestern conference of the American College Dance Festival at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. The students will dance for adjudication by a national panel of judges.

The Program will take place in the UWM Fine Arts Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$7 students and seniors. Show times are Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the UWM Fine Arts Box Office, or by calling (414) 229-4308.

"Threepenny Opera" At Skylight Opera Theater

Milwaukee — Skylight Opera Theater continues its 39th season with *The Threepenny Opera*, with music by Kurt Weill and book and lyrics by Bertolt Brecht, from January 30 through February 15, 1998 in the Cabot Theater at the Broadway Theater Center.

Originally written in 1928 Germany to be set in England's Victorian Age, *The Threepenny Opera* has retained its popularity at the end of the twentieth century due to the many commercial recordings of its famous ballad, "Mack the Knife." In a

first for the Skylight, the scenic, costume, property and lighting design will all be done in house by the Skylight's production staff. Director Paula Suozzi will "use images and events from all three eras, blurring the lines of specific time and place in order to make the story more immediate and inclusive."

The ruthless criminal Mack the Knife, secretly marries the daughter of Peachum, Soho's underworld boss, but is soon betrayed by his sinister in-laws and flees to a brothel before being imprisoned. After being freed by the police chief's daughter, Lucy, who believes she is his pregnant wife, Macheath is again betrayed — this time by the prostitute Jenny — and sentenced to death. While in Newgate prison, Macheath daydreams about a life of wealth and ease. Meanwhile, Polly and Jenny argue as to which of them he really loves. At the final hour, as Macheath begs the denizens of Soho to save him, he is pardoned in honor of Queen Victoria's coronation.

Peachum is portrayed by J.D. Nelson. Mrs. Peachum is played by Judith Baird. Macheath is characterized by Norman Moses, and Jenny and Polly are respectively represented by Leslie Fitzwater and Kate Egan. Lucy Brown is portrayed by Michelle Smith. James Coleman is the music director, Paul Horpendahl handles the set design. Costumes are by Jeffrey Olson and lighting is done by Ron Mueller. The properties manager is Lisa Schlenker.

Tickets for the production are available at the Broadway Theater Center Box Office or by calling (414) 291-7800. Prices range from \$21.25 to \$43.25 (tax included) and discounts are available for seniors, students and groups. *The Threepenny Opera* is sponsored by Midwest Express Airlines and the Edward U. Demmer Foundation and is an anchor event in Milwaukee's first International Arts Festival.

Present Music Presents "Cold Weather/Hot Concert"

Milwaukee — Present Music, Milwaukee's world-class new music group will usher in a new year by performing in a new venue, Wisconsin Lutheran College's Center for Arts and

Performance, 8815 West Wisconsin Avenue, on Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 8 p.m. Described as "an intimate acoustical gem," the Center's new chamber music hall promises to showcase the talented contemporary performing arts in a compelling way.

"Our audience will experience all the elements that make Present Music great," says founder and Artistic Director Kevin Stalheim. "We anticipate a sell-out again this year. People need a reason to celebrate in January."

Composer Michael Torke's *The Telephone Book* will be performed to coincide with the U.S. release of Present Music's recording of the piece on the Decca/Argo label. A CD Release Party, open to everyone who attends the performance, will follow the January 10 concert. Torke, a Wauwatosa native who now lives in New York, is a Present Music perennial.

Milwaukee choreographer Diane VanDerhei, in collaboration with Chicago dancer Selene Carter and percussionist Terry Smith, unveils a stunning new work set to the rhythmic vitality of *Rebond* by Greek composer Iannis Xenakis. "Elvis Everywhere" by Michael Daugherty looks at "the King" from a novel perspective, and Pulitzer Prize-winner John Harbison's dynamic *Piano Quintet* has been described as "relentless" and "heartbreaking."

Both the ColdWeather/Hot Concert performance and the CD Release Party are being sponsored by Ameritech. Tickets are \$18, \$14 and \$7.50 for students. For more information and tickets call (414) 271-0711.

"In The Life" Announces 3rd Annual Short Film & Video Awards Competition

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The deadline for submission is March 13, 1998. For entry form and complete contest information send a SASE to: *In The Life* Short Film and Video Awards, 30 West 26th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10010. For more information call (212) 255-6012 ext. 308.

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Hamlish is currently Principal Pops Conductor with both the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. He was musical director and arranger of Barbra Streisand's 1994 concert tour, as well as the television special *Barbra Streisand: The Concert*.

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Tickets are \$15 to \$48 and are available by calling the MSO Sales Office at (414) 291-7605; or the Marcus Center Box Office at (414) 273-7206. Group rates on tickets are available by calling Audrey Baird at (414) 291-6010.

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus Holds Auditions

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, Lee Erickson, Chorus Director, will hold auditions for all voice parts on Friday, January 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Singers accepted into the chorus at this time will join the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus for the remainder of the 1997/1998 concert season.

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus repertoire for the second half of the 1997/98 season includes Orf's *Carmina Burana*, both in February with the Milwaukee Ballet Company and in June with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Music Director Andreas Delfs. In addition to these performances, The Milwaukee Symphony Chorus will appear in March with the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra in Hyden's *Heilige Messe*. In May, the chorus will present "Choral Fest," an acappella concert conducted by Lee Erickson, featuring the *Mass in G minor for Double Choir* by Frank Martin, as well as other works for double choir.

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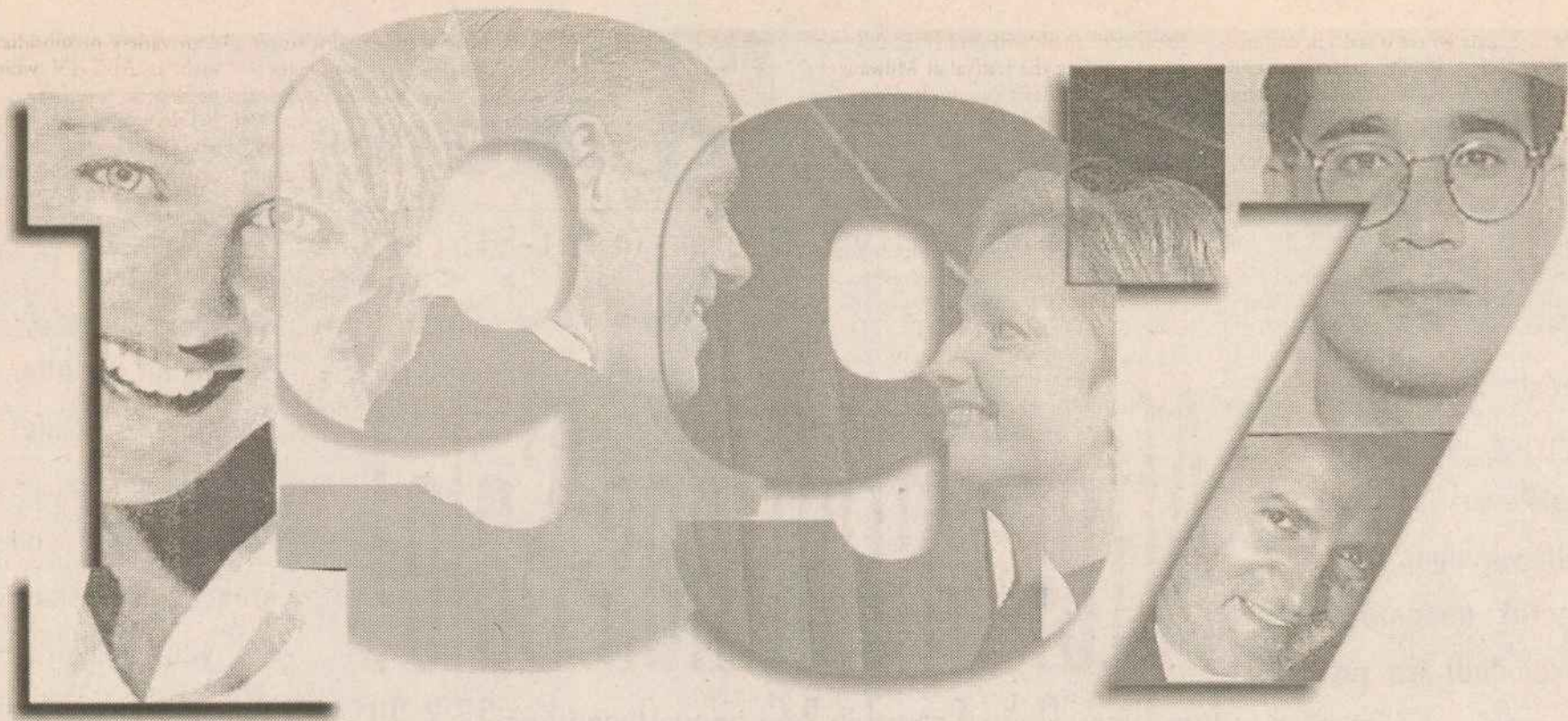
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The Year in Review

by Keith Clark and William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

It was an eventful — if uneven — year for gays and lesbians around the country. Comic Ellen DeGeneres, and the character on the TV show “Ellen” that she portrays, both came out. President Clinton also came out — for a black-tie awards ceremony held by the country’s largest gay rights lobbying group.

Voters around the nation came out, electing gay and lesbian candidates to a variety of local offices but refusing to pass an anti-bias measure barring discrimination in Washington state.

Military recruiters started coming out — to colleges and universities that for years had barred them from their campuses because of the Pentagon’s anti-gay policies.

Public officials around the country came out — some in support of gay rights bills or domestic partners measures, some against them.

ENDA, the proposed federal anti-bias bill, came back into Congress, while Southern Baptists said they absolutely wouldn’t come out for Gay Days at Walt Disney World.

And the U.S. Catholic bishops came out for parents accepting their gay and lesbian kids, even if they church still considers homosexuality wrong.

Crimes also captured headlines around the country. A strange UFO-religious cult in Southern California, founded and led by a man believed to have been gay, stunned the nation after officials discovered 39 of its members had committed a kind of ritualized mass suicide.

And the sensational nationwide police manhunt for Andrew Cunanan, described by his mother as a “gay prostitute,” ended when he apparently killed himself on a houseboat in Miami Beach after authorities say he killed five men in a killing spree that ranged from Minnesota to Chicago to New Jersey to Florida. Cunanan’s best known victim, according to police, was designer Gianni Versace in South Florida just days before taking his own life.

Gay and lesbian domestic violence also came to national attention with the release of a report indicating the problem of abuse among same-sex couples may be as widespread as domestic violence in heterosexual marriages.

Here are some of the stories that made 1997 a year that sometimes seemed like it had more than 365 days.

January

Cleveland’s city council adopted a unique measure making employment dis-

crimination a criminal offense, carrying a 6-month jail term and \$1,000 fine. Anti-bias measures are usually civil offenses carrying only a fine.

Colorado ended up paying out \$950,000 in legal fees to plaintiffs in their successful challenge to the voter-approved anti-gay Amendment 2.

High school senior Miguel Ayala became the first openly gay student to win a seat on a public school board, Chicago’s Board of Education.

A federal District Court ruled that the University of Wisconsin in Madison cannot require students to financially support campus political groups whose views they personally oppose. The UW-Madison students had sued to prevent the school of using any of their student fees to fund several university-sanctioned organizations, including the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center at the school.

Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones met with gay, lesbian and bisexual



Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones. Photo: Jorge Cabal

community and business leaders and promises to appoint a formal liaison to the community.

February

Prompted by United and American Airlines, a national air carrier group filed a federal lawsuit to block San Francisco’s new domestic partner measure that requires all companies with city contracts, even if not located in the city itself, to offer domestic partner benefits.

An anonymous survey of some 118 physicians who specialize in caring for AIDS patients found that 53 percent of the doctors said they had at some time prescribed potentially lethal doses of drugs for patients who had said they wanted to die.

Five people were injured when a bomb ripped through The Otherside Club, a popular lesbian bar in Atlanta. A second bomb was found outside the club. Federal and state authorities said the bombing may be linked to a Jan. 1996 bombing of an abortion clinic in the city and the July 1996 explosion that killed two and injured more than a hundred during the summer Olympic Games being held in Atlanta.

March

Boston police arrested three young men in connection with the brutal beating death of Lee H. Thompson outside Jacque’s, a local gay bar.

A report by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network appeared to substantiate fears that the military’s new “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy in fact is worse for gay and lesbians soldiers than the older policy it replaced. Based on Pentagon data, the report found that in 1996 850 people were discharged for homosexual behavior, a significant increase over the 682 people discharged for similar reasons in 1993 before “don’t ask, don’t tell” took effect. The report also found that women in the military were disproportionately being discharged under the new policy, with 29 percent of the 1996 discharges being women even though they comprise only 13 percent of the country’s military service members.

The Cafe, a popular gay bar in San Francisco, got into trouble with the city’s human rights commission after the club’s manager said it had adopted a “no straight make-out” policy to keep heterosexuals from kissing in the gay bar. City officials said any such policy would violate laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment is illegal under state law, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the individuals involved. The case concerned three heterosexual men who charged their boss at a lumber company — also heterosexual — has grabbed at their genitals, fondled them, and asked for sexual favors.

The improbably up and down story of the Hotel Washington fire and rebuilding effort came to a quiet, emotional conclusion when Greg Scheel announced family’s decision to end efforts to rebuild the Hotel. Scheel cited financing problems for the decision.

April

The Chicago city council voted 32-18 to approve a measure extending insurance benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. The measure was introduced and later signed into law by Mayor Richard Daley.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) made it official that a majority of local governing church bodies had voted in favor of a resolution requiring church clergy and officials to either be celibate if single or faithful to their spouse if married — effectively barring gays and lesbians, who legally can’t marry, from holding church offices.

The (where else?) San Francisco 49ers

became the first professional football team in the U.S. to extend domestic partner benefits to its unmarried employees.

The central character in the ABC-TV sitcom “Ellen” came out in one of the worst-kept secrets in broadcast history. An estimated 42 million Americans tuned in to watch the episode, which had been preceded by months of hype — including the earlier real-life coming out of the series’ star, Ellen DeGeneres.

Police in Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and California began working together in what would ultimately become the most publicized nationwide manhunt in years after two men were killed in Minnesota, and a wealthy real estate tycoon was later found brutally slain in his Chicago home. Police linked one man — Andrew Cunanan of San Diego — to the three killings. Before the case ended with Cunanan’s apparent suicide on a houseboat in Miami, authorities had also linked him to the murder of a cemetery custodian in New Jersey and later to the execution-style slaying of fashion designer Gianni Versace in South Florida.

May

The Michigan attorney general’s office formally ruled that a bill adopted by the state legislature that would cut state funds to colleges and universities that offer domestic partner benefits is unconstitutional. The attorney general’s official opinion has the force of law unless challenged in court.

Arizona Gov. Fife Symington signed a measure that authorized courts to impose stiffer jail sentences against people convicted of crimes based on hate, including anti-gay crimes.

Following the mass suicide of 39 members of the Heaven’s Gate UFO-religious cult in San Diego, reports surfaced that the cult’s leader, Marshall Applewhite, had earlier been fired from two university teaching posts for homosexual affairs with students, and had once sought psychiatric help to “cure homosexual tendencies.” The bizarre suicide cult that Applewhite led taught, among other things, that sex a personal relationships were unacceptable, and several of its followers, like Applewhite himself, had reportedly castrated themselves.

In a unanimous ruling, a three-judge panel of the federal 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that an Alabama law barring gay and lesbian student groups at state-funded colleges and university is unconstitutional. State officials said they would not appeal the ruling.

The Wisconsin State Assembly approves Lorraine Serrati’s “anti-gay marriage bill” AB104. The bill moves on the

the State Senate where it stalls in committee. The defeat in the assembly, while expected comes after intense lobbying efforts by gays and lesbian throughout the state.

June

With 34 Senators and 150 Representatives, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) barring employment discrimination based on sexual orientation was once again introduced in Congress. The bill again has the backing of President Clinton, and a similar measure last year failed to win Senate approval by just one vote.



Bjorn Again played at PrideFest 1997.

The New Hampshire legislature approved a state measure prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation based on sexual orientation. The measure, later signed into law by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, made New Hampshire the 10th state to adopt a state law barring anti-gay bias.

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer for a second time vetoed a bill approved by the state legislature that would have barred recognizing same-sex marriages.

In Wisconsin, Pridefest broke an

attendance mark with nearly 13,000 persons attending the festival at Milwaukee's lakefront Summerfest grounds. Comedian Lea DeLaria and ABBA tribute group Bjorn Again were headline performers at the event. *In Step* unveils its larger, newspaper format with its special Pride Issue.

The Milwaukee Presbytery became the first in the country to officially break ranks with the national Presbyterian Church (USA) over its anti-gay restrictions. Meanwhile, LAMM, BESTD and MAP all made commitments to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center with the Dreamland Ballroom location in Brewer's Hill emerging at the likely site for the Center.

Superior's Bob Jansen reopened the popular Main Club at a new site less than six months after a fire destroyed the previous location killing two.

Thomas Martin, respect Milwaukee attorney and prominent figure in Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community died in what was officially ruled a suicide. Martin had been active in a wide range of community groups for many years.

July

Twenty years after Anita Bryant led a successful campaign overturning a 1977 Dade County, Fla., gay rights measure, the commissioners there apparently still couldn't muster the courage to act in the face of far-right opposition and voted 7-5 against adding sexual orientation to the county's anti-bias protections.

Despite protests by alumni, Princeton University announced that it would continue to allow its chapel for same-sex commitment ceremonies. Harvard followed suit shortly after Princeton's announcement and later in the year, Emory University in Atlanta could set up a similar policy regarding its same-sex unions at the school's chapels.

Hawaii became the first state in the



Milwaukee Attorney Tom Martin.

country to allow gay and lesbian couples to receive some of the benefits already available to married couples. Although Vermont has a statewide domestic partnership registration, it extends no benefits to couples. The Hawaii state attorney general later issued an opinion saying that the most important benefit — access to health care insurance — wouldn't apply in most cases under the new law because of an insurance technicality in the legislation itself.

Yale University turned down an offer by one of its better-known alumni, playwright and ACT-UP founder Larry Kramer, to set up an endowment of about \$4 million for a tenured professorship of gay and lesbian studies at the school. The university said it had a hiring freeze in place that would force the school, if it accepted Kramer's offer, to fire some other tenured professor.

Posters with the names of several faculty at Eastern New Mexico University who were said to be gay were found at the school with threats for a group calling itself "Fist of God" and urging "Just harass a queer" or "Kill one." Later, a woman whose name appeared on the list told officials she had been attacked by a masked person in her home. Police later said it appeared that the woman claiming to have been assaulted herself was instead actually the person responsible for making and distributing the pamphlets.

The Southern Baptists Convention made it official, after months of grumbling, and urged its 15 million members to boycott Walt Disney films, theme

parks, stores and an variety of subsidiary companies — such as ABC-TV which Disney owns. The Baptists said Disney is promoting "anti-Christian" values and a "homosexual agenda" through its films, TV programs (especially ABC's "Ellen"), by extending partner benefits to Disney employees and by allowing Gay Days at its theme parks. Four months after the boycott was announced, Michael Eisner the head of Disney said the boycott had not had any economic impact on the entertainment giant.

Federal District Court Judge Eugene Nickerson ruled that the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates both the free speech and equal protection provisions of the Constitution in the first review of the new policy in federal courts. In his decision, Judge Nickerson wrote that a military that is "called on to fight for the principles of equality and free speech ... should embrace those principles in its own ranks." Just weeks later, a federal appeals court panel, however, ruled 2-1 that the new policy is constitutional in another case working its way through the federal courts.

Madison's MAGIC Picnic and GALVANize March on July 19 and 20 drew an estimated 1,300 persons to the state capitol. The GALVANize Pre-March Rally drew hundreds with Mark Pocan and DeEtte Tomilson among others addressing the crowd.

August

A study by University of Sydney urban planners estimated that bringing the Gay Games to the city in the year 2002 would draw some 25,000 tourists and visitors and generate between \$55 million and \$140 million in tourism revenues for city businesses. Later in the year Sydney was announced as the site for the games.

The Episcopal Church's House of Deputies narrowly rejected a proposal to

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develop religious services blessing same-sex unions by a single vote. Church officials did, however, approve a measure allowing local dioceses to decide whether they would offer domestic partner benefits to gay and lesbian employees or not.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear three gay and lesbian cases. The refusal means that a lower court ruling in favor of a Madison, Wisc., lesbian who was first accepted — and then rejected — as a roommate by a group of heterosexual women who decided they didn't feel comfortable with the idea of having her in the house stands. The court also refused to hear an appeal of a former Navy lieutenant challenging the U.S. military's policy of discharging service members who acknowledge being homosexual. The court also refused to hear a 1994 case stemming from the arrest of members of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization protesting their exclusion from New York's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Montana's supreme court declared the state's felony sodomy law — the toughest anti-sodomy law in the country — unconstitutional, even though no one has ever been prosecuted under the 1973 law. The court ruled that the anti-sodomy law "strikes at the very core of Montana's constitutional right of privacy" and declared it void.

Milwaukee Alderman Paul Henningsen proposed a historic City ordinance which would provide benefits for same-sex domestic partners of city employees.

After months of speculation, The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin named Olympic Gold Medalist Greg Louganis as the 1997 AIDS Walk Honorary Chair. Meanwhile, popular Milwaukee bartender Kevin Rotar was drown during a boat outing on Lake Michigan.

In Madison, Fire Chief Debra Amesqua moved to have firefighter Ronnie Greer fired after he was suspended for handing out anti-gay literature at station houses.

September

In a development that even caught its own backers by surprise, two anti-gay groups in Maine actually succeeded in gather more than the needed 51,131 valid signatures to force the state's just-passed gay rights law on the ballot for approval by the voters.

The Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Support System (GLASS) in Greensboro, N.C., was finally told that it had been approved for a federal tax exemption. Earlier in the year, the group received a letter from the IRS indicating that the normally routine approval of such tax exempt status would be refused unless the youth counseling organization provided



Madison Fire Chief Debra Amesqua

documentation "to assure that counselors and participants do no encourage of facilitate homosexual practices." Activists said they believe the initial threat of rejection wasn't the result of an anti-gay IRS policy but instead came from "a renegade [IRS] agent" with a personal anti-gay agenda.

The Minnesota state supreme court ruled 6-1 that sexual harassment between individuals of the same gender is illegal, regardless of the sexual orientation of the people involved.

The Dalai Lama of Tibet, now in exile from his Chinese-occupied homeland,

met with gay Buddhists in San Francisco who said they were concerned about what they felt were anti-gay statements the religious leader wrote in his recent book, *Beyond Dogma*. The Dalai Lama, however, said certain types of acts, such as sodomy or mutual masturbation, were "sexual misconduct" whether they were engaged in by heterosexuals or homosexuals.

Two medical studies suggested that younger gay men were increasingly engaging in unprotected sex in the U.S., even though awareness about the risks and dangers of HIV were at an all-time high. Researchers suggested that recent positive reports about the ability of new protease inhibitor drugs to keep AIDS under control in many patients was causing younger gays to become "less concerned about becoming HIV-positive."

University of Minnesota researchers said a study involving more than 36,000 junior and senior high students indicated that gay teenagers were seven time more likely to think about suicide than their non-gay counterparts. The study found, however, that lesbian teens don't appear to be any more likely to think about suicide than heterosexual teenager girls. Public health officials around the country continued to report dramatically declining AIDS-related death rates, falling 20 to 30 percent in several U.S. cities.

October

Paul Cain, 26, was sentenced to a prison term of 25 years to life for the 1995 murder of noted gay geophysicists, Stanley Runcom, recognized as the developer of the theory of continental drift. Cain, who has a background in martial arts, claimed the 73-year-old Runcom made a pass at him at a hotel room.

The U.S. Catholic Conference issued a letter by American bishops that, while continuing to insist that homosexuality is morally wrong, put a new emphasis on accepting gays and lesbians. "God loves every person as a unique individual," the

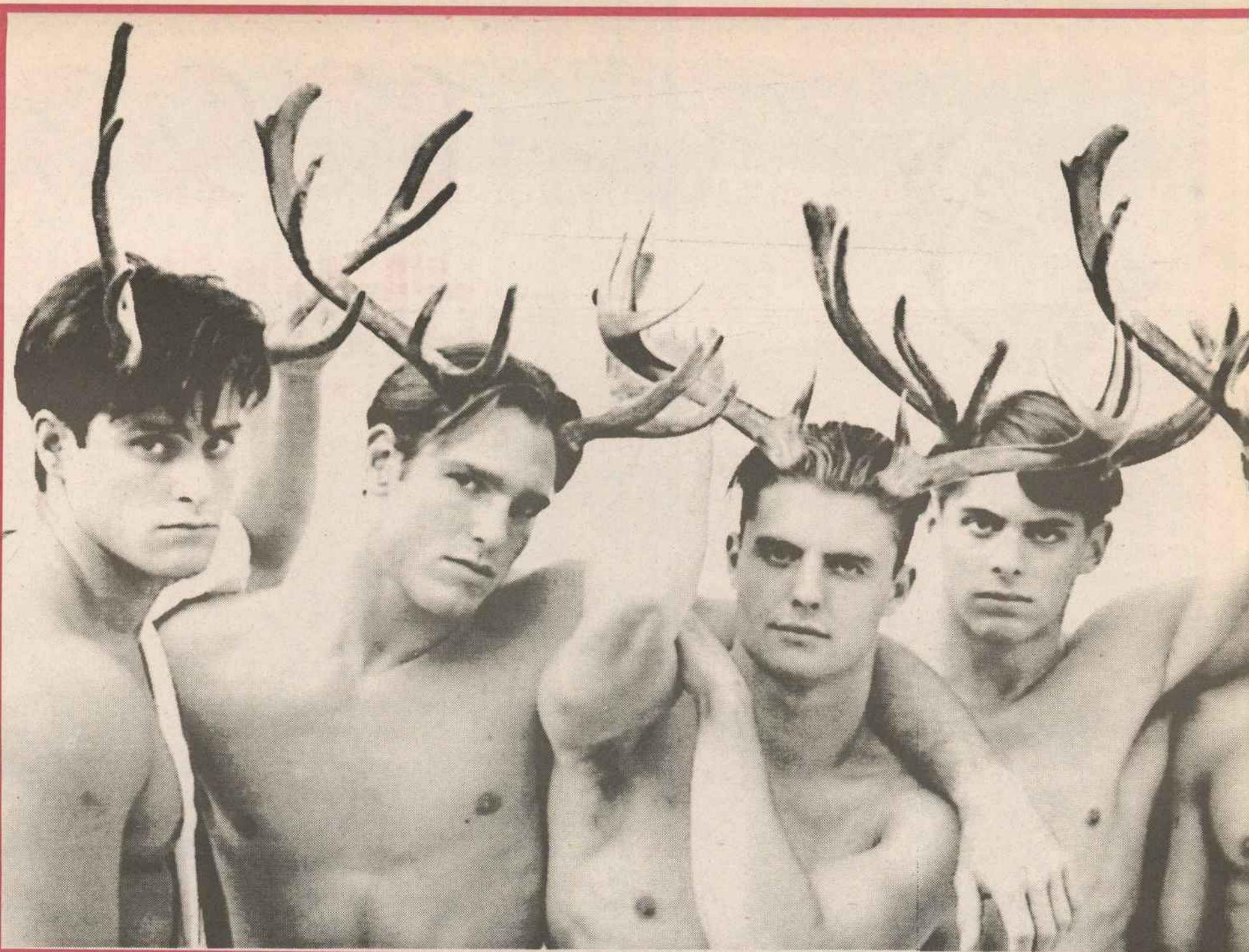
bishops' letter says, "and does not love someone any less simply because he or she is a homosexual." The letter puts a special emphasis on the need for parents to love and accept their gay and lesbian children, rather than reject them. Although church officials said the letter contained nothing new, rights activists and gay and lesbian Catholics called the statement "ground-breaking."

A report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs using data collected by 12 urban agencies around the country suggests that domestic abuse and violence in gay and lesbian relationships is just as widespread as it is in heterosexual relationships. The 12 agencies reported 2,352 incidents of domestic violence or abuse during 1996, a figure activists said was "just the tip of the iceberg."

Some 50 members of the Chicago-based International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care announced they were volunteering an experimental AIDS vaccine developed by Harvard University scientists, whether the FDA approves the new vaccine for human use or not. Unlike others that have been developed, the Harvard vaccine contains live — although weakened — HIV.

President Clinton nominated James Hormel, the gay millionaire scion of the Hormel Meat Co., to serve as ambassador to the tiny European nation of Luxembourg — the first such nomination in U.S. history. But after two arch-conservatives, Sens. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) put "holds" on the nomination, which had already been approved without objection by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) absented himself from the hearings, Hormel's confirmation appeared to be on hold at least until 1998, if not indefinitely.

Milwaukee's common council rejected by a 14-3 vote a proposal to offer health and grief leave benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of city workers, and the University of Georgia also nixed a propos-



al to offer limited fringe benefits to the domestic partners of faculty and staff at the school.

But in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Illinois' first domestic partner registry officially began. While in the nation's capital, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) unveiled proposed legislation that would extend benefits to the domestic partners of certain federal government employees. Retirement programs, life and health insurance, and workers' compensation benefits would all be covered under the Frank bill, although few people give the measure much chance of winning congressional approval in the near future.

Philadelphia's Germantown Mennonite Church, the oldest Mennonite congregation in North America, was expelled from its regional denomination for accepting gay and lesbian members.

The Ansell Personal Products company announced the largest-ever condom recall in U.S. history after a small number of customers complained of breakage. An estimated 57 million condoms, marketed under several brand names, were recalled the company said.

Wendy Weaver, a high school teacher, has sued the Nebo School District near Salt Lake City, charging a school board order barring her from discussing her sexual orientation violates basic constitutional rights. Weaver's sexual orientation became public after she divorced her husband and set up a household with her female lover. But the school district threatened to fire her if she discussed her sexuality with virtually anyone.

ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, was once again back before Congress in what is expected to be a difficult attempt to win approval for the bill despite narrowly losing in the Senate in 1996 by a 49-50 vote.

In a ruling that caught many rights advocates off guard, a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a Cincinnati voter-approved anti-gay measure doesn't violate the U.S. Constitution, arguing that a Supreme Court ruling declaring a similar Colorado measure was unconstitutional had no impact on the Cincinnati measure because it wasn't a statewide law. Rights activists petitioned for the full Circuit Court of Appeals to review the panel's ruling in the case.

After deliberating just four hours, a jury sentenced confessed killer Robert Acremant to death by lethal injection for the December 1995 murders of lesbians Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill. Acremant admitted slaying the women and told reporters in private letters that he killed the two women because they were lesbians, describing his own act as a "hate crime." But in his confession to police, he said he killed the two women, who were partners and ran a property management firm in the Medford, Ore., region, in a botched robbery attempt.

U.S. military recruiters were once again allowed to return to state college campuses under a bill approved by the Connecticut legislature after a federal threat of funding cuts. Earlier in the year, the University of North Carolina law school dropped its own ban on recruiters for the same reason. A 1996 measure approved by Congress authorized withholding up to \$70 million in federal funds to states that refuse to allow Pentagon recruiters on state-funded campus, which scores of schools did because of the Pentagon's anti-gay policies.

domestic partners of the school's faculty and staff. California Gov. Pete Wilson showed up at the trustees' meeting in an all-out effort to keep the benefits package from being approved.

In Minnesota, the Rochester city council voted 5-2 against amending the city's human rights ordinance to include anti-bias protections based on sexual orientation — the second time in the past four years the council has refused to add the gay and lesbian rights protections to the city's laws.

But the Salt Lake City council gave approval to a measure that would prohibit the city government from discriminating in employment because of sexual orientation.

Voters in Washington state solidly rejected a proposed ballot measure that would have prohibited anti-gay discrimination, losing in every county in the state except two. While there have been a number of anti-gay ballot measure before voters around the country, the Washington initiative was the first time in U.S. history that activists had tried to enact a state pro-gay measure.

But in local elections around the country, a dozen or so gay or lesbian candidates won races in New York, California, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. Candidates in Texas and Georgia also did well enough in their election bids to force runoff races there.

President Bill Clinton became the first sitting president to address a gay rights organization event, telling the 1,500 capacity-seating dinner held by the Human Rights Campaign, "We also know if we're ever going to build one America, you and those you represent have got to be a part of it." Clinton also repeated his support for passage of ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act now before Congress. Later, the president announced his support for the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, a federal measure that would add gender, sexual orientation and disabilities to the list of protected characteristics covered under existing federal hate crimes laws.



Proposed "Dreamland" site for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center before the fire.

New research casts doubts on the prospects that potent new anti-AIDS drugs, known as protease inhibitors, eradicate the HIV in some people — in effect, curing the disease. It was the first major research to evaluate whether the new drugs actually eliminate HIV or just lower it to undetectable levels while the virus continues to lie dormant in the body.

The proposed "Dreamland" location for a Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is severely damaged in a fire on November 13. While the site was damaged, spirits remained high for a center with the board of the group pledging to move forward with the project at a Town Hall meeting held on November 24.

November

The Georgia Supreme Court ruled 5-2 that Atlanta's domestic partners ordinance is constitutional. The measure was rewritten in some minor details after the court ruled in 1995 that the earlier bill was unconstitutional.

And after 16 years of debate, the University of California board of regents narrowly approved by a 13-12 vote a benefits package that will offer some benefits to the

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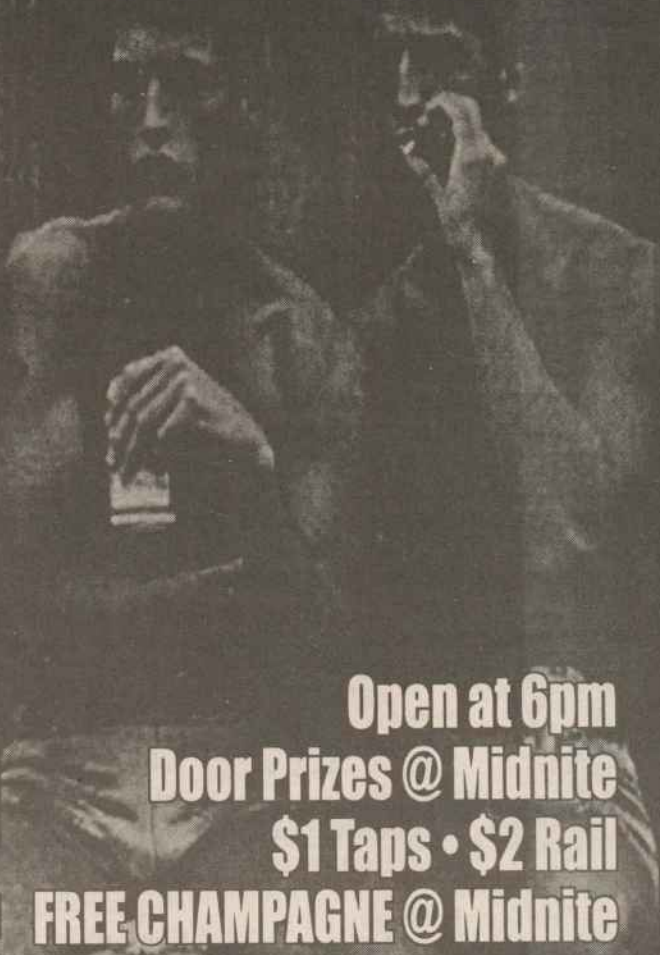
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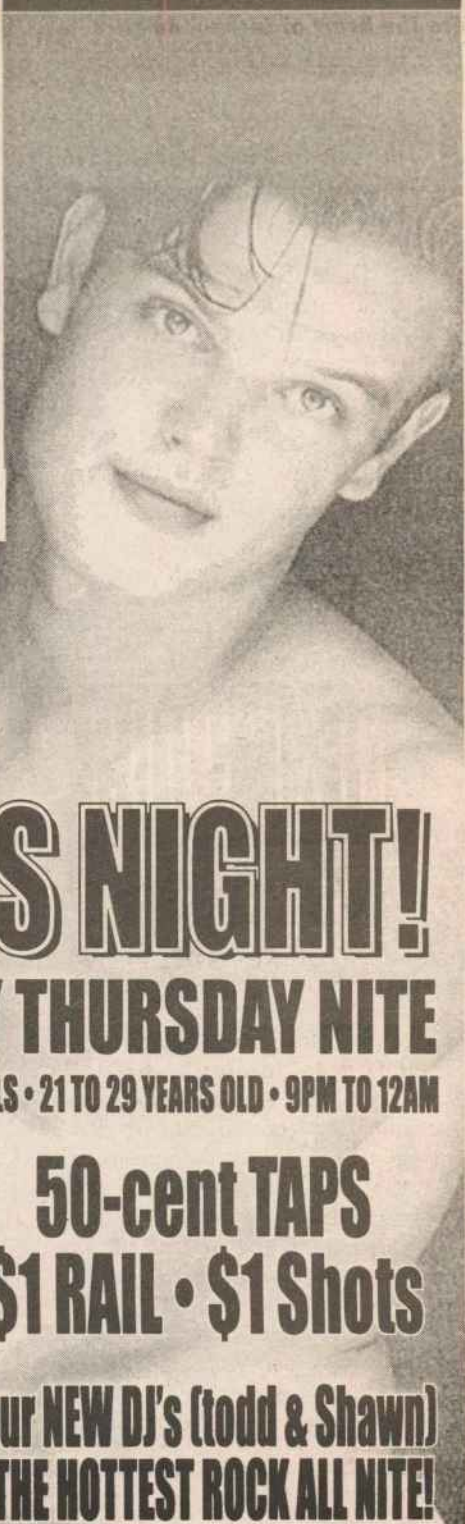
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The Best and Worst in Film for 1997

by Tim Nasson

I always kick myself after writing this column because of having forgotten to add a film that moved me deeply or infuriated me to no end. This year, I have closely perused the list of over three hundred films that I



Joan Cusack in "In & Out"

have seen theatrically and have left none of my favorite or detested films out, (I hope).

No one could have ever imagined that one of the year's biggest successes at the box-office would be twenty years old. "Star Wars" did not lose its charm with fans who embraced it when it was originally released and made millions of new ones in the form of young kids.

One of the most interesting things of 1997 was the abundance of young, cute, new male faces on screen. Many appear in films on the "Best" list, others (Nick Scotti, "Kiss Me Guido and Stephen Dorff, "Blood and Wine") starred in less than spectacular films, yet managed to swell certain parts of those watching their performances.

The movies I have chosen as "Best" and "Worst" are certain to enrage not a few. If you disagree, or share the same tastes, let me know via e-mail. Reach me at TNasson@aol.com. One winner will be selected at random to receive a video copy of "Goodwill Hunting" or "Jackie Brown"; the winner's choice.

BEST 10 MOVIES

1. JACKIE BROWN
2. GOODWILL HUNTING
3. DECONSTRUCTING HARRY
4. AS GOOD AS IT GETS



Mark Wahlberg stars in "Boogie Nights."

5. L.A. CONFIDENTIAL
6. BOOGIE NIGHTS
7. MRS. BROWN
8. THE GAME
9. FACE/OFF
10. TRAVELER

Honorable Mention: Romy & Michelle, Sweet Hereafter, Night Falls on Manhattan, Gattaca, Wings of the Dove, Eve's Bayou, Welcome to Sarajevo, Shall We Dance, Margaret's Museum, and Lost Highway

Then we come to the ten worst movies of 1997. From dinosaurs to necrophiliacs, to a woman with the most annoying of voices who can't decide which gender she wants to sleep with to Joes Pesci, to a suicidal maniac to a disgusting hustler, and everything in between, the worst

movies all have a place reserved for themselves in the bastions of video hell.

WORST 10 MOVIES

1. THE LOST WORLD
2. CHASING AMY
3. HUSTLER WHITE
4. KISSED
5. 8 HEADS IN A DUFFLE BAG
6. A LIFE LESS ORDINARY
7. JULIAN PO
8. DANGEROUS GROUND
9. EVENT HORIZON
10. LATIN BOYS GO TO HELL

Of course, it wouldn't be fair to not include the best and worst in the top acting categories.

The best performance by an actress ends in a three way tie: Judi Dench "Mrs. Bown", Helena Bonham Carter "Wings of the Dove," and Pam Grier for her role in "Jackie Brown."

Who's the best actor? Mark Wahlberg "Traveler."

A supporting actress nod goes to Joan Cusack for "In and Out" with supporting actor going to Burt Reynolds "Boogie Nights."

The most overrated film of the year has to be "The Fully Monty," with the most underrated film, "Contact."



Book Review

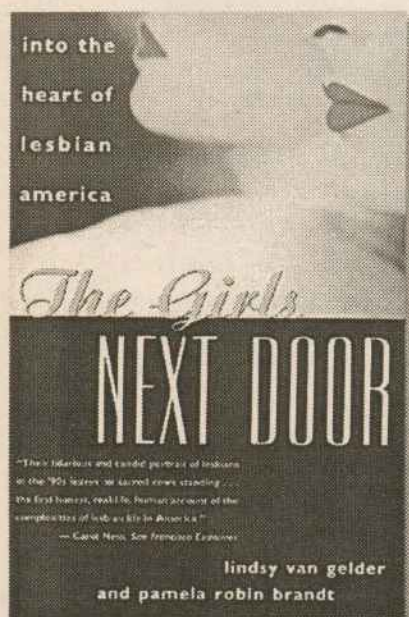
by Ed Grover

The Girls Next Door: Into The Heart of Lesbian America

by Lindsay Van Gelder & Pamela Robin Brandt

This is a good read for anyone who wonders "What do they do?" You will certainly find out when you read this one. It explains in plain, unbiased English what lesbians are all about — my education continues.

The "Triple Crown" of lesbian happenings during the '90s is covered in three sections with major events such as



the 1993/94 Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, titled "Identity"; the 1994 LPGA Nabisco Dinah Shore Golf Tournament party circuit in Palm Springs, called "Social Arrangements"; and the 1994 Lesbian Avengers' cross-country ride (leading up to the Gay Pride march commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York) named "Politics".

In the first section we learn about "feminist roots, a maddening tendency toward political correctness, the process of coming out, and sexual fluidity." In the

second we learn about "the world of the lipstick lesbian, attraction, dating, sex roles, body image, women's bars and softball." In the "Politics" section we are told about, among other things—fire-eating and "the larger issues that concern us, from electing lesbian politicians to gaining the right to marry."

Life partners, Gelder (a chief writer for *Allure*), and Brandt (who writes travel articles for the *New York Daily News*), have taken us on a journey that, as Carol Ness of the *San Francisco Examiner* says, "... leave[s] no sacred cows standing ... the first honest, real-life, human account of the complexities of lesbian life in America." The authors interviewed hundreds of lesbians across the country and a great many are quoted in the book. (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster - pb, ISBN 0-684-8395701, \$13.00)

Bessie Smith

by Jackie Kay

This is another book in the excellent *Outlines* series and is about one of the greater blues singers in the world who just happened to be black and bisexual. The "Empress of the Blues", Bessie Smith was born dirt-poor on April 15, 1894 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. By the time she was eight, her mother was dead and she sang for pennies and nickels on the street corners. Even then her voice attracted attention.

By nineteen she had joined the Moses Stokes Traveling Show as a dancer. Ma and Pa Rainey were part of that troupe. It is rumored that Ma Rainey kidnapped her and taught her how to sing. Ma Rainey was the matriarchial head of all the original blueswomen. She was also an open lesbian who sang the lowliest blues of the lot. "Maybe Ma, being so open about her sexuality encouraged Bessie to do likewise. Bessie was never hung up about her relationships with women; neither was Ma."

The author tells us: "She lived and

sang in a hard-drinking world of black female blues music which has remained largely a hidden secret." By the time she was 29 she had set Columbia Records on its ear, and was selling 780,000 copies of *Downhearted Blues* within the first six months of its release. She made over 160 recordings and sang with some of the best musicians of her day. Bessie traveled in her own yellow Pulman railroad car.

After a life of success and great personal tragedy, Bessie Smith died in a car crash in Clarksdale, Mississippi in 1937. She was making a comeback after being dropped by Columbia due to the depression and a decline in the blues. There was a glorious funeral in Philadelphia, paid for with her insurance money, but she lay in an unmarked grave until 1970, when singer Janis Joplin and old friend, Juanita Green paid for her headstone. If you love the blues, you'll love this book. (Absolute Press, ISBN 1-899791-70-1, \$9.95)

Close Calls: New Lesbian Fiction

Edited by Susan Fox Rogers

Close Calls presents twenty-one new stories by some remarkable writers who reflect on the complexity and richness of lesbian life today. Topics such as family, love and loss, children, violence and sex are covered. Rogers has brought together both established and new writers for this anthology.

Rogers says "...within the lesbian and gay community, anthologies really function as our literary magazines, and in them we introduce new writers, experiment with new writing and celebrate those writers who are more established." This collection of writing is what Rogers selected as the "best." Read and enjoy. (St. Martin's Press, ISBN 0-312-16802-0, \$12.95)

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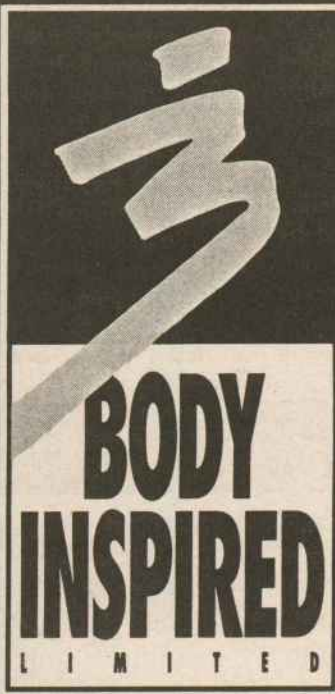
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Activities:

Friday, December 26

Pettit National Ice Center - Winterfest (Milwaukee): Watch the 1998 U.S. Olympic Trials for Long-Track Speed Skating at the Pettit Center through 12/28. Also 1/4 to 1/6/98. FMI call the Winterfest Hotline at (414) 273-FEST or (414) 266-0100.

Sunday, December 28

GAMMA - Cross-Country Skiing (Milwaukee): Meet at Lapham State Park at 11 a.m. (weather permitting). Amazing distance of trails & many routes are suited for novices. Bring your own skis or rent some. Park entrance & trail maintenance fee required. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

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. Check your monthly planner. \$3.75 pitchers all night! Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Cosmo Sundays! Cosmopolitans, Martinis & Lounge Drinks!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill hours 4 to 8 p.m. Manoeuvres (Madison): Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. \$5 for Miller Lite. After 8 p.m. all taps are 50¢ off. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

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

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, 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): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! All Budweiser 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.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1,

5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues sign up now.

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

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

Just Us (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

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

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

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. 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): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

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, 75¢ Tappers.

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

Tuesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 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!

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1, 5 to 7 p.m. Tattoo Tuesdays! A free drink w/ every tattoo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Rail pitchers \$6.

Wednesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 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.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Watch Ellen & Zena with us.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

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

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

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): 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 Daniel's \$2.

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

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

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

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

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

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

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

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Super Bust! All you can drink (tap, wine and soda).

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

Thursdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

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

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Amy entertains!

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

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 are back! Always a great mix of comedy, show tunes & more. \$6 rail bust!

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

Fridays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

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.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

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

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

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

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

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 Daniel's \$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.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials & import beer specials. DJ/Dancing.

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

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

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

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

Saturdays:

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

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

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



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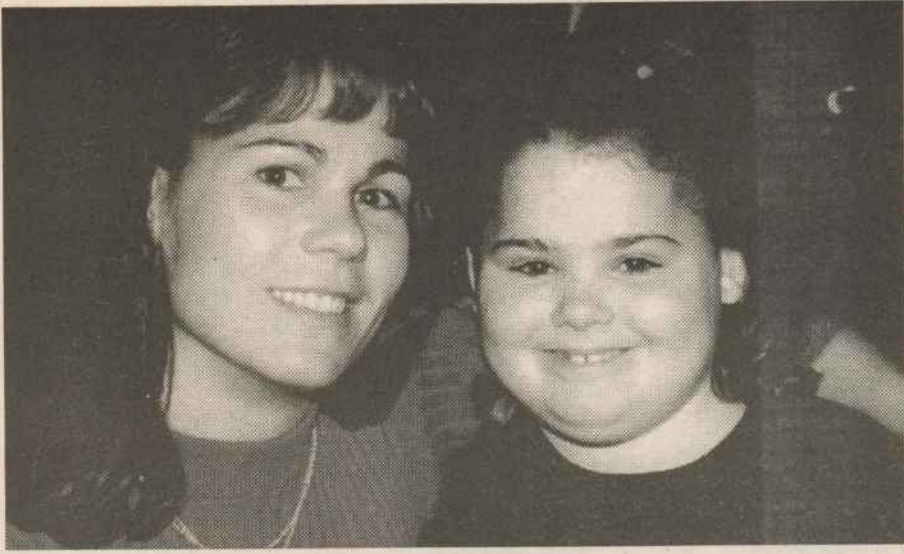
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Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.
 Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Super Saturday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange.
 Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.
 Mad Bar (Madison): Bottles of Rolling Rock \$2. Shots of Jagermeister \$2. Levi/leather uniform night! 50¢ discount for those dressed in levee leather or uniforms.
 Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill open 4 to 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.
 OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.
 Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 9 to 11 p.m. DJ dancing starting at 11 p.m.
 The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 80¢ tap beers, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhounds. All until 6 p.m.

Bar Events:

Friday, December 26
 Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago): Get out your Long Johns & Union

Suits for the Annual Underwear Party! \$100 drawing for Male Hide Leather Gift Certificate. You need leather to get into the Holding Cell which opens at 10 p.m. DJ Earl Pleasure.

Sunday, December 28

The Office - AIDS Benefit (Rockford, IL): "Singing Against AIDS!" Cast members from "Rent, Chicago" and "Peter Pan" will perform. Silent Auction. Proceeds to AIDS Care Network. FMI call (815) 965-0344.

Book Stores, Clubs, Classes & Readings:

Saturday, December 27

Audubon Court Books - Music (Milwaukee): Jack Grassal plays jazz guitar from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. FMI call 351-9140.

Tuesday, January 6

Gerber/Hart Library - Gay Men's Book Group (Chicago): The group will discuss Andre Gide's book "The Counterfeiters" at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (773) 883-3003.

Community Meetings & Events:

Sunday, December 28

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and Sing at Grace Episcopal Church on Capitol Square from 7 to 9 p.m. FMI call

Clay at (608) 232-0528.

Monday, December 29

Milwaukee Historical Society - Free Tours (Milwaukee): Free tours of the museum's two floors will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 12/29 and 12/30. FMI call (414) 273-8288.

Tuesday, December 30

Boyz Nite - ARCW (Milwaukee): Movies are shown on the first Tuesday of the month & later there is a discussion. The group meets 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. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

Wednesday, December 31

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Holiday Caroling (Madison): Around the First Bank on Capitol Square. 15 minutes outside & 15 minutes inside. FMI call Clay (608) 232-0528.

SAGE/Dane - Women's Chat (Madison): Everyone meets at Bagel & Baking Co. at 9:30 a.m. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Friday, January 2

SAGE/Dane - Gay Male Geezers (Madison): Meet at 3:30 p.m. for a movie or High Tea & Talk at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Avenue.

Saturday, January 3

Bi Definition - 2nd Anniversary (Milwaukee): Bisexual comedian Myke Selha will perform at the 7 p.m. anniversary party at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street. There will be food, music and games. \$5 covers the party for non-members. FMI call Steve (414) 483-5046.

Sunday, January 4

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Friday, January 2

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Friday, December 26

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Friday, December 26

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Friday, January 2

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Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

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OUT of the Stars

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

You may have a tough time with changes on a personal level. Since these changes are going to take place without your say-so learn to accept them. Pay attention to your home life, your family needs your input — expressing positive feelings will do wonders.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

New ideas need to be shared, and the feedback of others may improve the concepts. It's time to make way for a new approach. Time out may be a welcome change in your love life — although there is love, the day to day routine may have become boring and tedious.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Your need for solitude and quiet may be hard to achieve. Make the necessary compromises, meeting all responsibilities, but keep your input at a minimum. Try not to be so generous with money, or you may come up short yourself. Expect defiance from those not wanting change.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Use all available resources in the most economic and efficient way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the extra effort will be worth it. Others will end up amazed at how much you were able to do, with so few resources.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Perfection is not required, and will no doubt be impossible to achieve. Assuming any type of superior stance will aggravate those around you, try to leave well enough alone. You have a great deal to think about, especially concerning personal matters, take time to do so.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Resist any suggestion or manipulation that tries to get you to give more than you've got in terms of time, money and energy. Standing up for yourself will give you a great feeling of success, boosting your confidence tenfold. Don't budge on what you believe.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Show your appreciation to your friends and family. You have lots to give those you love, and revealing those feelings more often will bring you joy and peace. Financial success will be tied to a raise or promotion — and if not now, advancement is in the very near future.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Learning something new will give you a feeling of joy and confidence which you can share with friends and loved ones. You are currently riding on a crest of continued success either at work or on the homefront, so be prepared for any unexpected difficulties.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

What has previously seemed like a potential disaster, probably concerning a relationship, may instead turn out positive and provide you with new opportunities to create a more stable and loving closeness. If you find yourself in a rut, do something about it now.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Any investments, especially in the area of real estate or stocks, can provide you with excellent returns. Communicate clearly with experts in these fields before you make your move. Try to let a troublesome problem take care of itself. Enjoy time with your mate.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

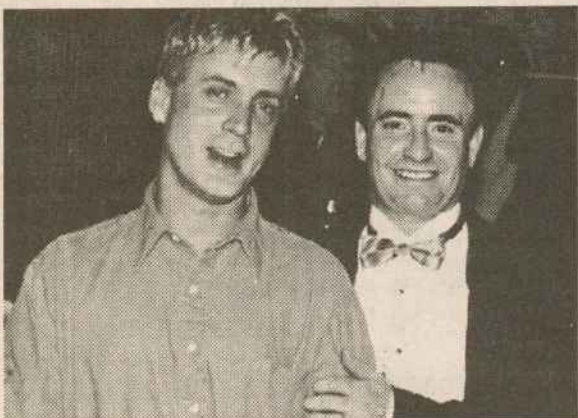
If you feel pressured about making a choice, insist on more time to gather the information and think about what you really want from all this. It's best to delay any decision, instead of trying to undo what you never should have done in the first place. Practice moderation.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

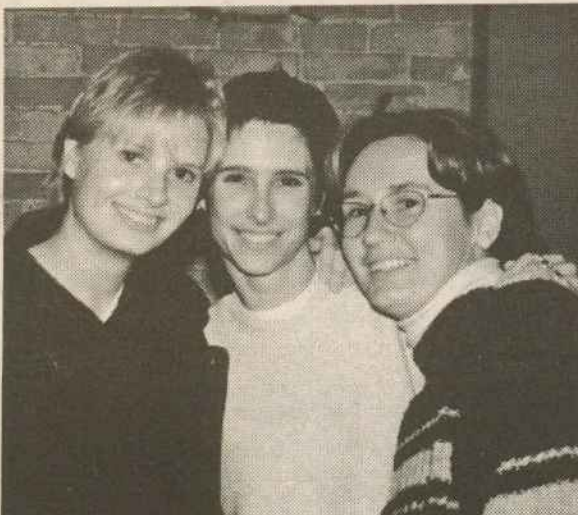
If you are finding yourself constantly letdown, it may be time to re-examine your expectations - unrealistic expectations of others will only cause you grief. Compromise is a key word for the week. Certain matters are not worth worrying about, since you cannot change them.



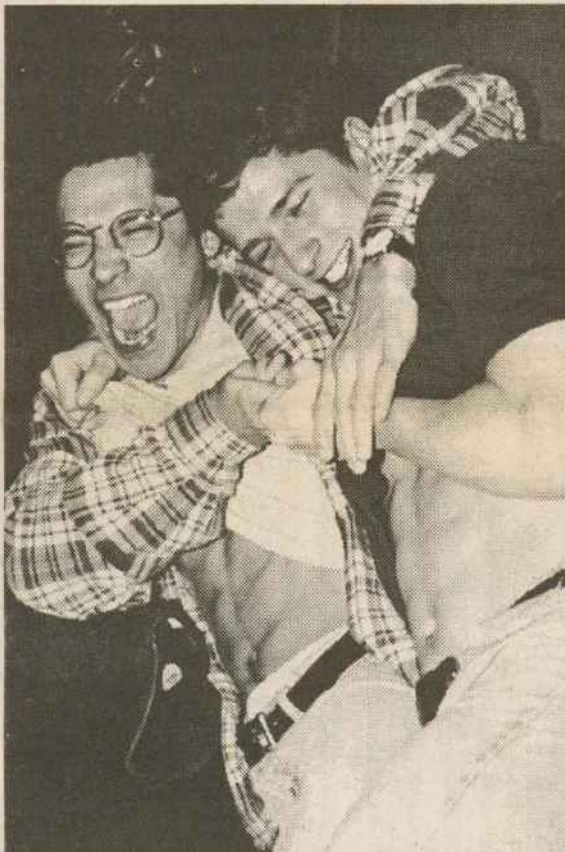
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Hey, stop that rough housing! Photo by Jamie, Madison boyz at In Between



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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Yea, I know, Thanksgiving was last issue but as we roll through another Holiday season I can't help but stop and think about how fortunate I am. I'm not talking about the "extras" I have in life. I'm talking about the seemingly simple things we seem to take for granted as we go through life bitching about this or that.

The original title of this column was "Life's simple rules". You know, I was going to go through a whole list of things that irritate me. As I was writing it I thought my God, am I really that selfish and self centered? Well the truth is I probably am and so are most of you. Don't get mad at me just yet, let me explain.

I was in out shopping for those last minute Christmas gifts, you know out in a crowded mall. I was getting frustrated with those people that stop right in the middle of the "traffic lanes" just chatting and holding up crowds of other people with places to go. I got to the point where I stopped saying excuse me right past the point of just bumping people out of my way. Then it happened. I remembered a paragraph from Ron Geiman's column, Tribal Talk. It goes like this;

"Whether you're out shopping, standing in lines, running the obstacle course at the malls, wrapping the packages, or whatever, do it with a smile on your face. Perhaps you'll enjoy the facial exercise so much you'll continue it the rest of the year."

It really made me stop and think. Who am I to be rude to other people for what really is just a small irritation for me. I

could easily be a street person without the means to be in a mall in the first place. I have to keep in mind how fragile our existence is. I have to remember that there are people out there that had a relatively normal childhood and young adult life. Some of those same people are the subject of *Frontline* (on PBS) every now and then. You know, those people who just woke up one day and something snapped... and now they are the "Forgotten People of the Streets".

There are people out there that are not physically "normal". People out there with struggles I will never have a true appreciation for. Many of those same people seem to have a better "grasp" on life than I sometimes do. Those same people obviously have many real reasons to bitch but are not bitching about the trivial things at all. Most of those people are the ones who are thrilled about the things they can do.

So as I meander through life I will try very hard to appreciate my life as it is and remember how it could change in an instant. Hopefully I will remember all of this until I'm very old and it's time for them to throw dirt in my face.... hopefully with a smile on my face.

Yes, I'm done preaching now, it's time to talk about what's been up in the clubs.

There have been Christmas parties all over the state. The first one I heard about was the one at **Mama Roux**. I stopped in to see Santa as he passed out gifts to all the good little boys and girls. I must have been a bad boy 'cause I didn't get a gift (excuse me while I wipe the tears from my cheek).

Maybe it was the flash from my camera that confused him. Oh well, next year he will give me 2 gifts.

Ed and the staff of **Manoeuvres** picked up their tits, chartered a bus and headed to Milwaukee for their Holiday Bar Crawl. Stops included **M&M**, **Woody's**, **In Between**, **The Eagle** and **La Cage**. I stopped in at **Woody's** to catch up with the group but they had already gone over to **In Between**. I made it just in time to get a group photograph before Brian passed out in the bus.

The next party for me was at **Triangle**. Rob was there giving away drink cards, gifts and shots. I made my debut as an M.C. that night, it was a blast. I can only hope I didn't sound like a complete idiot. Entertainment for the party was the one and only **Vanity Faire**. Damn she looks yummy!

Club 219 brought in **Lady Bunny** for the Holidays. Yes, I did make it there to get some photographs. I was well under the weather that night, I'm not sure if it was the flu or what but I went up to the DJ booth by **Kimberly Ann**, grabbed a chair and laid my head down waiting for **Lady Bunny** to show up. I kept hearing my name but was too ill to acknowledge anyone. As soon as **Lady Bunny** showed up, I shot a few pictures and then went home to bed. I was told by **Kimberly** that the show was "FABULOUS". (By the way, did you see the picture of **Lady Bunny** and **Kimberly Ann** in the *Q•Voice*? I was so proud!)

The **Boot Camp** also had a holiday Party with lots of food, lots of drink spe-

'Tis the Season

cials and from what I have been told lots of hunky men dressed in leather. Santa also made an appearance at **This Is It**. It is rumored that **Ted Berg** showed up in a tutu to raise money for **MAP**. I wish I would have make it to that party!

Dish threw their first ever Christmas Party last week. I stopped in for some photographs and never felt more welcome. I ran into my favorite girls including **Julie**, **Amy** and my personal favorite the always "perky" **Robin** and even though she wasn't wearing my favorite shirt I still love "playing" with her.

Last it was over to **Just Us** for their Christmas Celebration. The show was terrific and always creative. **Starr E. Night** charged up her batteries and strapped them to... well I'm not really sure where she straps them but she lit up like a Christmas tree so there had to have been batteries somewhere.

A couple of items before I close this column. **Walker's Point Cafe** has gone through some changes. I'm not going to get into the nitty gritty details just yet but I will tell you that the place is going through some desperately needed changes including a face lift. I will give you many more details in the next issue or so.

And in the rumor control department, **M&M Club** owner **Bob Schmidt** says the fish tales floating around town about the club being for sale or sold are simply not true. **Bob** says he's not ready to hang his apron up yet. That is good news!

Until next issue I hope this holiday season is what you want it to be and as always, slower traffic keep right.



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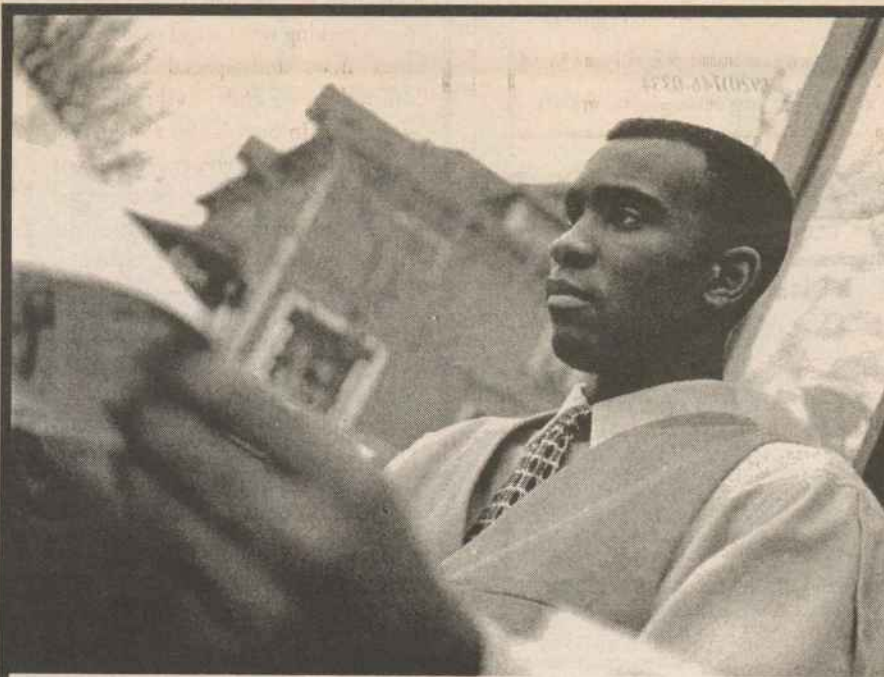
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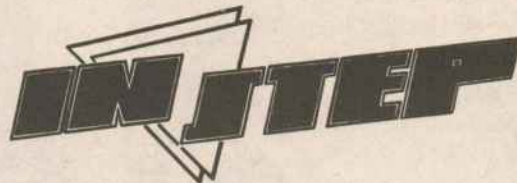
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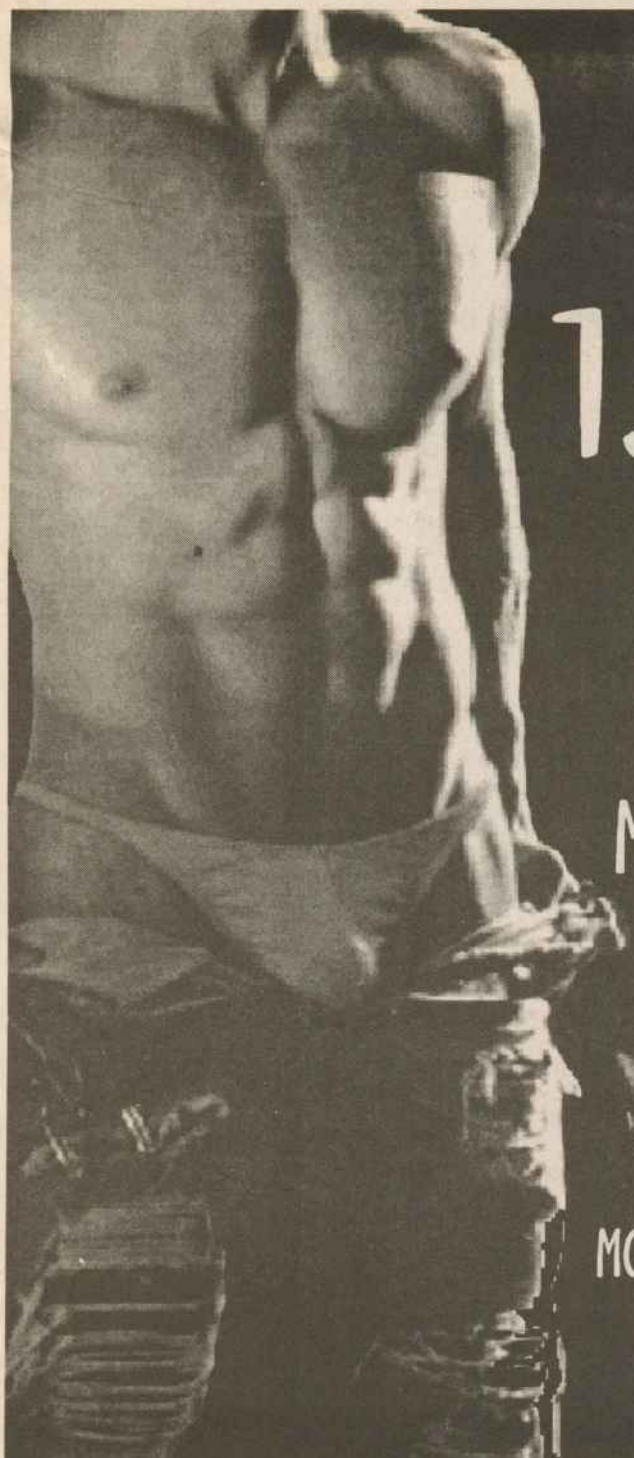
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AT MY EXPENSE This good looking, fun loving, passive male, seeks a dominant, aggressive top, who likes to enjoy himself at the expense of another person. I'm into leather, bondage, and slavery. I'm all yours. (Milwaukee) **#8045**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

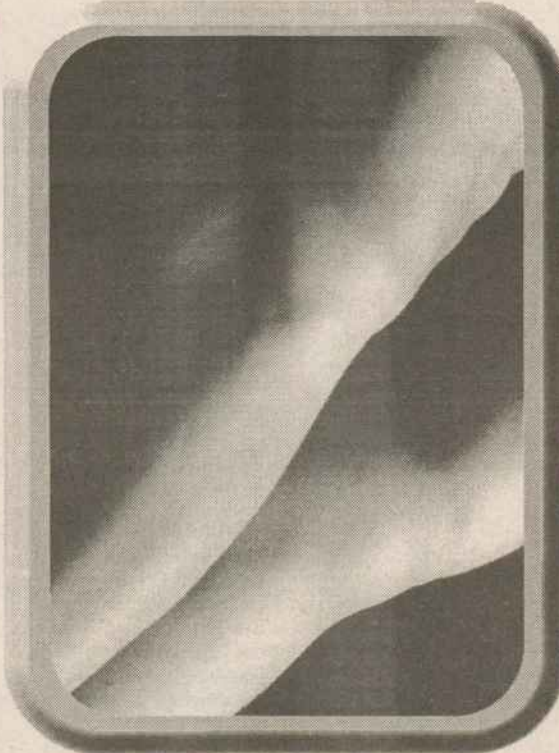
RIDE OF YOUR LIFE What more could you possibly need than this good looking, extremely horny, bottom. Bend me over. I'll take you for a ride. (Milwaukee) **#6098**

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

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

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

24 OR YOUNGER This handsome, masculine, 36 year old, can be your mentor and companion. I'm 6'2, 200lbs, with a construction worker's build. I'm active, versatile, and have many interests, including model trains, rock and roll, woodworking, 4x4s, camping, and traveling out west. I'm attracted to masculine, adventurous, boy next door types. **#9659**



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

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

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

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

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

ROOKIE WRANGLER This good looking, 20 year old, cowboy, in central Wisconsin, seeks another man, 18 to 25, who's just starting out. **#10728**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUPERIOR STUD Good looking, fit, masculine, White male, 27, 5'7, 170lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, is into the outdoors, working out, camping, hiking, hunting, snow mobiling, 4-wheeling, concerts, movies, and road trips. I'm easy going and am sometimes a bit shy. I'd like to meet guys with similar characteristics for fun times. Please be in the Phillips, Ironwood, Superior, Minocqua area. **#9481**

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAN'T GET ENOUGH I'm looking for some interesting and sexy people to meet. I like anything hot and intense. This 19 year old, White male, 5'10, 180lbs of muscle, has Blond hair and Green eyes. I can't wait to get it on. (Milwaukee) #9332

ATTENTION SENIORS! This nice looking, fit, Bi, White male, 26, gets into giving oral pleasure, and erotic, full body massages, to well endowed, senior males, in their 60's, 70's, and 80's. If you're interested in a discreet get together with a clean, safe, horny guy, who wants to give you pleasure, give me a call. I can travel throughout south central Wisconsin. (Janesville) #9607

GOOD OL' COLLEGE TRY This good looking, horny, college student, 23, seeks someone into a little bit of kink. I'm submissive and will try anything. (Madison) #10844

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP Hot, built, Black college jock, 18, 5'8, 155lbs, with a worked out body, seeks other good looking studs, under 25, for discreet times. (Madison) #10470

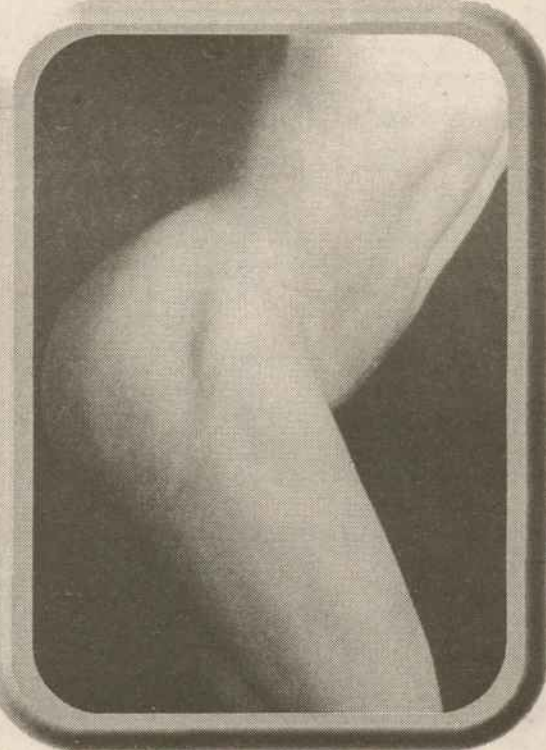
MADISON MEETING Horny, Gay, White male, 19, wants to meet guys, 18 to 24, for hot fun. I won't tell anybody. (Madison) #10079

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION I'm new to this area and want to meet guys to hang out with. I'm an attractive, White male, 26, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I like men around my age with Brown hair. We can work out together, listen to music, go out dancing, and enjoy each other's company at home. (Marshfield) #10849

OIL IT UP This well built, White male, 5'9, 167lbs, with a nice chest and arms, and great legs and butt, seeks muscled, gym studs, who like to oil up, pose, and show off their bodies. I'll worship every inch. (Milwaukee) #10632

NEED A GENTLE TOUCH This attractive, shy, Bi curious, White male, 20, 5'9, 165lbs, seeks another White male, 18 to 30, to help me change the fact of my total inexperience. If you're honest and understanding, patient and gentle, you may be able to teach me all I need to know. If you're the man, I hope you'll call soon. (Milwaukee) #10543

MASTER OF THE GAME Master seeks slave. Slave should be 18 to 25, under 5'9, alcohol, drug, and disease free, and willing to submit to master at all times. He should be smooth or willing to be shaved, and accept all forms of discipline and training. Master is a strict, demanding, teacher who must be satisfied at all times, but who can be nurturing and generous. (Milwaukee) #10733

HALLEY'S COMET This masculine, total top, White male, in my 40's, 5'7, 160lbs, with Blond hair, Blue Green eyes, and various interests, seeks a spirited, Black male, for a sensual journey, and maybe more. (Milwaukee) #10756

WHAT'S BREWING? This good natured, White male, enjoys movies, tennis, walking, biking, and lots of other good times. I'd like to make some new connections. (Milwaukee) #10432

TASTE THE DIFFERENCE This attractive, 35 year old, White male, has an interest in hanging out with educated, well traveled, older men, who have what they consider to be exotic tastes. (Milwaukee) #10447

BEAR IN CHARGE I'm a firm, stern, but fair and loving bear, 35, of medium size. I'm strong with dark, Blond hair and Blue eyes. I need bare bottomed, clean shaven, boy toys, 18 to 25, who desire to play sex games and be dominated and punished by a stronger, older, wiser man, such as myself. Come on boy, let me show you what a man really is. (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

FOOT PATROL This masculine, White male, has a strong, pronounced foot fetish. I love servicing and being serviced by other men who share this interest. I'm also into footwear, especially boots. (Milwaukee) #9501

SECRET CIRCLE This Married, Bi, White male, 50, with a husky build, seeks other Bi, Gay, Married, or otherwise available men, for pleasurable, passionate fun. I'm seeking ongoing friendships with other clean, healthy guys. I can get away whenever I want and I need some companions. Age, race, and size aren't important. (Milwaukee) #9450

BACK TO THE BOYS Newly Divorced, White male, 5'11, 240lbs and losing weight, seeks guys to have fun with. I smoke, am a social drinker, and can't wait to catch up on what I've been missing. (Milwaukee) #8973

INEXPERIENCED SLAVE Slave to be, looking for an older master. I'm a 32 year old, White, professional, Bi male, eager but inexperienced. I want to be a good slave. Show me how. (Milwaukee) #8966

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

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

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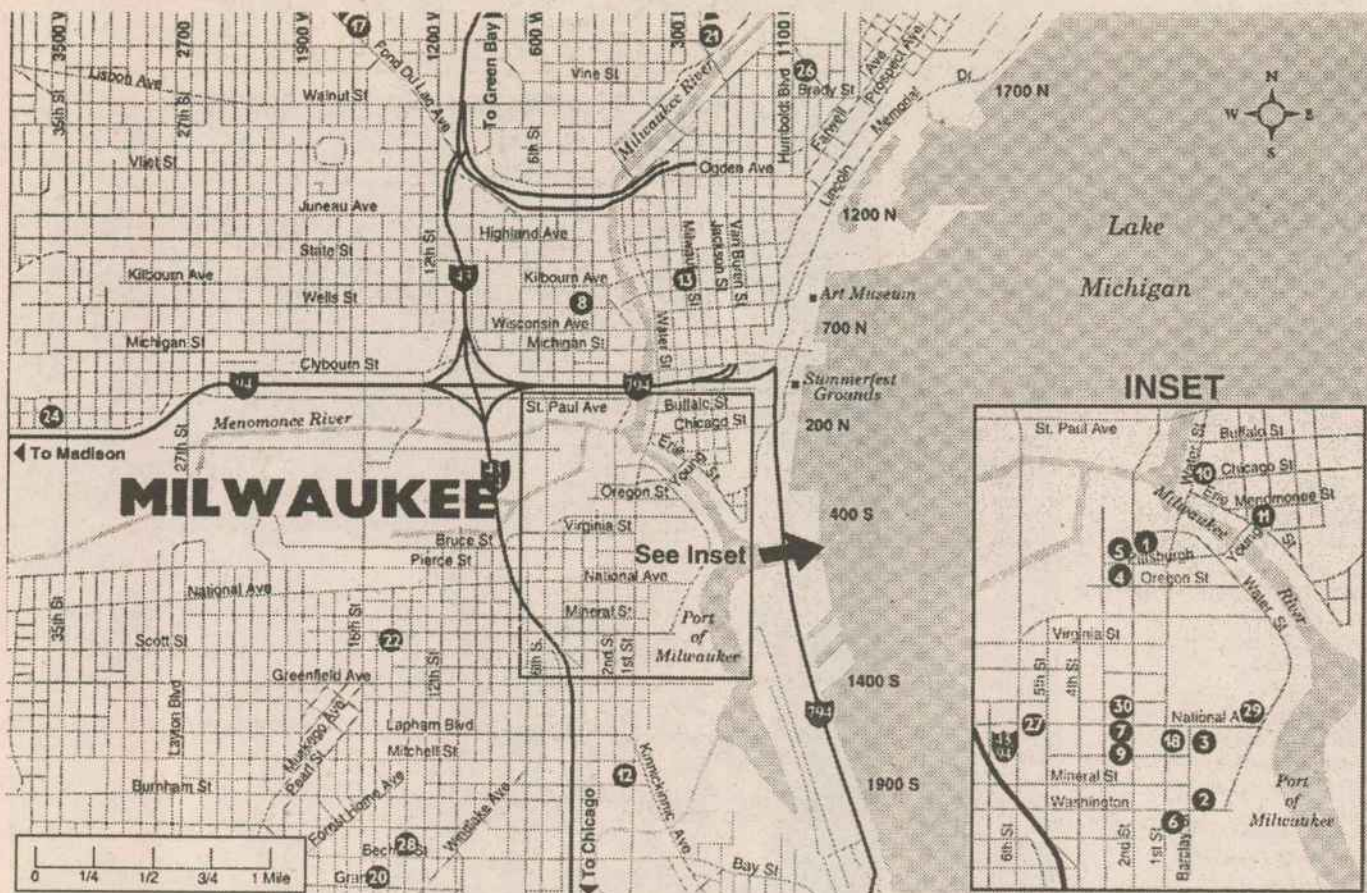
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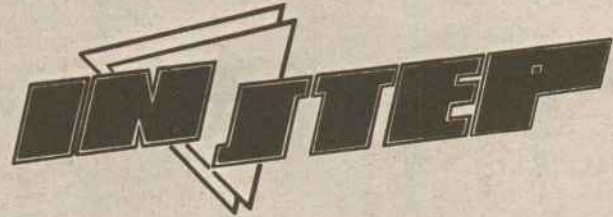
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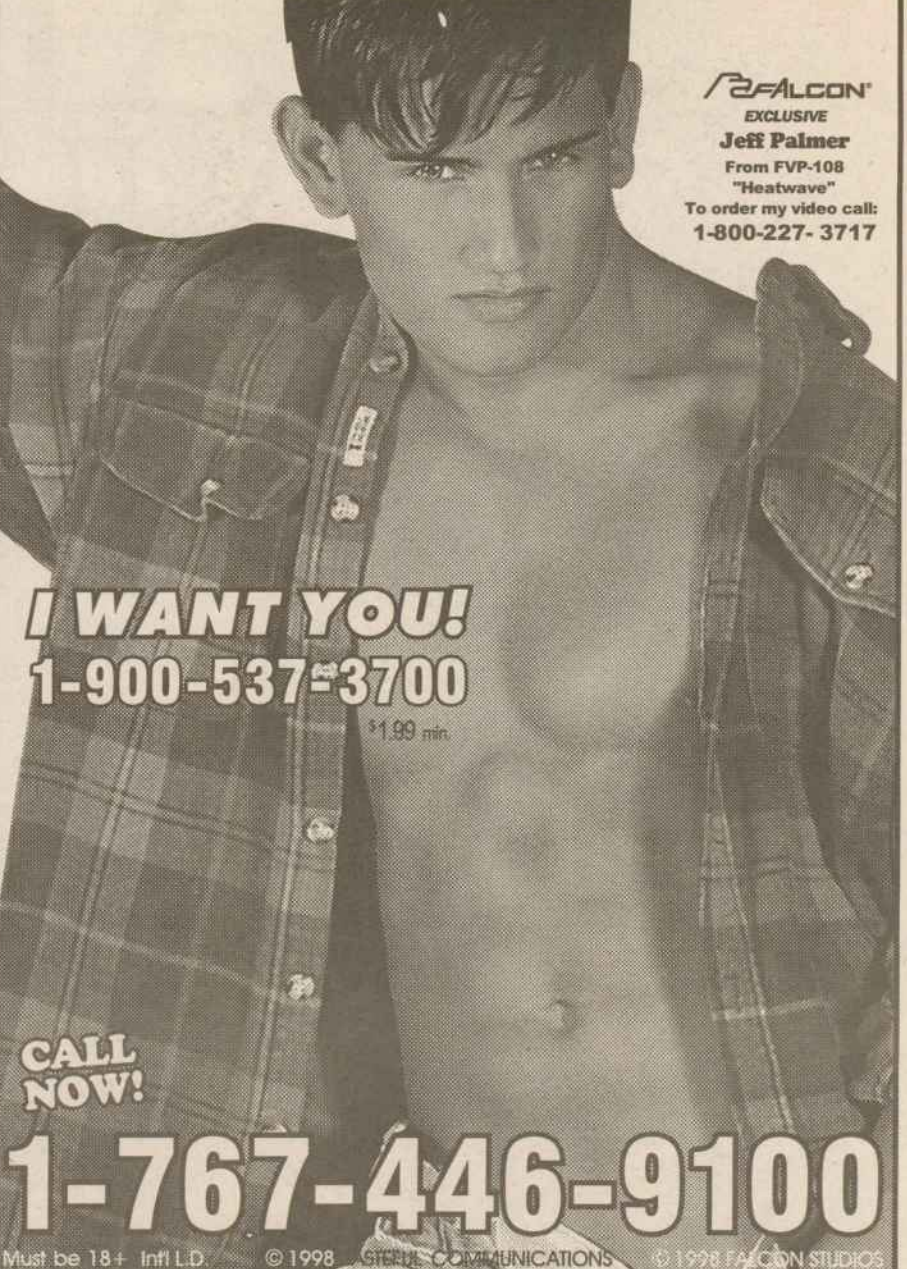


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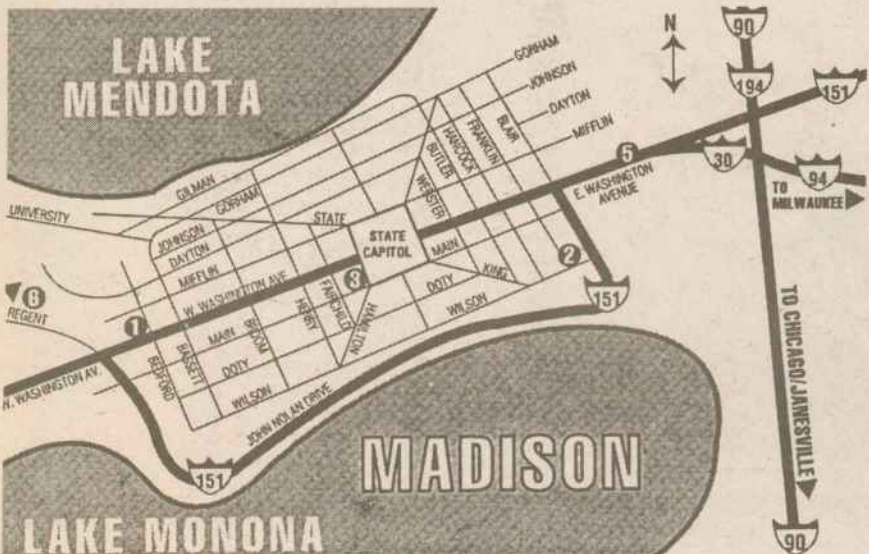
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AIDS
WILL *not*.

*The clock has not stopped in the fight
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