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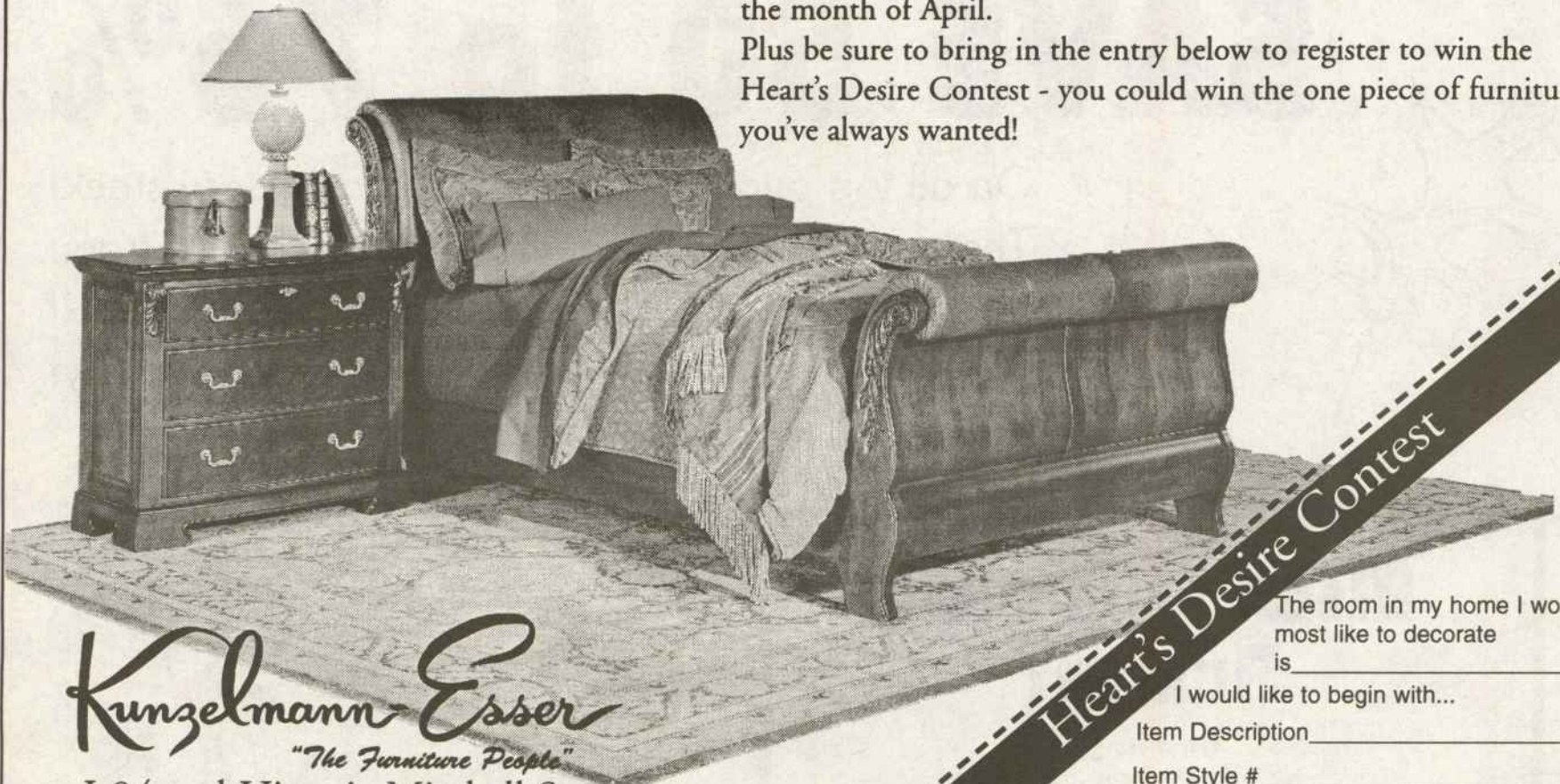
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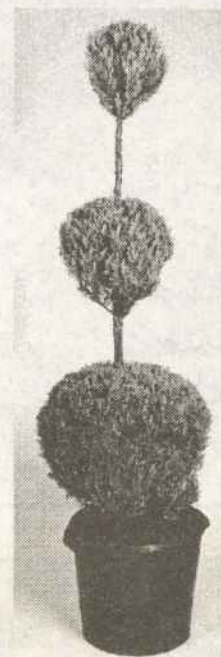
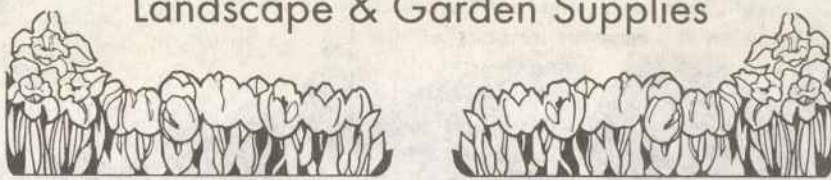


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## news

## Singer George Michael Charged with Lewd Conduct, Comes Out

by Keith Clark  
of the In Step Staff

**Beverly Hills** — After pop icon and onetime teen heartthrob George Michael was arrested on misdemeanor lewd conduct charges by Los Angeles police in a public toilet in the Will Rogers Park, the singer told CNN-TV in an interview that he is gay — although he acknowledged he was coming out “in a way I didn’t really intend to.”

After years of rumor and speculation about his sexual orientation, Michael handled his unasked — for coming out in the midst of the sexual arrest with a degree of frankness, saying his actions had

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put him “in an extremely stupid and vulnerable position” and asked his fans to stand by him.

“I don’t feel any shame,” Michael told CNN. “I feel stupid and I feel reckless and weak for having allowed my sexuality to be exposed this way. But I don’t feel any shame whatsoever.” The singer said this wasn’t his only “reckless” act.

Michael said in the CNN interview that he hadn’t had a sexual relationship with a woman in a decade and that he is currently involved with a man. “I have no problem with people knowing I’m in a relationship with a man,” he said, adding that his recent songs “have been fairly obviously about men.”

Since the pop superstar was arrested Tuesday, April 7, by undercover officers at the park near his Beverly Hills home, he had not been seen and both his manager and his publicity agent had declined the

talk about either Michael’s whereabouts or his arrest.

Police said the 34-year-old Michael, whose close-cut, designer-stubble good looks draw admiring glances almost as much as his smooth pop songs attracted fans, was observed by undercover police officers in the public toilet before he was arrested. They said he was alone in the toilet and the lewd act he was charged with did not involve anyone else. Generally such charges, when involving only one individual, mean the person was seen masturbating.

But police also said the former Wham! singer had “made eye contact

with our undercover officer” in the park, where they had been patrolling because of complaints by nearby residents about sex in the area.

According to police, Michael “motioned for the officer to enter the toilet, went in first and the officer followed him.” Police say that once inside the restroom, the singer and the officer “sat in separate adjoining cubicles and Michael started to play ‘footsie’ with the officer under the partition.”

Police say the officer then left his cubicle and looked into the doorless cubicle where Michael was and saw him committing a lewd act. The officer then formally arrested Michael and placed handcuffs on him. Police said the singer then “started to cry and was very upset.”

It was some time before police actually figured out that they had arrested a

world-famous singer. At the time, police say Michael was wearing torn jeans, a denim shirt and a baseball cap. He was released on \$500 bail just hours later and is slated to appear in Municipal Court on May 5.

Lewd conduct arrests in the Los Angeles area are reportedly increasing, and police said another man had been arrested on similar charges at the same public toilet just hours before Michael was charged.

Since his arrest, Michael has reportedly been staying at the home of openly gay record producer David Geffen, a friend of the millionaire singer who now records on Geffen’s label, Dreamworks.

An associate of the record producer said, “David is gay and although he has no sexual relationship with George, he is being a true friend and helping him come to terms with the enormity of what has happened. George is staying at his house for the foreseeable future — it is entirely secure and he can live without the media hounding.”

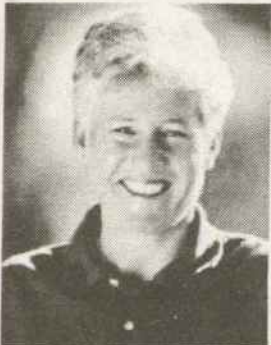
Michael is not the first celebrity to be charged with committing a “lewd act” in recent years. British movie star Hugh Grant pleaded no contest to the charge after being arrested in his car in Hollywood in 1995 with a prostitute.

Some commentators forecast that the case would have little effect on the career of Michael, who shot to fame in the teenybop duo Wham, went solo and then fought a five-year court battle to be free of his record company.

Singer Boy George said: “He has nothing to be ashamed of. You shouldn’t necessarily be arrested for that sort of thing.”

Although speculation about Michael being gay has been rife for years, he has carefully avoided discussing his personal life in any detail — until now. In a recent magazine interview, the singer said, “I’ll never say if I’m gay. I have never thought about my sexuality being right or wrong — to me it has always been just a case of finding the right person.”

## LPGA Champ, Patty Sheehan Comes Out



Patty Sheehan

**New York** — LPGA golfer Patty Sheehan, has come out in a recent issue of *Golf World* magazine. In a March 27 column entitled, “Bringing Up Bryce,” Sheehan wrote about the experiences she has had since having adopted a baby with her partner Rebecca Gaston eight months ago.

“I didn’t really know how well others would deal with the idea of Bryce having two moms, but I’ve decided if they have a problem with it, it’s their problem, not mine,”

wrote Sheehan. “We have the means to provide Bryce with a comfortable upbringing and, more importantly, we have the desire to be loving and devoted mothers....Bryce knows that she’s loved and wanted now.”

The 18-year veteran of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1993, won the Nabisco Dinah Shore title in 1996, has twice won the U.S. Women’s Open, and has more than 35 total career titles to date.

“I want to congratulate Patty for making the decision to be open about her sexual orientation, and especially for sharing her feelings about the process of adopting Bryce,” said openly lesbian LPGA golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin. “Coming out was such a freeing experience for me; I can only imagine that becom-

ing a parent would compound that joy. I am sure that Patty will find continued support from both her fans and her colleagues.”

“Patty Sheehan is breaking down barriers in sports and in society,” said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. “For a professional athlete to come out as a lesbian mom takes a great deal of courage. As a mother myself, I greatly appreciate her stance on this issue: Love is at the heart of parenting, and lesbian and gay people are as committed to that ideal as anyone. Her voice resonates to many thousands of fans, and she is sending an accurate, positive message about our community.”

## Breast Cancer Breakthrough

**Washington, D.C.** — Researchers have announced that the drug tamoxifen can reduce the risks of developing breast cancer by as much as 45 percent among women at high risk for the disease.

Although research is limited and still controversial, some studies have suggested that lesbians may be as much as three times as likely to develop breast cancer as heterosexual women, so the announced breakthrough could have enormous impact on the lives of thousands of lesbians in the U.S. at elevated risk.

“This is a big deal,” Dr. Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health, said of the findings from a four-year, \$50 million study of 13,388 healthy women by the National Cancer Institute.

Some lesbian health advocates say there are factors that are associated with increased risk for various medical conditions, especially breast cancer, that appear to be associated not with lesbianism per se but with issues often associated with being a lesbian — for example, not having children or having children later in life.

## LGBT Community Center Moves to Rebuild Momentum

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center recent transition from an Interim Board of Directors to an elected Board (see story page 11) has resulted in some problems for the Community Center Project according to board members.

“The transition has taken far longer than the previous Interim Board or the new board had anticipated,” said Sheila Zelenski, Center Co-President. “Some momentum is lost, and members of the community point out that communication from the board is less than adequate.”

“It has been something of a metamorphosis,” said Neil Albrecht, Board Co-President, “We are enthusiastic about the blend of talents and skills the new board members bring to the Center, but regret whatever gaps in communication occurred during the transition.”

One such gap was the Board’s communication with Erv Uecker and Ross Walker, two major benefactors to the Community Center. As a result, Uecker and Walker have temporarily suspended their \$1,000 a month contribution.

When asked about the suspension of their donations, Erv Uecker told *In Step* their response was simply, “no comment.”

Zelenski stated that the Center’s Board and Facilities Committee are currently exploring two potential sites for the Center. “The loss of the Sander’s Bowl site was a great disappointment for many. Our two current options present many benefits. In order for our Facilities Committee to negotiate a financially sound lease, an announcement will be made when negotiations are finalized.”

“Their concern is perfectly understandable,” said Zelenski. “Their investment in the Center is significant, both personally and financially, and they need reassurances that the vision of a Community Center is going to become a reality. I can say, very confidently, that the Board is fully aware and prepared to address their concerns while at the same time continuing to meet the needs of the community and build momentum.”

To that end an, 1,800 piece mailing was recently sent to Community Center members and supporters, highlighting the election of Board Officers, the pursuance of space options, collaborative programs and other advancements.

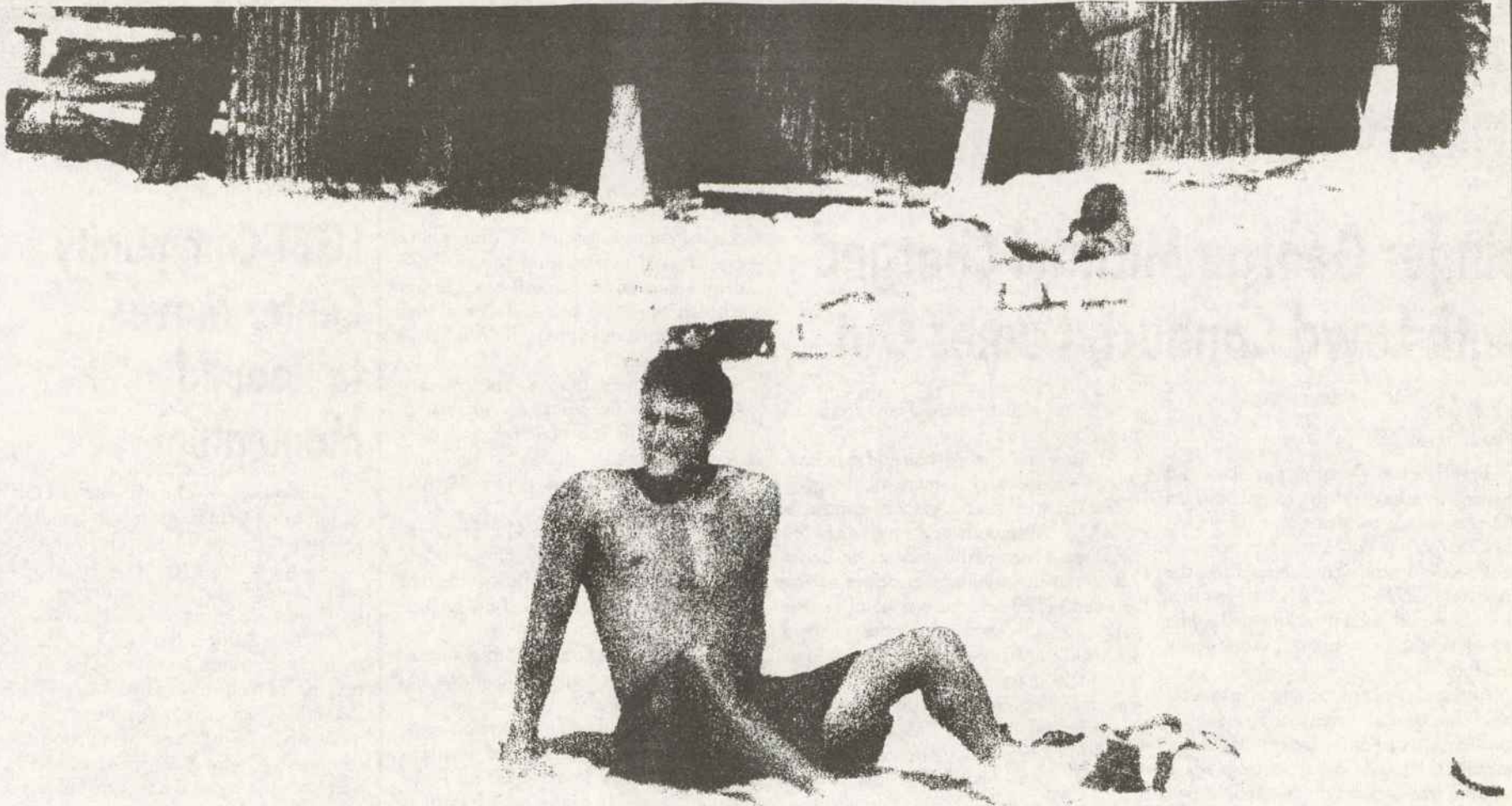
“We are focusing on improved communication between the Board and the LGBT community,” said Albrecht. “There is no question, people need to know the direction of the Center in order to maintain their support. At this point in time, member and community support has never been more critical.”

“The board is committed to our community’s need for a place to call home, stated Albrecht. “We are committed to letting the greater Milwaukee community know that we are important enough and strong enough to establish and support our own community center.”

In a letter to *In Step*, the new board received a strong show of support from former Interim Board Members Karen Gotzler, Larry Stocks, Jim Schleif, ReDonna Rodgers and Leonel Marchan.

“We each have kept a strong passion for the Community and will support it in any way possible,” stated Marchan.

**On Our Cover:** Paul Rudd stars with Jennifer Aniston in the latest gay-themed comedy, “The Object of My Affection.” See story on page 21. Photo by Barry Wetcher.



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# Murder-For-Hire Trial Sounds Like TV Movie

by Keith Clark  
of the In Step Staff

Concord, CA — The court trial of Gary Parkison, beginning in the first week of April, has had the sorts of elements that almost shouts HBO Movie of the Week from the beginning. With AIDS now forming a key part of the defense case Parkison's attorneys will be arguing, it all but screams it.

A physician, Parkison was arrested in 1996 on charges he offered an undercover police officer, posing as a hit man, \$5,000 to kill Jim Swan, his former lover. Parkison reportedly was having financial troubles, and police say his motive in contracting the murder-for-hire killing was Swan's \$860,000 life insurance policy.

Then, while in prison on that charge, authorities say Parkison contacted two friends of his from his jail cell and asked them to kill Swan along with Vickie Ramsey, a physical therapist who first tipped off police in their initial investigation.

Some 9 months later, police say, Parkison offered a prison cellmate \$10,000 and his Lexus automobile to arrange for Swan's death and for his headless and handless corpse to be dumped on a beach in San Francisco.

Authorities have since put the 41-year-old former doctor in "administrative segregation," confined to his cell in isolation for 23 hours a day.

Legal experts say the case is the first in California — perhaps in the nation — where AIDS dementia is being used as part of an insanity plea. Criminal law authorities, such as John Diamond of the Hasting College of Law and author of several textbooks on criminal law, are skeptical of such a defense. "People can suffer from serious mental disease and not be legally insane," Diamond says.

In addition, defense attorneys will also have to convince a jury that despite their claims Parkison was legally insane at the time, he still managed to operate his medical office during the time he was allegedly trying to arrange for Swan's death.

Parkison's lead attorney, Blackie Burak, said he will show his client suffers organic brain damage brought on by an AIDS-related dementia.

"He became a paranoid who then lost all judgment," said Burak. "He didn't understand the nature of his acts, and he did not form the mental intent required for a criminal conviction. And the funny thing is with this kind of dementia, you can lose judgment on one specific thing — that is, his ex-lover — but he could still appear normal and run a medical practice."

According to Burak, Parkison was first diagnosed with AIDS in 1992, and shortly after his first arrest a physician diagnosed he was suffering from an AIDS-related dementia, later confirmed by a court-appointed psychiatrist.

Doctors who specialize in treating patients with

AIDS say late-stage dementia can lead to poor impulse control and poor judgment, and this can sometimes lead to patients committing criminal acts.

"I've seen patients who would never in their life steal something but with the onset of the dementia they lose control and get arrested for shoplifting," said Dr. Dan Karasic, a psychiatrist at St. Mary's Medical Center's AIDS Dementia Unit in San Francisco.

But Karasic said this sort of dementia usually occurs in the later stages of AIDS, and where crimes have been committed, they're typically impulsive acts, not involved, complex plotted crimes. He also disputed Burak's assertion that AIDS-related dementia can affect just one area of judgment.

"Dementia is not a very isolated impairment," he added. "It's a much more global disorder. And you can also have evidence of brain damage without any dementia."

Courts in California have sharply limited the insanity defense in recent years, ruling out the "diminished capacity" argument that a mental condition could keep someone from forming criminal intent or using good judgment.

And juries have typically rejected insanity defenses in cases where a defendant appears normal and able to function in most ordinary social settings.

In an ironic twist that usually would be reserved for an Alfred Hitchcock movie, Parkison's arrest apparently is helping him get better. He looks healthier now than he has since his 1996 arrest in large part because jail doctors are treating him with powerful new protease inhibitors. And like many AIDS patients taking the new treatment, Burak says his client for the first time since being diagnosed with AIDS appears to be getting better.

## Trent Lott Just Says 'No' to Hormel Nomination Vote

Washington, D.C. — Despite lobbying by 42 Democratic senators, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) says he will not allow the nomination of Jim Hormel as U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg to come to the floor for a vote.

Lott rebuffed the efforts of the Democrats to force Hormel's nomination to the floor saying only that a vote "would take a lot of time, and we don't have it."

Hormel, scion to the meat and food manufacturing Hormel Meat Co., is a prominent philanthropist in San Francisco who has supported a number of gay rights causes — including a gay and lesbian studies wing in the city's new library. His nomination — the first of an openly gay person to serve as an ambassador — was blocked last year by four Republican senators who expressed concerns Hormel would use the ambassadorial post to promote "the gay rights agenda."

# NEWS WIRE

## Zimbabwe's Former President Banana to Stand Trial

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's supreme court has rejected an appeal by Canaan Banana, former president of the country who now faces several charges of homosexual assault.

The judges rejected Banana's contention that months of pretrial publicity in the country, where the current president Robert Mugabe has launched a series of anti-homosexuality diatribes — would stop him from getting a fair trial.

Chief Justice Anthony Gubbay described Banana as a "newsworthy" figure and said media reports about him were "a sign of the times."

Banana, 62, faces 11 charges, following allegations that he forced bodyguards and other male staff members to have homosexual relations with him while he was the country's president, a largely ceremonial post. He has dismissed the accusations as lies and character assassination.

Homosexual acts are illegal in Zimbabwe and carry a possible prison term of up to 10 years.

## Vacant 'Lesbian Seat' on S.F. Board Filled by Gay Man

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Willie Brown has appointed Mark Leno, a well-liked gay businessman, to a vacant seat on San Francisco's governing board of supervisors.

Susan Leal, a Latina lesbian, resigned her seat on the board at the beginning of the year after being elected as the city's treasurer. Brown had said he would try to name someone to fill Leal's seat who was also a Latina lesbian.

Saying the low pay of the city's supervisors - \$24,000 a year in one of the country's most expensive cities - Brown introduced the newly appointed Leno as having the qualities closest to Leal's "except he not a Latina or a lesbian."

## Supreme Court Hears HIV Discrimination Suit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court has heard oral argument in the case of Sidney Abbott, a Maine woman who charges that her dentist, Dr. Randon Bragdon, discriminated against her because she is infected with HIV. The case could have a major impact on how an estimated 1 million people in this country who are infected with the virus receive general medical treatment.

Abbott went to have a cavity filled by Dr. Bragdon, and on forms she filled out in his office, noted that she is HIV positive. Bragdon agreed to perform the procedure, but only in a hospital where he could be assure of additional measures to protect himself from possible exposure to the virus. Abbott says that is discrimination and has filed a lawsuit under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The Supreme Court is being asked to decide if people who are infected with HIV, but are not diagnosed with AIDS, should be included in the protections of the Act, which prohibits discrimination against anyone with a disability as defined by the law.

Two lower courts have already sided with Abbott in her suit, but many of the questions from the Supreme Court justices during the oral arguments seemed to indicate several of the justices were skeptical of broadening federal disabilities laws to include those who are HIV positive but not diagnosed as having AIDS.

The court is expected to issue a ruling in the case sometime before July.

## Study: Gay Men in Brighton, England, Not Having Safer Sex

LONDON — According to the British newspaper, "The Independent", a survey conducted in Brighton, which has one of England's largest gay and lesbian populations, many male homosexuals in the area still don't practice safer sex despite the AIDS epidemic.

According to the study, known as "Project Zorro," Brighton's HIV rate has increased 12 times faster than Britain's national average. The researchers estimated that as much as a third of all the sex gay and bisexual men engage in was not safer sex by current definitions.

The survey, which included 1,200 gay and bisexual men in the Brighton area, found that a quarter of the men did not know or ask about the HIV status of their sexual partners. It also indicated that many individuals thought HIV infection levels were either falling or level and that

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# Prospective Players Charge S.F. Giants Scout Sexually Harassed Them

by Keith Clark  
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco — A month after the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars same-gender sexual harassment in the workplace as it already prohibits male-female sexual harassment, 13 members of the San Francisco Giants farm team have filed a federal lawsuit charging one of the professional baseball team's scouts sexually harassed them.

The suit charges that Luis Rosa, a 52-year-old scout who has worked as a baseball scout for 21 years with the

Giants, Chicago Cubs, San Diego Padres, Texas Rangers and Seattle Mariners, made sexual remarks to the players as well as making unwanted "sexual advances to which the penalty for refusal was suspension or termination" at the Giants' farm team headquarters in the Dominican Republic.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, also claims the Giants management was aware of their complaints since 1996 but failed to do anything about the alleged harassment.

But in a press statement Jack Bair, vice president and general counsel for the San Francisco-based baseball team, said the Giants had begun investigating the complaints against Rosa last year and that Rosa had resigned in July. Bair also said the team has a "strong policy prohibiting sexual harassment."

Bair said the Giants investigated the allegations against Rosa in 1997 and placed him on unpaid leave. He said Rosa resigned from in July and has not worked for the team since then.

In addition to Rosa, the players' suit also names the Giants and Jack Hiatt, the team's director of player development, as defendants. The lawsuit seeks a total of \$1 million - more than \$75,000 for each of the 13 players - in damages.

But Rosa also faces a more serious problem in the Dominican Republic where authorities have filed felony sexual assault charges against him in the case after 19 farm team players there charged he had sexually harassed them. If convicted, he could be sent to prison for up to 10 years. In November a judge in the Dominican Republic ordered Rosa jailed where he remained for five months before eventually being released.

Rosa has adamantly denied the charges and at the time of his arrest last year said the players were motivated by revenge for not being among the chosen few who go on to baseball careers with a professional team. "They just didn't cut it," Rosa told reporters from his jail cell. He also insists that the players are attempting to use the charges to extort money.

In March at least three of the 19 players in fact told police in the Caribbean island nation that they had lied about the charges which they admitted they had fabricated in an effort to get a financial settlement. Those three players are not part of the lawsuit filed in San Francisco.

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# 'It's Working'

## Unpublished Pentagon Analysis of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

by Keith Clark  
of the In Step Staff

Washington, D.C. — Almost every year since the Defense Department began implementing the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy restricting gays and lesbians in the armed forces, civil rights and veterans groups have complained that the policy is flawed and has led to an increase in discharges because of homosexuality, rather than reducing such discharges as officials said it would.

Now, a still-unreleased analysis by the Pentagon reportedly concludes that indeed the number of discharges based on homosexuality are increasing just as activists have charged. However the reason for the increase isn't because the policy is flawed, the report concludes, but because more gays and lesbians in the nation's military are declaring their sexual orientation in violation of the "don't tell" part of the policy.

Pentagon press spokesman Ken Bacon says the report recommends more training for commanders, investigators and Defense Department attorneys so they can handle cases better and that commanders should check with legal advisors before beginning investigation into service members' sexual orientation. The analysis, according to Bacon, also recommends that greater care should be exercised in evaluating the source and motives of any allegations that a member of the armed forces might be homosexual.

Bacon summed up the basic recommendation of the unreleased report as calling for "a firmer adherence to rules designed to protect peoples' privacy."

Setting up a new policy on homosexuals in the military was one of the first — and one of the most controversial — actions taken by President Clinton in his first term.

In 1993, after a bruising battle among the White House, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Congress, the military adopted a policy of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" regarding gay men and lesbians. The policy said that homosexual behavior was still banned in the military, but that gays and lesbians could serve as long as they keep their sexual orientation private.

Under the policy, gay recruits and troops cannot be asked about their sexual orientation unless commanders have "credible information" they are actually engaged in homosexual conduct. Last year the Pentagon told commanders "credible information" must contain more than a simple accusation by one service member against another.

Despite that effort, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), a gay and lesbian legal rights group, reported earlier this year that it has documented an increase in violations in which commanders were asking service members about their sexuality, pursuing them and harassing them.

For example, SLDN said that in 124 cases, commanders asked service members if they were homosexual without sufficient cause, up from 89 reported violations in 1996. It said it had documented 235 violations in which commanders investigated suspected homosexual troops without credible evidence, up from 191 the previous year. And it reported 182 anti-gay harassment incidents, including death threats and assaults, a 38 percent increase from the 132 incidents reported in 1996.

Overall, SLDN says nearly one thousand people were thrown out of the armed services for homosexuality last year, up sharply from about 600 cases in 1994, the first year that the new policy was fully in effect.

Dixon Osburn of SLDN says military officials have done too little to educate commanders about the "don't ask, don't tell" rules and that commanders don't even have copies of the regulations — even after five years and a lot of controversy.

"What is lost in all of this," Osburn says, "is any idea that there are indeed limits to investigations under the policy. There need to be legal limits."

Osburn says SLDN has handled more than

1,300 cases of military personnel faced with discharges during the past few years. He says many commanders in fact continue "to ask, to pursue, and to harass" troops on the issue in direct violation of the new Defense Department policy.

Ironically, when it became clear that the White House was not going to be able to simply end the military ban on gays and lesbians as Clinton has promised during his first campaign for the presidency, one of the rationales offered in defense of "don't ask, don't tell" was that it would reduce the number of discharges based on homosexuality and help reduce Pentagon costs.

Instead, Defense Secretary William Cohen says the new report indicates that the reason there has been an increase in discharges related to homosexuality is that more gay and lesbian service members are coming out. Cohen said, "There are some indications that there has been an increase as far as some of the people who have declared themselves to be homosexual and have opted to get out of the military. But in terms of the policy itself overall, I think it's working."

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Cohen said that while the report indicates more people are being discharged, more than 80 percent leave because they voluntarily say they are homosexual, not because they have been hunted down by overzealous investigators.

"We intend to continue to emphasize the fact that this policy should not be abused," Cohen said. "And there should be no attempt to hunt or seek out those who are homosexual. We intend to strictly enforce the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy."

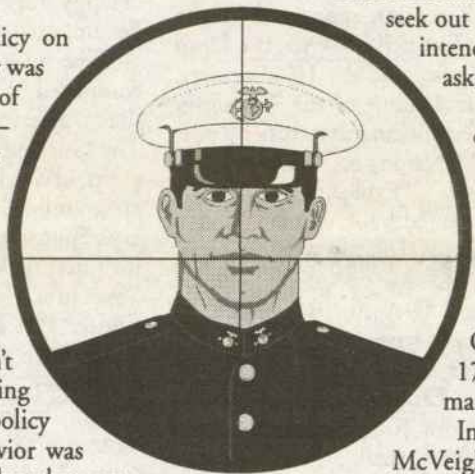
But Cohen's remarks seem at odds with a reported letter he wrote earlier in April to Attorney General Janet Reno about one of the most controversial military cases since the new policy took effect, that of Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, a 17-year veteran Navy submariner based in Hawaii.

In January the Navy discharged McVeigh after investigators gained access to his identity through his personal email user profile from America OnLine. In the profile, McVeigh said his marital status was "gay." The discharge was overruled by U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin, who said the Navy went too far and had "violated the very essence of 'don't ask, don't pursue' by launching a search-and-destroy mission."

In his letter to Reno, Cohen wrote, "We feel strongly that the district court's decision in that case is plainly erroneous in numerous respects, and that it should be appealed. We understand that you share our view that the decision is erroneous, and that the Navy's action with respect to Senior Chief Petty Officer McVeigh were fully consistent with the statute governing homosexual conduct in the military and with our own regulations on that subject."

The case has been extremely problematic for the Navy and reportedly has set off intense discussion within the Clinton Administration.

Although any of the some 10 million AOL subscribers could read McVeigh's user profile, there was in fact no way for anyone — including the Navy — to know that the person who had the account (known only as "Tim in Hawaii," was in fact Timothy McVeigh. It was only after a Navy investigator called AOL's headquarters and simply asked - and was told - who the account belonged to that discharge proceedings began against McVeigh. AOL itself has publicly admitted it violated McVeigh's privacy by giving out the information to the Navy without a court order as the law requires, and rights activists say the investigation clearly amounted to asking and pursuing the sailor.



many of the men avoided using sexually transmitted disease clinics or AIDS education agencies.

## Gay Pride Opponents in S.C. Organize Rally

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — With plans for the Gay & Lesbian Pride festival set for April 30 to May 3 in this popular seaside resort city, opponents have announced their own plans for a rally being organized by Citizens for Traditional Family Values.

The anti-gay rally, set for April 26, is being headed up by Steve Hubbard of the Grand Strand Baptist Church. Strand said gay pride celebrations in the past have been "indecent" and the rally was aimed at putting the community's "traditional family values" in the forefront.

It is the first time the pride festival has been held in Myrtle Beach.

## Georgia Store Owner Convicted in 'Dildo Raid'

ATLANTA — According to a report in Atlanta's "Southern Voice", a jury has found Michael Morrison guilty of selling dildos and that Morrison, the owner of the 9 1/2 Weeks chain of safer sex stores will appeal the case to the state's supreme court.

Under Georgia law it is illegal to sell items "designed primarily to stimulate the human genitals," and Morrison was charged with 18 violations of those laws in what locally was dubbed the "dildo raids" when police seized the items in his shops.

But Morrison said he would not remove any of the items that got him convicted from the shops and would appeal the case to the Georgia supreme court.

Even the jury was sympathetic, and a unanimous statement by the jury read before the verdict was announced, said, "We feel like we had to convict Mr. Morrison under the law, but we hated doing it. The law is archaic, and it should be struck down, and if these items are going to be sold, we'd rather them be sold at 9 1/2 Weeks rather in regular department stores where they pretend to be other things."

## Canadian Court Rules Against Alberta in Gay Rights Case

OTTAWA — Canada's supreme court has ruled that the province of Alberta violated the country's constitution and must include civil rights protections that include sexual orientation in its human rights code.

The ruling comes after a lengthy case brought by Delwin Vriend after he was fired by Kings University College because he is gay. Vriend's case has been in the country's courts for 7 years before the high court ruling.

Throughout the court case, Alberta officials have maintained that not including sexual orientation in the province's human rights code was a "legally neutral" act.

But the country's high court disagreed and unanimously that the province's refusal to add sexual orientation to its civil rights code was inconsistent with the principles of equality and couldn't be justified in a democratic society.

## Former 'Judas Priest' Singer to Lead Arizona Pride Parade

PHOENIX — Rock-and-roll — or at least the raw-edged, meaner-than-thou heavy metal segment of it — may never be quite the same again with the announcement that Rob Halford, former leader singer of the group Judas Priest will serve as this year's grand marshal for the Arizona Central Pride Parade.

Halford, who garnered high critical acclaim especially for his Judas Priest albums "Defenders of the Faith" and "Painkiller", actually came out — almost unnoticed — in late February during an MTV special in which he acknowledge that, yes, he is indeed gay.

The gay pride parade organizers announced that not only would the ex-JP lead singer head up the parade, but that Halford had agreed to appear without the fee usually paid the grand marshal.

Halford, who lives in the Phoenix suburb of Paradise Valley, is now promoting his latest release, "Voyeurs." The parade is slated for April 18.

# group notes

## Free Home Buying Seminar for LGBT Couples

**Milwaukee** — Buying a house seems straight forward; decide on a price range, select a location, and arrange for financing. Gay and lesbian couples face other challenges; will they own the property jointly, will it be a 50/50 split or another percentage, and what happens if the relationship ends?

"First Comes Love..." is a financial, legal and estate planning seminar for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender couples considering buying a home and planning a future together. This free seminar is Wednesday, April 22 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Shorewest Realtors, 4559 N. Oakland Avenue. While emphasis will be on the needs of LGBT couples, single people are welcome to participate in the seminar.

The seminar is sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and will be co-presented by Carol Busche, Senior Financial Advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Ruth J. Irvings, Attorney at Law with Moertl, Wilkins & Campbell, S.C. and Jack Smith, Associate Vice President at Shorewest Realtors. Busche, Irvings and Smith offer financial, legal and real estate experience, applied to LGBT couples interested in financing and buying a home.

Busche, a certified financial planner, thinks many couples aren't aware of the financial planning needed before buying a home. "Couples need to prepare in advance for a home purchase. They need to be financially prepared for a down payment, fees and new monthly budgets," Busche said.

Attorney Irvings will discuss some of the legal aspects of purchasing a home. "Much of our legal system, including home buying, is designed for heterosexual married couples. For LGBT couples, some legal questions don't arise until there is a problem or an unforeseen event. It's far better to address these issues up front rather than wait until there is a misunderstanding, dispute or even a lawsuit," Irvings said.

Smith will share his real estate experience including information about selecting a location, securing financing, obtaining necessary inspections and weighing amenities with needs. "Purchasing a home should be a fun, comfortable, relaxed process, not to mention the fact that it should be a highly informed purchase. Part of my job is to help people become educated buyers," said Smith.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a community-based organization represented by more than 100 volunteers and over 230 members. The Center's mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in the Milwaukee area. This mission is supported by the vision to provide a home for organizations, businesses, culture and diversity; advocate for and provide programs and services that meet the needs of our communities; and edu-

cate the public and our communities about our lives.

For more information, visit the Center's web site at [www.mkelgbt.com](http://www.mkelgbt.com) or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710. Please note that our address has changed to PO Box 93278, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0278.

## UW-Madison's "Out and About '98" in Full Swing

**Madison** — UW-Madison's 15th annual Out and About Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Awareness Series called "Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98" started out with a bang on Monday, April 13 with "Tammy Baldwin Town-Hall." It was followed by a chance to share views, ideas and concerns at a discussion called "Contemporary Women's Issues: Do You Have Concerns About Women In The World Today?" Both events were held at the University's Memorial Union.

Throughout the week there were many other daily events. Among them: The 5th Annual Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Graduation Reception sponsored by the GLB Alumni Council of WAA, the Dean of Students Office and the 10% Society, in the Alumni Lounge of the Wisconsin Alumni Association and a lecture by professor Toni McNaron, on "Homophobia in the Academy." "Exploring Your Erotic Self" was presented by A Woman's Touch in the Memorial Union on Wednesday, April 15.

On Thursday, April 16, the LGBT Film Festival will have a screening of *The Salt Mines/The Transformation*, the story of a homeless Latino transvestite who is transformed into Ricardo, a born-again Christian heterosexual. Also showing is *Zero Budget*, in which dyke filmmakers write, produce and fund their films. These two films are being screened at 9 p.m. in the Frederick March Play Circle of the Memorial Union.

On Friday, April 17 at 12:30 p.m. there is a Library Mall Rally, with speakers, refreshments and "lots-o-fun things to yell," that is geared at improving relations between the administration and LGBT students. The focusing will be on [getting] a full-time liaison for LGBT students in the Dean of Students' Office. From 3 to 5 p.m., on the same day, a "Domestic Partner Benefits Policy Forum" will be held

(location to be announced). For more information on this event call The United at (608) 255-8582.

On Monday, April 20 an "All Day Out And About With the Greeks," (held in conjunction with Greek Week '98), in which members of the Greek system will wear their letters to show support of the LGBT community, will be held. On Saturday, April 20, you can join everyone at the UW Natatorium for the first-ever Greek All-Stars vs. Queer Softball game. This event is held in conjunction with Greek Week '98, and, "We'll see who's really concerned about breaking a nail."

On Wednesday, April 22, A Woman's Touch presents "Sex Toys For The Curious." Women can learn about a wide variety of sex toys and how they can be used. They will also answer questions in this event to be held in the Memorial Union at 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, is the "Out and About Dance," which will be held from 8 p.m. until 12:45 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. There is a \$3 fee at the door and a cash bar, and the event is open to the University community.

There will be a "Dyke Dance" for the women of the University community on Saturday, April 25 from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. in Tripp Commons of the Memorial Union. \$3 at the door. And finally, on Sunday, April 26 at 7 and 9 p.m. there will be screenings of the Chinese film "Happy Together" in the Madison Film Forum, 4070 Vilas Hall.

The Out and About committee is comprised of students and faculty/staff of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Out and About Series, and its sister event, UW-Madison's Coming Out Series, are coordinated by the Ten Percent Society. Sponsors of portions of the series include: A Woman's Touch; Campus Woman's Center; Dean of Students Office; Pan Hellenic/IFC Greek Week Committee; Pride in Wisconsin Government; Ten Percent Society; University Health Services; WAA GLBT Alumni Council; Wisconsin Union Directorate Film Committee; and Woman's Studies Research Center.

UW student segregated fees funded portions of this series. No monies were used to promote or fund events politically partisan or religious in nature.

For more information call (608) 262-7365 or check out their web-site: <http://TPS.StdOrg.wisc.edu/TPS>



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## H.I.T. Seeks Bowlers For Summer Bowling

Milwaukee — The Spring H.I. T. League is now seeking bowlers to join them for ten weeks of bowling this summer. Teams consist of five bowlers per team. You may form your own team or they will place you with others. Space is limited to 16 teams so don't miss out on the fun.

Bowling dates are May 19 through July 21 at 7 p.m. at Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Avenue. The cost is \$8 per week for three games, and includes the banquet, trophies for the two top teams and the fund-raiser for the H.I.T. Tournament.

For further information and three free games of bowling courtesy of Landmark Lanes Management, join them at their organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at Landmark Lanes. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Kim Wolfram at (414) 797-4835.

## Baldwin Named NOW's Feminist of the Year

Madison — On Sunday, April 26 the Wisconsin chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will be holding their Annual Feminist of the Year Dinner at the Inn on the Park in Madison. They are soliciting donations from businesses to be auctioned off at this event.

Since 1978, the Wisconsin chapter of NOW has sponsored this event to honor an individual woman who has championed the cause of fighting for women's rights. You will be pleased to know that this year they will be honoring Representative Tammy Baldwin. Representative Baldwin is being honored for her leadership on progressive issues throughout her political career. Tammy Baldwin is a champion of reproductive rights, a defender of the environment, an advocate for children and seniors, and an expert on campaign finance reform.

This year NOW will be starting a new tradition by honoring a young feminist during the event. This year, they will recognize the courage of Sol Kelly-Jones. Ms. Jones is an 11-year old 5th grader who has testified during a legislative hearing, conducted a survey on an in-service training on homophobia for Madi-

son school personnel, and has created her own web page.

To get more information on attending the event, please call the NOW office at (608) 255-3911.

## Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Board of Directors Moves Ahead

Milwaukee — On March 24, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center completed the two-month process of transitioning from the Interim Board to an elected Board of Directors.

The full board of twelve met and assumed the tasks and responsibilities of the the previous Interim Board. On the agenda were officer elections, increasing diversity on the board, member services, and progress toward selecting a community center site.

In January, the Center's membership elected eight members to the board. According to the Center's bylaws, nine members were needed to enact business. Five additional people were brought onto the board, and the twelve directors are Neil Albrecht, Randall Brown, Denise Cawley, Julie Ellsworth, Joshua Feyen, Naomi Guzman, Stephanie Hume, Doug Johnson, Steve Markowitz, Debbie Weill, John Wirth and Sheila Zelenski.

Additionally, the board elected "start up" officers to coordinate activities during the next 60 days. Board Officers include Sheila Zelenski and Neil Albrecht as Co-Presidents, Steve Markowitz as Treasurer and Naomi Guzman as Secretary. "The election of officers for a sixty day period allows us to fully transition into our roles as board members, assess priorities and issues, and then elect officer's into their full two year terms," said Sheila Zelenski, Co-President.

The Community Center's Board is continuing the process of selecting candidates for the remaining three board positions. This will complete the full compliment of 15 board members. "We are very pleased with the current strength and expertise of the Board. We are committed to board diversity, and are actively reviewing several candidates of color to serve as directors," said Neil Albrecht, Center Co-President.

Planning for the development of a Milwaukee Community Center began two years ago when Ross Walker and Erv Uecker pledged a \$1,000/month contribution to challenge the Milwaukee LGBT community to develop a center.

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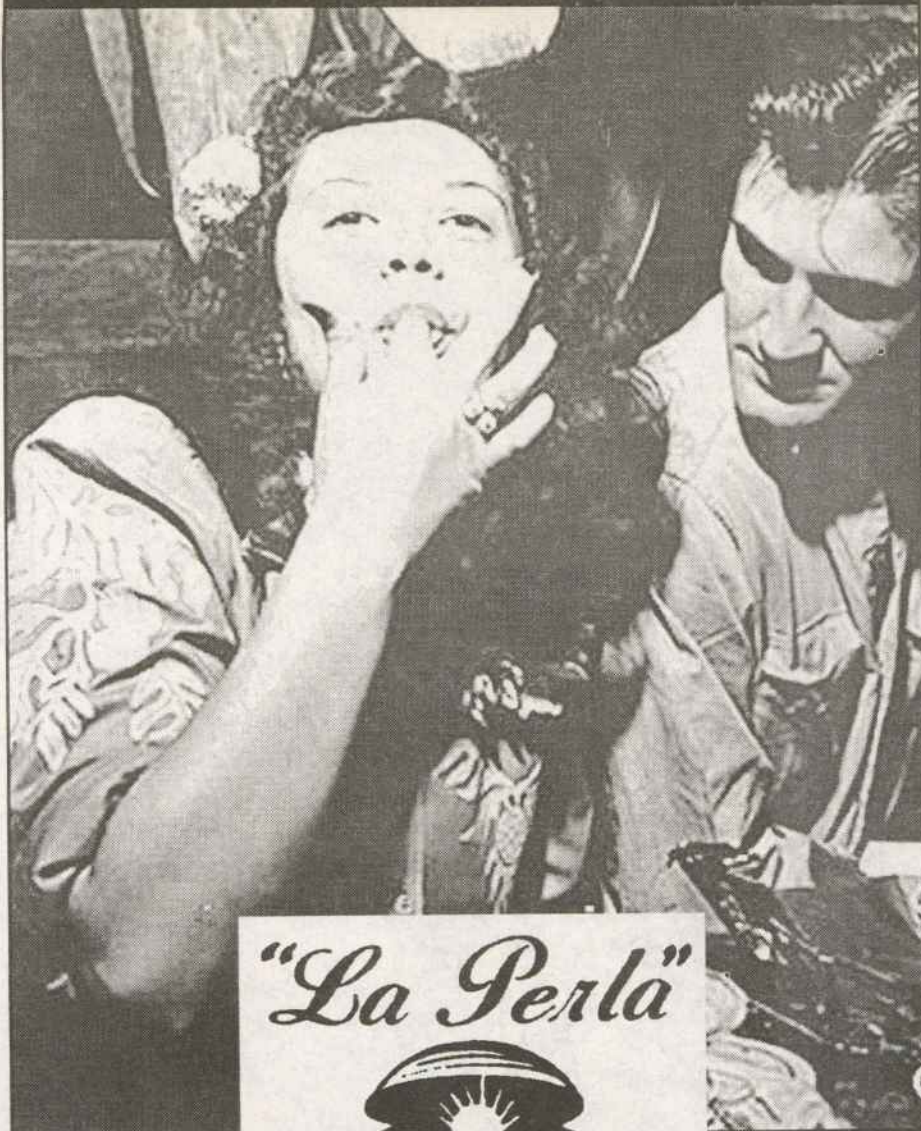
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"We are very grateful to the 'pioneers' of this project, particularly former co-chairs Jim Schleif, Karen Gotzler, Leonel Marchan, ReDonna Rodgers and the entire Interim Board for building the road to a Community Center," Albrecht said.

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For more information, visit the Center's web site at [www.mkelgbt.com](http://www.mkelgbt.com) or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710. Please note that our address has changed to PO Box 93278, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0278.

## Next "Street Beat" Slated for April 17

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's best resale shop, Survival/Revival Resale located in the Historic Third Ward, is hosting "Street Beat" to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) on Gallery Night, Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind evening includes Master of Ceremonies — BJ Daniels, comedy provided by Bill Finn, main attraction Sister CashBox with her all-star revue, special guest Sage La Rue, Miss Gay Wisconsin 1998, with live music provided by Gladrags. The store will also be open for shopping during the event with markdowns up to 80 percent.

"When you come to Survival/Revival Resale the evening of Street Beat, it's like passing through a doorway from Milwaukee to places like the Soho district in New York or Paris or anywhere," said Kathy Fortier, manager of Survival/Revival Resale. "It is an evening of indescribable fun."

Admission is \$4 for an unforgettable evening. For more information, call Survival/Revival Resale at 414-291-2856. Survival/Revival Resale is located at 246 E. Chicago St. in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward.

## Shoreline Round-Up to Benefit Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Milwaukee — Shoreline's annual Spring Round-Up will benefit Milwaukee's new LGBT Community Center. The centerpiece of the Round-Up is Shoreline's sixth annual Country Dance Gala benefit at the Art Museum on Saturday, May 2 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Over 350 cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the Midwest are expected to attend this event. Tickets are \$10 (\$12 at the door) and may be purchased at Just Us, Afterwards, Designing Men and from members of Shoreline. The party will continue after hours at Just Us with open dancing.

This year's Country Dance Gala benefit will include lots of line dancing and two-stepping, raffle prizes and performances from three out-of-town groups — the crowd pleasing Borderline, the Rainbow Cloggers from the Twin Cities and Madison's Dairyland Cowboys/Cowgirls making their debut performance. Milwaukee's own Cream City Squares and Shoreline Dancers will also perform.

The Spring Round-Up runs from May 1 to 3 and includes a Friday Fish Fry at Just Us followed by a Boots & Boxers Ball. Also featured during the weekend will be dance workshops and a Sunday brunch.

Weekend packages that includes all Spring Round-Up events may be purchased for \$25. To register for one or all events pick up a brochure at Just Us, Afterwards, or Designing Men. For more information call Laura at (414) 747-0388.

## Memorial

### Trisha Jane Zera

Trisha Jane Zera (formerly known as Tom Zera), died suddenly at the age of 49 of a massive heart attack in the early morning hours of April 5, 1998 at Rapheal House, where she had resided since last fall.

A veteran of Korea and Vietnam, Zera received Army commendations for distinguished military service. After an honorable discharge in 1970, Zera worked professionally as a bookkeeper at Bloomingdale's Department Store in New York City for six years before returning home to her native Milwaukee.

Zera, a transgendered male to female, officially changed her name just a few weeks before her tragic death.

"She was so proud of her new identification card," reflected Bro. Stephen Braddock, "it symbolized her emotional and spiritual journey of the last twenty years. ... she was a very special person with a deep spirituality, a devout Catholic."

She will be remembered by loved ones as a card player and avid sports fan, always associating special dates and events with historic moments in sports.

"She also loved her music, oldies mostly, she would leave her bedroom door open in the evenings in order to share her music with me as I worked in my study down the hall," said Bro. Stephen, who lives with the Rapheal House residents in a building which formerly housed as many as twenty Camillian priests and brothers.

A memorial Mass was celebrated in Rapheal House Chapel on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. Memorials to St. Camillus HIV/AIDS ministry for Rapheal House are appreciated. Funeral arrangements are by Becker Ritter Funeral Services-Elmbrook. For information call (414) 782-5330.



## LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Christopher Krimmer

### An Unsung Activist: Justice William Brennan

“Liberty must include the freedom not to conform.” wrote Justice William J. Brennan in one of his many dissenting opinions while sitting on the highest court of the United States — the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you were never a law student or political science major, you may not be aware of the many Brennan accomplishments that paved the way for gay and lesbian rights. Brennan was one of the most liberal justices to sit on the

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Supreme Court. During the 1960s, when the Supreme Court was more civil rights orientated, Brennan wrote many of his 461 majority opinions.

However, by the 1980's, the nation swiftly saw the civil rights movement come to an abrupt halt within the walls of the U.S. Supreme Court. Staunch conservative justices were being appointed to the Court by President Reagan and President Bush, such as Chief William Renquist and Justice Anthony Scalia, leaving Justice Brennan as one of the few remaining justices to espouse the view that gay men and lesbians deserve the same protections under the Constitution as heterosexual persons.

Much of the civil liberties that we have and continue to fight for are derived from the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. Specifically, the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. It is the job of the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. How a particular justice views this duty has a very influential impact on everyone's civil rights.

Justices generally fall into two core “camps” in interpreting the provisions of the Bill of Rights. The first “camp,” known as the Textualists, believe that the great framers of the Constitution

wanted the Constitution to stand for exactly what it states, in its most literal sense. Followers of the textualist approach look only within the four corners of the Constitution's document. Thus, the right of privacy is really a farce because there is no explicit language anywhere in the document referring to the right of privacy. If one was to truly follow this reasoning, the right to contraception, abortion and family privacy would all be eliminated. One of the most outspoken activist for the textualist approach is Justice Scalia.

The other “camp” of jurists believe that the U.S. Constitution is a “living” and “breathing” document that changes as society changes. Instead of taking each word of the Constitution literally, these justices look for the meaning behind the words. They put more faith in the framers of the Constitution by believing that the framers wanted the Constitution to last for centuries and to apply to new unpredictable situations. Instead of reading the Constitution with a narrow focus, they read it with an eye open to the principles behind the words of the document.

Justice Brennan was a leader of the latter camp whose central mission was to use the Constitution as a tool to advance human dignity for all. In the landmark case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the majority of the Supreme Court found that there was no privacy right in one's consensual sexual practices — specific to this case was sodomy. Justice Brennan, in an eloquently written dissenting opinion, chastised the conservative justices who made up the majority of the court in 1986.

“The essential liberty that animated the development of the law in [prior] cases ... surely embraces the right to engage in nonreproductive, sexual conduct that others may consider offensive or immoral,” Brennan continued, “From the standpoint of the individual, the homosexual and the heterosexual have the same interest in deciding how he will live his own life, and, more narrowly, how he will conduct himself in his personal and voluntary associations with his companions.”

Justice Brennan retired from the Supreme Court in 1990 and was the last true liberal on the Court since his departure. Even though the man has since passed away, his 34 year legacy on the Court should not go forgotten.

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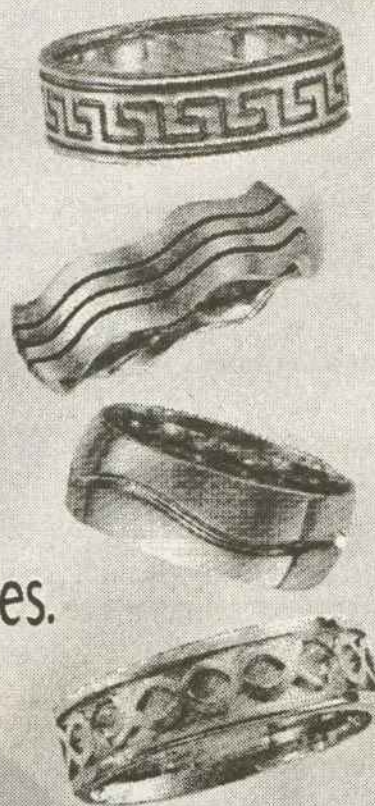
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## TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

Hope everyone had a delightful Easter holiday, wasn't the weather cooperative... for once? I always think of Easter as a time of renewal, I guess it's the vestiges of religion ingrained in my being. That renewal also has to do with the advance of actual Spring-like weather. Coupled with the importance of the holiday to all non-Eastern religions, it is the perfect time to reflect back on the past year and perhaps pursue a revivification or set new goals for yourself. It's like a second chance on failed New Year's resolutions, but in a metaphysical realm.

Anyway, Easter fell at the end of a busy two week period. Last issue, I was preparing to head off to Madison for the "Caring For Ourselves" conference for persons living with HIV.

My experiences in Madison stimulated me to try and make some changes in my life. The Nutrition Workshop educated me about the types of food that should be eaten when taking specific protease inhibitors. The conference provided individual "menus" for each of the four drugs: low-fat, high-fat, or empty stomach depending on which one you are on.

The informative nutritionist and volunteers also performed a Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis on participants which pinpointed some problems I've realized I had all along, but there it was in hard numbers. The results showed I had to change my diet, loose 20 pounds, do aerobic exercise, and lift weights.

Well, duh! As if I didn't realize all that before. But now, I've decided to at least try to make some changes. Changes in eating habits have been happening gradually anyway as my tastes have changed... less fried food, red meat and junk food. However, I still have plenty of room for improvement to meet the five food group guidelines.

The pain and numbness of neuropathy in my feet make many forms of aerobic exercise unsuitable. So I guess my main options are stationary biking or swimming. Which means I have to join a gym with a pool. Face it, the last time I was in good physical shape was when I was in the service. Since then I've gained and lost weight varying as much as 55 pounds. What muscles I had, have been eaten away by inactivity, years of HIV disease (the virus thrives on muscle, not fat, unfortunately). The

final assault was the chemo I had for leukemia which totally wastes your body.

Other workshops in Madison included Alternative Therapies, Going Back to Work Issues, Networking, and a Medical Update. I learned valuable information from all of them and have begun putting them to use. Hence, this Easter will, with effort, mark a rebirth of the way I live my life.

I've also decided to try to quit smoking (cigarettes, anyway) which my doctor has been prodding me to do for years. I've just gotten to the point where I've decided since the anti-viral drugs are failing me, I'm going to do all I can to improve my health. If I can stop smoking, that alone will increase my aerobic status.

I've already begun receiving complimentary acupuncture treatments at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) (it's not P.C. to call it MAP anymore) and am going to try to get onto the massage schedule again (demand is huge).

*(I've never taken advantage of much else at ARCW except for recent legal work, unlike some who "milk it" for all they can. I've always done my best over the years, since their inception, to promote their programs. I'm also aware of much discontent in the gay & HIV communities here in Milwaukee and at the Madison conference with ARCW, just as there was with MAP. But that is an investigative story that I am too close to, to do a credible job of researching and writing.)*

An ARCW staffer told me they used to have someone who volunteered to fulfill the role of a personal trainer for PWAs but weren't sure if that person was still available. When I asked my case worker about it last week when he made one of his periodic contact calls, he said he'd check it out, but I haven't heard back as of yet.

With most doctors prescribing exercise to PWAs, a Work Out Center at ARCW, and a part time trainer to run it, might be a very valuable asset. Maybe if they got rid of some of the bureaucrats, they would be able to free up the physical space for such a facility as well as some funding for it.

Overall, the conference was very enjoyable, educational and very well organized. I made many new friends, and got to know some people I've seen around for years, but had never interacted with. Poolside shenanigans were a hoot, and room parties were in abundance. Eighty of the 120 conference

participants stayed at the Inn Towner, which I'm sure will never be the same again. I estimated about 70% of the crowd were gay men but everyone was in the same boat, so to speak, and got along quite well. (Except for that clique from Appleton with attitude who didn't interact with anyone but themselves.)

The conference, hosted by the State Department of Health AIDS/HIV program and the UW Medical School fulfilled an emotional need I hadn't realized was there. It was a convergence of people with compatible needs, and needs to be repeated annually.



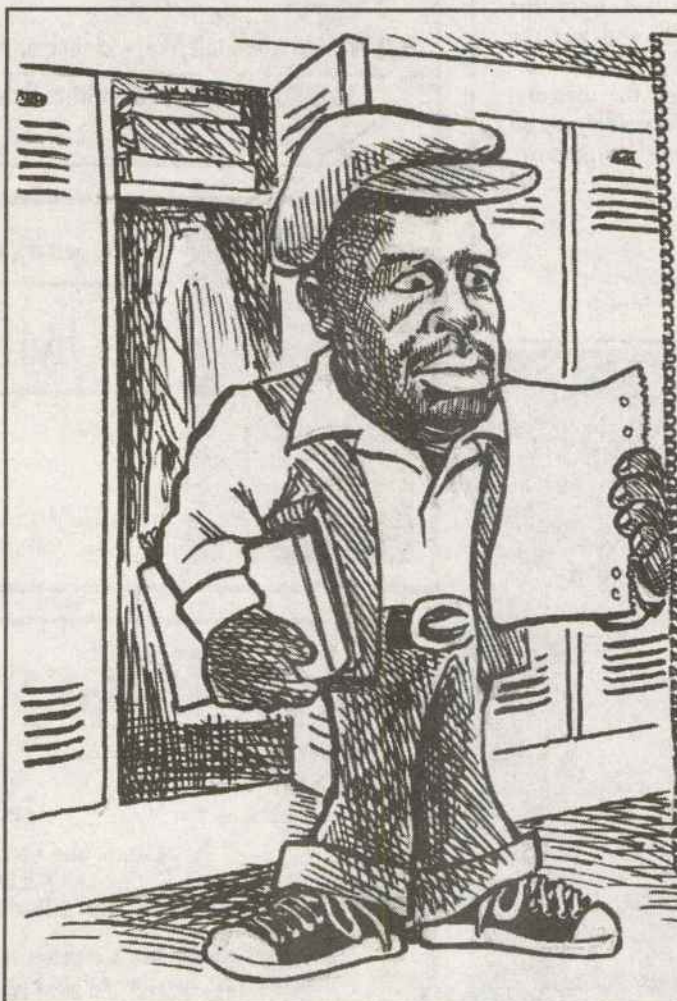
My conference roommate, Chunga, and I did manage to make it out on the town Saturday and Sunday nights. (We paid for another night on our own so we could stay an extra day.) We hit the Shamrock and then Kirby's Klub on Saturday, where we caught a benefit show to help send Cass Marie to the nationals in Dallas next month. We both have known Cass since Club 3054 days, and she took us under her wing for the rest of the night at Kirby's, and then again on Sunday when we went to Maneuvers. I also saw some faces I hadn't seen since the Hotel Wash days, including Kirby's bartender Joey.

Four contestants vied for the title of Miss Gay Madison America at Maneuvers and Cass had lined up a front row table for us at the show. Deidre, another blast from the past, joined the three of us at the table and we partied the night away.

Two of the contestants were from Milwaukee, and they ended up winning the top two slots. Desiree Triumph captured the crown, and Nova Divine took first runner up. The previous night in Green Bay, Nova won the title of Miss Emerald City at Za's, so she was riding high after capturing her first title. I've since heard there may be some controversy about the winner being on hormones which is a no-no in the America system, which wants their girls to be real boys.



On the subject of controversy... word is that Ross Walker and Erv Uecker have suspended their \$1,000 a month Founding Gift pledge to the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community Center. They aren't commenting, but a source at the MLGBTCC says it is true. As a Community Center member, I just received the 1997



Reggie White

### THINGS TO DO TODAY

March 25, 1978

1. Make bed ✓
2. Take out garbage ✓
3. School ✓
4. Football try-outs ✓
5. Grease bike chain
6. Make decision whether or not to be a homo
7. Finish homework

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Center Annual Report, the last effort by the Interim Board of Directors, who have now handed over operations to the newly elected permanent board. Ross & Erv's contributions last year nearly matched the center's income from memberships.

Things were developing on this front just as this issue was going to bed, so it is hard to imagine what the eventual outcome of this will be. That Founding Gift was a substantial part of the Center's income last year, and it most assuredly was a substantial part of this year's projected budget.

Knowing the two gentlemen as well as I do, and not having a chance to talk to them directly since finding this out while writing this column, I can not fault them on their decision. They obviously had their reason(s), and I don't want to speculate about what those reasons are. They have already made a healthy financial contribution to the Center's effort, and provided the seed money to get it off the ground in the first place.

Following not long after a fire swept through the proposed location for the Center on M.L. King Drive, which set in motion an effort to find a new location, this financial obstacle could have a profound impact.



The Minister of Offense, Packer's star Reggie White, really stirred up a hornet's nest, aha? I was appalled at the amount of support he received, and the number of people who agreed with his vision and interpretation of the Bible. Sure, he came out later and explained himself a bit better on comments about ethnic groups, but he would not detach himself about his anti-gay rhetoric.

Once again, the Bible, and an individual's interpretation of it, has been used to deny us our rights. The same arguments were used recently in Maine, when voters rejected a gay antidiscrimination law. Using religion and the mantra "Special Rights", gay opponents have found the key argument that plays well to an uneducated America.

The "Stop Special Rights" argument won in Maine, and Reggie says we don't

need the protections. He hates it when we compare it to the Black civil rights struggle. He claims it is not a civil rights issue, since being gay or lesbian is a "choice". Yeah, right, as if we hadn't heard that before. I can just see it now, the Christian Coalition is going to use their victory in Maine to stop attempts to pass such legislation in other states, and come after the 10 states that do ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Remember folks, Wisconsin was the first state to pass such laws and the other side hadn't come up with the "Special Rights" slogan back then. Special Rights was first used, with great success, in Oregon back in 1988.

In reality, what gays and lesbians have here in Wisconsin, and 9 other states, are just Equal Rights. Basic Rights. Human Rights. There ain't nothing special about the antidiscrimination laws that give us anything more than any other non-homosexual person has in this country.

The Christian Coalition's new "Families 2000" plan aims to recruit thousands of liaisons with churches across the country before the national elections in 2,000. You can bet they'll be active locally as soon as they can, because Special Rights is such a strong tool for them to use.

The Special Rights and Gay Agenda themes play up on the *ick factor*. By that I mean that mainstream America's prime objection to giving us equal treatment under the law, is to what we do in bed. It's the sex that scares them. To them, we have made a "choice" to be "icky".

How do we fight this "Special Rights" and "Gay Agenda" rhetoric? Our leaders better come up with a damn good slogan of our own to counteract it. Otherwise, and you've heard this before, the only way we'll achieve those rights and keep them, is by Coming Out. The more Americans who know someone close to them is gay, the more educated they become to the reality of it, and the less "icky" we seem.

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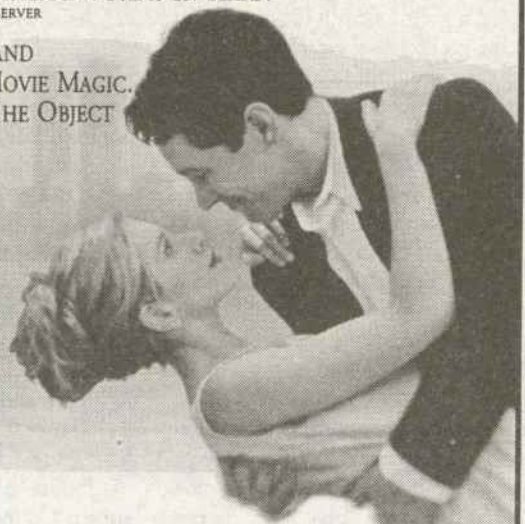
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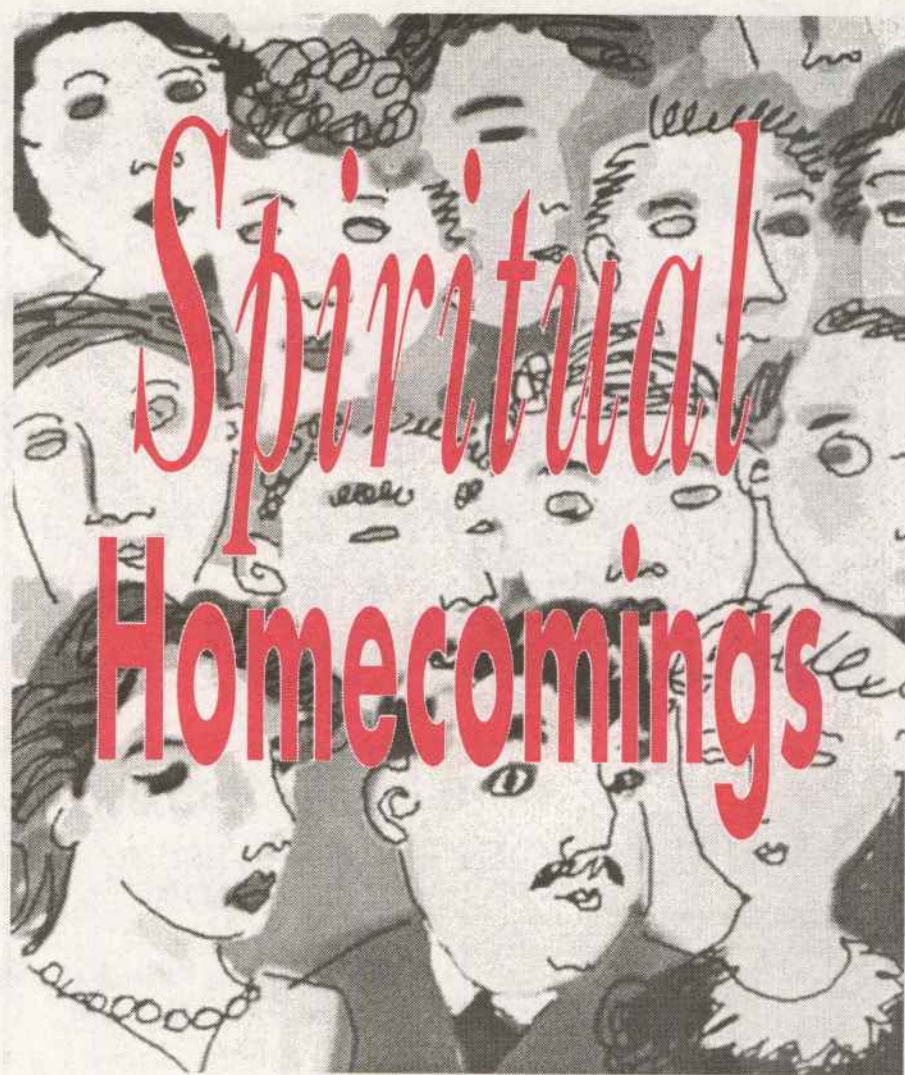
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by Dorothy Austin  
of the In Step Staff

**F**inding a spiritual home is becoming easier for gays and lesbians. Acceptance in some denominations has turned into welcome, and in a few instances, gays and lesbians have their own congregation, "mostly gays," as its founder put it.

Conversations with clergy in Milwaukee, Racine, Mukwonago, Green Bay and Madison reveal a variety of experiences, but overall considerable progress toward full and unconditional acceptance.

In one congregation, the Unitarian Universalists, the issue appears to be a non issue, but it was not always so. Rev. Drew Kennedy, pastor of the U.U. church at 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, said that his denomination was the first in the country to ordain a gay male in 1970. Since then, the acceptance of gay males has moved ahead quickly, in his view.

"I think we've seen incredibly quick changes in the last ten years," he said in an interview.

First in the country to ordain a gay male was the Unitarian Universalist denomination. That was in 1970. Since then, and especially in the last ten years, the acceptance of gays and lesbians has moved ahead. Rev. Kennedy preached his first sermon in support of gay rights in 1991, and in 1995 delivered another, in support of gay marriages.

"I have to admit I was slow in coming around on this issue. I had to wait and see, and watch and think about it for a long time," he said. He described the process as developmental. He said it came from a culture that was

## Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians Finding a Home at Congregations Across the State

homophobic, and the development proceeded to curiosity, reserve, tentative acceptance, conditional acceptance and finally unconditional acceptance.

He has performed three gay or lesbian union ceremonies, similar to wedding ceremonies but without legal recognition. He estimates that his congregation has about 10 openly gay or lesbian members but added that there may be several times as many members who are openly gay.

"Now we (Unitarian Universalists) have a method, where the congregation, looking for a

minister, may go through a process called "Beyond Categorical Thinking," examining racism, sexism, ageism and homophobia, so that the congregation will not always end with a white, married man, with two children and a small, well-behaved dog," Rev. Kennedy said. (He is white, married, with two children.)

He said he believes that the Unitarian Universalists have more gay or lesbian ministers than any other denomination, both in percentages and numbers.

A call to the national office of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston revealed that the denomination estimates that it has 59 to 65 ministers who identify themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual. However that figure is not considered an official count. They are not required to register, and the numbers are arrived at informally.

Visits to and conversations with some Wisconsin gay or lesbian ministers revealed a variety of backgrounds and work experiences in their posts.

**A**t the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist church in Racine, Rev. Tony Larsen, has been the minister for over 22 years. On a recent Sunday, this reporter arrived at the 100 year old church in time for the coffee hour after the 9 a.m. service. The coffee hour at the back of the church was casual, friendly, talky, lasting close to an hour, ending just before the 11 a.m. service.

Rev. Larsen stood in the doorway during the coffee hour, to speak with and hug almost every person as he or she left. Only a few stood back and offered a hand to shake instead.

Then, when the crowd thinned, and with 10 minutes to spare before the 11 a.m. service, he sat with a reporter in one of the pews for a brief interview.

Larsen received his bachelor's degree in philosophy at Maryknoll College in Chicago, and his doctorate in theology at Meadville Lombard seminary.

"I was looking for a church at the same time this church was looking for a minister," he recalled.

Larsen went through the usual process of an interview, a week of candidating including visits with committees, and a vote to call the prospective minister by the congregation. He estimates that 10% of the congregation of 252 adults (or over 500 if children are counted) is gay or lesbian.

Three or four years after being called by the congregation, Rev. Larsen came out to the church leadership.

"It was a kind of relief," he said.

He was told, "That's okay."

Then he told a few others, as occasions arose, and that was all that seemed necessary. Now the congregation, which Rev. Larsen says is "mainly professionals" including pro-

fessors from the University of Wisconsin—Parkside, is active in social and economic justice issues.

Working with an Interfaith Coalition, members of the congregation have been active in helping to close drug houses, pass ordinances holding landlords responsible for drug-selling in their houses, and raising, with the cooperation of local banks, \$63 million for inner city housing.

The church sheltered 20 to 25 homeless people this winter. While some permanent shelters exist for the homeless and battered women, no permanent shelters exist for men in Racine, he added, and so the homeless who were welcomed to shelter by the Olympia Brown church have been mostly men.

"But this only goes on in the cold months," he said, "and in the summer there is nothing" (for homeless men).

Now, Rev. Larsen was beginning to plan his Easter sermon, he said.

"I thought of some of the teachings of Jesus, and that we need to resurrect them. Love your enemies, for example, or walk the extra mile, or if someone needs a jacket, give your coat."

For the 11 a.m. service on this Sunday, Rev. Larsen drew on several religious traditions. There was an African-American hymn, "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," sung by the Olympia Brown choir, a Confucian quote from Chung Yang 27, and a reading from the Gospel of Luke, 4: 1-13. The church itself reflected a variety of views. There were traditional stained glass windows, a figure of Buddha against one wall, and a table filled with paper sculptures of great American women against another.

**I**n Milwaukee, Rev. Andrew Warner is associate minister at Plymouth Church, a United Church of Christ denomination. He said that he grew up in Washington, D.C., and while in high school there thought in terms of a career, possibly in politics or in the CIA.

"That was part of being in Washington," he said. But a closer look prompted him to rule out politics, and when he learned what the CIA did and how it operated, he said, changed his mind about that career idea as well.

Born into a Catholic family, he became interested in comparative religion when he was coming out. He did his undergraduate work at Colgate University, later found a strong gay and lesbian community at Harvard University, and was graduated from the Harvard Divinity School.

"Harvard is a secular institution, not tied to a denomination," he said.

He came out before his ordination, and his candor was mentioned in his ordination, in which the speaker also referred to the gifts he brought to the ministry, including his intelligence, honesty, intellectual curiosity, humor and patience.

He was appointed associate minister in September, and has since been busy with a wide variety of church-related tasks.

He leads the Christian education program, manages the building's physical plant, deals with contractors and renters, handles financial accounts, heads the stewardship campaign, takes pastoral calls, and preaches once a month.

The minister at Plymouth Church is Rev. Mary Ann Neevel. She said that the congregation voted in 1991 to be "an accepting" congregation and now has a "large variety of people" in its membership.

**R**ev. Doug Watkins was ordained in Portland, Oregon in 1989 and came to Mukwonago for an interview with a Unitarian Universalist committee and then was called to come for a candidating week. He and the congregation will be celebrating his fifth anniversary this spring. The congregation now numbers 75.

When the congregation voted to call him as its minister, the congregation lost several members, including the person who contributed the most money to the coffers.

"And the congregation knew that would happen," he said.

For Rev. Watkins, the five years have been good and challenging. He said he enjoyed several aspects of the ministerial work.

"There are different creative outlets

which are part of the ministry," he said, and added, "Every part of who I am is challenged to be creative in a single week."

Among the tasks: Putting together a service, running or contributing to meetings, providing pastoral care in a way that is creative, and being given the privilege of being part of difficult times in peoples lives, and celebrating with them when they have times that bring them joy.

**R**ev. Jonalu Johnstone, 42, is a lesbian minister at James Reed Church, Madison, a Unitarian Universalist congregation which numbers 130 adults.

Reed was a Unitarian minister and civil rights activist who was killed in the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama in 1965. Of her present work in Madison, Rev. Johnstone told *In Step* that she loves it.

"This is a particularly interesting ministry, a new congregation. I came here (five years ago) before the congregation was chartered. I came through the Unitarian Universalist Extension Program, not under call.

"Now the congregation has called me to stay, and I will be formally installed April 26.," she said.

Rev. Johnstone described the congregation as "very much eastside Madison."

It is diverse economically and socially, with a membership which is one-third gay and lesbian. Almost every kind of family constellation is represented. There are families with foster children, families with adopted children, families with children by previous marriages, lesbian couples. There are singles, graduate students, single parents, grandparents raising their grandchildren.

A 9 a.m. service is participatory, and the 11 a.m. service is more traditional, with a sermon, she said. She and her partner, a social worker, have been together for 13 years.

**A**nother story of an unusual spiritual journey is told by the Rev. Ken Hull, of Green Bay. He described in a telephone interview how he dropped out of the Disciples of Christ in 1993 after 40 years as a pastor in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Indiana.

"It was after my son came out to me," he recalled. He knew then that he also was gay, and could face it squarely.

"Even though we kind of know it, we have a problem admitting it to ourselves, because we've been told it's bad (to be gay)," Rev. Hull said.

He said that that his earlier experience with the Disciples of Christ was a valid experience and a worthwhile pastorate. The Disciples of Christ, he explained, were in a partnership relationship with the United Church of Christ, one of the mainline churches.

Now Rev. Hull is pastor of the Angel Of Hope church, a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in Green Bay and Appleton.

"Our membership, 75, is mostly gay," he said, "and we have three former pastors who were members of three other denominations."

He was in his sixties when he made the spiritual transition, and described the three years since then as the "most joyous" of all his ministry. He preaches three times on Sundays, at 11 a.m. in Green Bay, 5 p.m. in Appleton and 7:30 p.m. in Green Bay.

"Three years ago, we had about 7 members, and we have really grown."

Before he came out, he attended the Brown County Clergy Association and was elected to its board. He shared with board members his struggle in coming out, and later was elected as its president. Now he is a past president.

"And the membership includes Lutherans, Catholics and Baptists," he said.

His son is a pastor of a Universal Fellowship church in Florida and his daughter is a pastor of a Christian Disciples church in Indiana.

These accounts of individual journeys do not alas, provide a comprehensive overview of the situation for gays in any and all religious groups. But they do suggest that affiliations may be explored, that some religious communities are waiting with welcome signs, and that many gays are finding their way to a spiritual home.

*Editor's Note: A comprehensive statewide listing of gay supportive congregations are listed in In Step's Guide.*



# the arts



## UWM's New Dancemakers Concert to Feature Student Choreographers

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Theater and Dance in the School of Fine Arts will present *New Dancemakers* on April 14 through 19 in the Mitchell Hall Chamber Theater, Room 254, 3203 N. Downer Avenue. The program features 13 new dances created by 12 student choreographers. Serving as artistic director is UWM Associate Professor Ed Burgess.

Works to be performed will range from satiric to dramatic, from poetic to just plain weird. The students will be dancing to such varied music as works by Alban Berg, Franz List, Elvis, The Cranberries, The Artist Formerly Known as Prince, U2, Japanese composer Katuoshi Nagasawa, and others. Student choreographers are Roxanne Kess, Joe Pikalek, Lisa Smith, Jacob Newumann, and graduating seniors Joyce Dohnal, Raina Pennington, Jen Reynolds, Angela Frederick, Becky Larson, Kristen Slinde, Jennifer Collins, and Derek Jay-son.

General admission tickets are \$9 adults, \$7 students, and are available at

the Fine Arts Box Office or by calling (414) 229-4308.

## Lesbian Author To Visit Schwartz

Milwaukee — Dorothy Allison's first novel *Bastard Out of Carolina* was a sensation, becoming a national bestseller, earning a National Book Award nomination, and eventually being turned into a film directed by Angelica Houston. Now, Allison returns with her long-awaited second novel, *Cavedweller*, the story of four women and the redemption of the human heart.

Dorothy Allison will read from *Cavedweller* at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 2559 N. Downer Ave., on Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (414) 332-1181. Her book is also reviewed in this issue of *In Step*.

## Native American Prose and Poetry at Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern is pleased to announce an evening of prose and poetry by Native American writers Kimberly Blaaser and Anna Lee Walters who will read from their works on Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. Woodland Pattern Book Center is located at 720 E. Locust St.

Kimberly Blaaser, of Anishanaabe and German ancestry, is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and grew up on White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota. Her poetry, short fiction, personal essays and scholarly articles have been anthologized in over 40 Canadian and American collections.

Anna Lee Walters is a Pawnee/Otoe Indian, originally from Oklahoma. She now lives and works on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona where she serves as an editor for the *Navajo Community College Press*. Walters is the author of seven books including *The Sun is Not Merciful* (Firebrand, 1984), for which she received the Before Columbus Foundation Book Award.

Tickets for the event are \$6 general public, \$5 in advance and members. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. For further information, call (414) 263-5001.

## "Keyboard Conversations" at The Pabst Theater

Milwaukee — The 1997/98 season of *Keyboard Conversations* with Jeffrey Siegel will conclude Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. with his performance of "The Golden Age of the American Piano" at the historic Pabst Theater.

The performance will take concertgoer's through time showcasing the greatest conduit of entertainment—the piano. Mr. Siegel will perform compositions by

Chopin, Dvorak, Rachmaninoff, Joplin, Gershwin and others.

Tickets for the April 29 performance \$20. Subscription tickets for the 1998/99 season are \$72 and will be available starting April 29, 1998. All tickets are available at the Pabst Theater Box Office or by calling (414) 286-3663

## Danceworks To Stage "Still/Moving"

Milwaukee — Danceworks Performance Company (DPC), Milwaukee's newest contemporary dance company, will celebrate National Dance Week with a concert of original works by company members and guest artists. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at the Center for Arts and Performance, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8815 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

Sarah Wilbur, artistic director of DPC is showing off the 12 member company in several works for large groups. Wilbur's contribution to the evening, a collaboration with Jen Moore, is a large piece for seven women about road rage. In "Oh Behave!" Laura Teska delves into the psychedelic sixties. She promises sixties costumes, sixties hairstyles and a go-go attitude in her work for eight women. "Grace," an abstract work for six women by Andrea Hill, is inspired by two very different versions of "Amazing Grace."

Guest choreographer Ed Burgess's "Milwaukee 90210," the concert's largest work, features the entire company. They are joined by guest dancers Derek Jay-son and Joseph Pikalek in a (barely) post-adolescent romp.

The Saturday performance will be preceded by a reception and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer. The auction will feature items suitable for Mother's Day gifts. Admission to the reception is free; donations are encouraged. Tickets for the performance are \$15, \$12 for students and are available at the Wisconsin Lutheran College Box Office or by calling (414) 443-8802.

## "In The Life" Goes Global

New York, NY — The April/May 1998 episode of *In The Life*, shot in six countries on four continents, represents the gay and lesbian series' most ambitious installment to date. This special edition looks at gay and lesbian life from around the world. From China to the Netherlands, from Britain to Brazil, from the Philippines to France, this episode will visit places where progress on gay civil rights out-paces advances in the U.S., and places where awareness and understanding of gay issues is decades behind, often dangerously so for

the gay and lesbian people living there. The stories told will be personal ones, illuminating the struggles behind the politics, the progress, and often, the persecution.

The lead story will be "Hong Kong and China--A Tale of Communism and Culture." It is followed by "Great Britain--Transforming the Crown"; "Philippines--A Growing Lesbian Movement"; "Brazil — Culture of Contradiction"; "IGLHRC--In Pursuit of International Human Rights"; "France — A New Social Contract"; and "Amsterdam — Gay Games 1998."

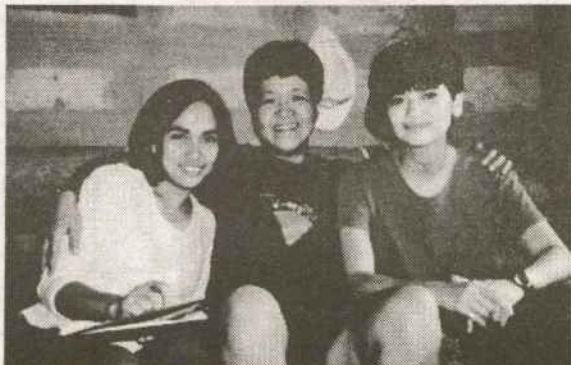
The program will be shown in Milwaukee on WMVS channel 10, on Wednesday, April 29 at 11 p.m. On Thursday, April 30 at 11 p.m., Wisconsin Public TV will air the program on WPNE/38, Green Bay; WHA 21, Madison; WHWC/28, Menomonie-Eau Claire; WHRM/20, Wassau; WHLA/31, La Crosse; and WLEF/36, Park Falls. A complete listing of air-dates can be found on the Internet at <http://inthe-lifetv.org>.



ITL producer, John Catania in Hong Kong with gay students Jackie, Yvonne and Calvin.



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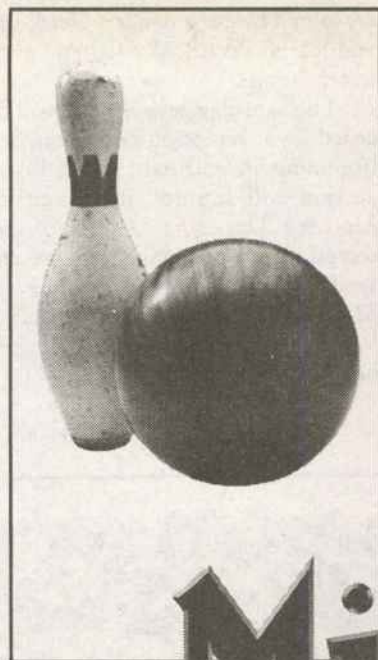
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# the calendar

## April 16 through April 30, 1998

### Activities:

#### Friday, April 17

Survival/Revival — Fashion Show/Review (Milwaukee): It all happens on Gallery Night and starts at 8 p.m. at 246 E. Chicago St. Sister Cahsbox, B.J. Daniels, comedian Bill Finn, live music by Gladrogs & Miss Gay Wisconsin, Sage LaRue will be there. Shop until you drop. It all benefits ARCW. \$4 at the door. FMI call (414) 291-2856.

#### Saturday, April 18

Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago AIDS Ride - Meeting (Madison): There will be a meeting for the Bike Ride at 10 a.m. at the Piney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd. FMI call (608) 287-0700.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Bridge Night (Madison): Due to the holiday the Bridge club will meet at 7 p.m. at 625 Eugenia Ave. FMI call (608) 238-5137.

#### Sunday, April 19

Shake It Up! - Bike Ride (Madison): Join them at noon for a ride around Lake Monona starting from Michael's Frozen Custard at Atwood Ave.

#### Wednesday, April 22

Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago AIDS Ride - Meeting (Milwaukee): There will be a meeting for the Bike Ride at 6 p.m. at Wisconsin Electric, 333 W. Everett St. (4th & Michigan). FMI call (888) 743-3947.

#### Thursday, April 23

Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago AIDS Ride - Meeting (Madison): There will be a meeting for the Bike Ride at 7 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 3313 University Ave. FMI call (608) 287-0700.

#### Friday, April 24

Out & About Dance (Madison): As part of Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98, there will be a dance in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union from 8 p.m. until 12:45 a.m. \$3 at the door and a cash bar. FMI call (608) 262-7365.

#### Saturday, April 25

Artists in the Square - Art Fair (Mequon): The fair will take place at the East Towne Square Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday. This is a fund-raiser for Riverwest Artists Association. Painting, photography, jewelry, sculpture, textiles and much more. FMI call (414) 374-4722.

Dyke Dance (Madison): As part of Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98, there will be a dance for women in Tripp Hall of the Memorial Union from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. \$3 at the door and a cash bar. FMI call (608) 262-7365.

Greek All-Stars vs. Queer Softball Game (Madison): As part of Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98, there will be a softball game in conjunction with Greek Week '98 at the UW-Madison Natatorium at 12 noon. Come see who's more concerned about breaking a nail. FMI call (608) 262-7365.

Milmaids XIII - 9-Pin Bowling Tournament (Madison): This fund-raiser for the AIDS Support Network of Madison will be held at Bow-A-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Springs Drive. The cost is \$25, \$28 the day of the tournament. FMI and registration call Ron at (608) 244-1484.

SSBL - League-Wide Clinic (Milwaukee): Play Ball! The clinic will be held at Sijan Field under the tutelage of League Umpire In Chief, Chuck Cicenillo. FMI, time & directions, call the Hotline at (414) 454-9204.

#### Tuesday, April 28

Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago AIDS Ride - Meeting (Madison): There

will be a meeting for the Bike Ride at 7:30 p.m. at Gold's Gym, 361 Blotter Rd. FMI call (608) 287-0700.

### Bar Specials:

#### Sundays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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

Diversions (Neenah): Open ant 11 a.m. Bloody Marys \$1.50 Old Fashioned & Screw Drivers.

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Karaoke with Duane from KC's Mobile Music, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys.

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.

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

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join them 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): \$5 Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. Bloody Marys are \$2 all night.

Manoeuvres (Madison): \$5 Sunday Beer Bash 3 to 8 p.m. All you can drink of LITE. All other drinks \$1 off 3 to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. to close all taps are 50¢ off. DJ & dancing 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.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): \$5 Beer Bash! 6 to 10 p.m.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Open at 3 p.m.

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): Game Show Mania every Sunday, \$1 Bloody Marys!

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Steve's Mini-Dart Playoffs - 4 to 9 p.m.

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 to 8 p.m.

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): Free pool! Bingo for Booze with Rebecca. Watch Ally McBeal from 8 to 9 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee) Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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): 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Grill hours 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1's and the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close: rails, taps of Lite & domestic bottles of beer are \$1.75. Shorties of Lite are \$1. Shots of hot Sex are \$1.50. DJ & dancing 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.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 2-4-1.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails - 3 to 7 p.m. Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

#### Tuesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

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.

Diversions (Neenah): Open at 7 p.m. Rail & domestics \$1.75.

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Karaoke with Mark & Sammie from Technovocal Karaoke from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. \$2 well drinks.

Fluid (Milwaukee) Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

Kirby's Klub (Madison): Every Tuesday is Fetish Night! Shaved, Leather, Wet N' Wild, Flesh, Latex, Master & Servant. \$50 for best Fetish Outfit. If you wear a fetish outfit prices are \$2 rails, \$1.50 taps.

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): Taco Tuesday! 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Grill open from 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. Customers can spin the Manoeuvres Wheel to win free drinks, shots, pizza, beer bash etc. during Happy Hour. From 8 p.m. to close all taps are 75¢ off, shorties of Lite are \$1. Shots of Pucker or Hot sex ate \$1.50. DJ & Dancing 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.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Free Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Rail pitchers \$6.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Snack Night! \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m.

#### Wednesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Show'n'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.

Diversions (Neenah): Open at 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust!

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): The Rave Party with DJ Bange! \$1 Miller Lite and MGD bottles.

Fluid (Milwaukee) Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust!

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 2/4/1 drinks from 3 p.m. until closing. Grill hours are 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 with the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close 12 oz taps of Lite are 75¢,

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# "The Object of My Affection"

Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd Star in Latest Gay-Themed Comedy

Interviews by Tim Nasson  
Special to In Step

In "The Object of My Affection", Jennifer Aniston, television's Rachel of "Friends", plays Nina Borowski, a deeply troubled young woman who falls very hard and fast for George Hanson, a charming, handsome but gay young man, played by Paul Rudd, best known to film audiences as Alicia Silverstone's stepbrother in "Clueless".

While in Beverly Hills recently, both Aniston and Rudd took time separately on a Saturday afternoon to discuss the



Paul Rudd as George and Jennifer Aniston as Nina in "The Object of My Affection". Photo by Barry Wetcher.

film and the impression it will soon make with audiences around the world.

"First of all, many people (one assumes the Bible belt folk among other uncultured and uncivilized) will be shocked to see Rachel pregnant, without a husband and in love with a gay guy. Once they get over those three things, I am sure they will warm to the story," says Aniston in a soft spoken voice in a suite at The Four Seasons. Tens of millions watch "Friends" each Thursday night and see Aniston as a young lady trying to make it in the Big Apple with companions and roommates constantly surrounding her with support and advice.

In "Object..." Nina is by herself, making decisions on her own and ultimately ones that don't seem too bright to the ordinary Joe. Why would any girl in her right mind drop everything, including a boyfriend and the father of her expected child for a gay man?

"I fell for the story as soon as I read it," Aniston adds, "It made total sense to me. Playing Nina was something I really wanted to do. There are so many love stories made into movies but this one was special. Unrequited love stories are always the best kind and most exciting."

"People experience what Nina experiences everyday. Many deep friendships turn into sexual attractions", she adds, "They are the reason for many marriages and romances. This is just a case that seems destined to crumble from the very start. A woman in love with a gay man." Aniston even admits having fallen in love with a cute gay boy in high school. "I never told him, but I did want to go out with him."

As director Nicholas Hytner mentioned, Aniston agrees, "that everyone involved in the making of the film were concerned that the portrayals of each character were honest."

As any television actor would be, especially one in a hugely successful show, Aniston had some concerns about playing a character completely opposite from one people have come to relate to. "I wondered at first, 'If I branch out, what will people think?' But taking chances is part of any job. One needs to stay true to themselves and choose what drives them. I certainly don't want to branch out too far and confuse my fans altogether. I think I will wait a while to play a psycho killer with a shaved head," she says with an evil grin.

"I actually feel lucky. I know that

without having the role on "Friends" I wouldn't even have gotten movie offers, let alone one as great as Nina," says Aniston, who is tight lipped about the season finale of "Friends".

Aniston who was born in California but lived in Greece as a youngster is the child of a soap opera actor and says she knew she wanted to become an actress the first time she went to a play, "Children of A Lesser God". "I remember weeping at the play and thinking to myself, 'I want to be on stage and be able to touch people the same way I was touched.'"

Paul Rudd, twenty-nine, who walked into the room a little later and right out again because he had to pee, admitted when he came back, that though he not gay, it was "not a big deal to play a gay character."

Playing George, the guy who is manipulated by the queen of manipulators, Nina, was "enjoyable" says Rudd who grew up in Kansas City a place where he as an Eastern European Jew felt different amongst all the other farm boys.

"I know that the story is a very common one. People fall in love with people who don't feel the same about them everyday. This time it just happens to be a woman in love with a man who is gay and a woman who is determined to make him feel the same way about her at any consequence."

While many actors spend weeks preparing for a role, trying to get inside a character Rudd's take on his role in this film was simple. "I certainly didn't need to do research to play a gay character. If I was playing someone who had been in prison for years, I wouldn't spend six months in jail to get a feeling for what it's like."

Playing George did require him to kiss another boy (newcomer Amo Gulinello, a hot ticket) in the film, as well as Jennifer Aniston. When asked who the better kisser was, he quickly uttered, "I wouldn't be a gentleman if I said, would I?"

Though laid back and down to earth, Rudd who was unshaven and dressed in a blue and white plaid shirt and blue jeans the day we met, was not shy about his feelings about the character he played. "I felt no responsibility to promote a gay character. I felt the responsibility to create a great character. Gayness is so NOT what he is all about. He is a person and that is how George is depicted on screen."

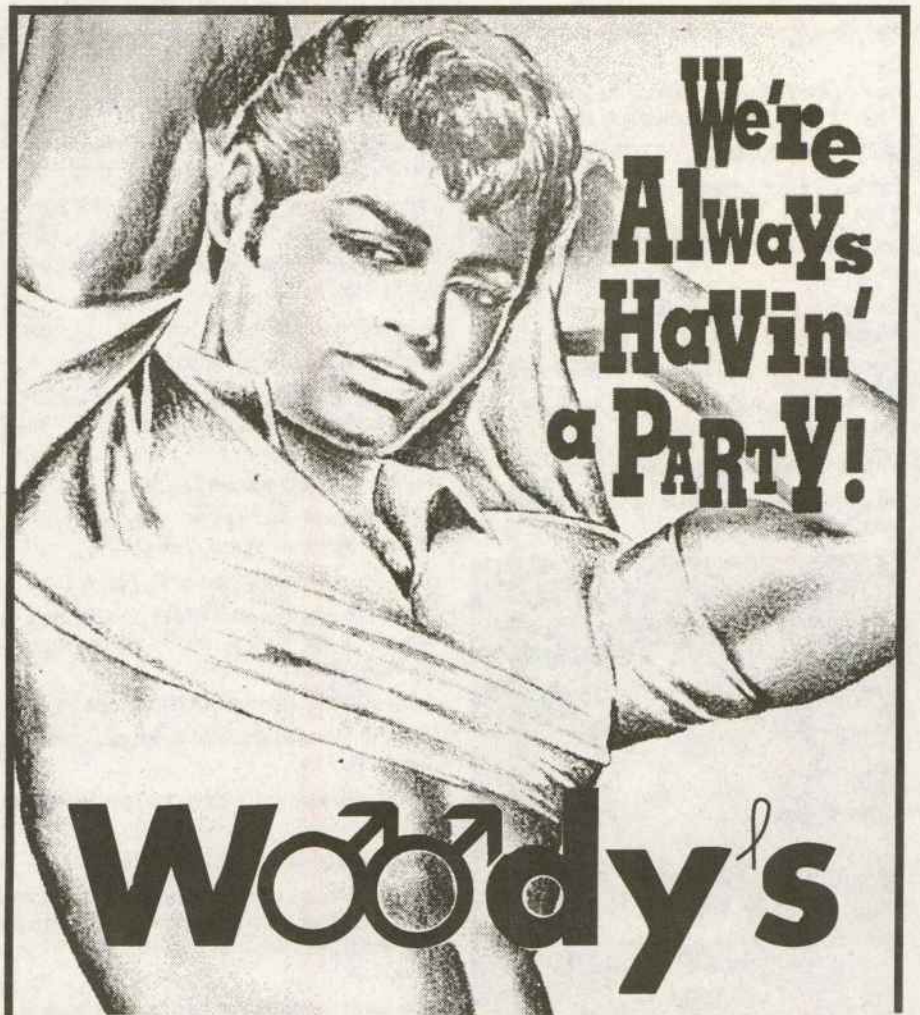
Though he and Aniston had done a lot of research for their roles on an emotional level, they both did take some lessons in ballroom dancing since it is an integral part of the book and the film. "I am a terrible dancer to begin with, so the lesson were necessary," Rudd adds.

After Rudd works with Nicholas Hytner again this summer on Broadway in "Twelfth Night" he will be working on a few other films. If one cannot wait for those other films, and wants to see the adorable Rudd in something immediately, one may want to rent "Overnight Delivery" a completely forgettable film that is just now being released in time to capture in on Rudd's impending fame. This may become a trend. The same thing happened a few weeks ago when "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 4" starring Matthew McConaughey and Rene Zellewegger was released.

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

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 2-4-1 9 p.m. to close.

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): 2-4-1 6 to 8 p.m. Mini Pitchers after 8 p.m.

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¢ drafts.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy-Happy Hour 4 to 5 p.m. (50¢ off tappers & \$1 off rail drinks). \$1 off drinks from 5 to 9 p.m.

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

### Thursdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

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.

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

Diversions (Neenah): Open at 7 p.m. \$8 Rail Bust!

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): In-house Pool Tournament with \$100 in cash prizes. Singles. Double elimination. \$5 entry fee. \$1.75 MGD bottles.

Fluid (Milwaukee) Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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

Kirby's Klub (Madison): Every Thursday Night is 20's Night! Party to the hottest rock all night. \$1 rail, \$1 shots, 50¢ taps. Listen to our new DJs Todd & Shawn.

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): 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Special appetizers by Stan.

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. with the Manoeuvres Wheel. >From 8 p.m. to close Jim Beam drinks are \$2, Ex and Ex Lite \$2, shorties of Lite \$1. Shots of Cuervo and Doctors are \$2. DJ & Dancing 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.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$2 Export & Corona beer 9 p.m. to close.

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. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 6 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. 7 Crown \$2, Captains \$2.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

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!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy-Happy Hour 4 to 5 p.m. (50¢ off tappers & \$1 off rail drinks). \$1 off drinks from 5 to 9 p.m.

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

### Fridays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

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'.

Diversions (Neenah): Open at 7 p.m. Dance Party! DJ requests.

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Friday Night Dance party with DJ Bange. Free & anonymous HIV testing by Lake Co. Health Dept. from 8 to 10 p.m. \$2 domestic bottled beer.

Fluid (Milwaukee) Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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): Fish Fry 4 to 10 p.m. Open menu specials.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 with the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close rail whiskey drinks are \$2, shots of Pucker are \$2. DJ & Dancing at 10 p.m.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Fish Fry \$6.95 for all you can eat! Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Butch Nite at the Back Bar only! 50¢ off all drinks for those in leather.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy-Happy Hour 4 to 5 p.m. (50¢ off tappers & \$1 off rail drinks). \$1 off drinks from 5 to 9 p.m.

### Saturdays:

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Country Dance! Free dance lessons 7 p.m. to midnight with the Shoreline Dancers. Restaurant open from 6 to 10 p.m. DJ 'till close.

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Bar opens at 3 p.m. Early Bird Specials 3 to 6 p.m. Grill hours from 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 with the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close bottles of Rolling Rock are \$2. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): DJ Tyrone. Buy your first drink & get your second one FREE at the Back Bar only!

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Hot Sex \$1 a shot.

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

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

### Bar Events:

#### Thursday, April 16

The Office (Rockford, IL): Puppeteer Jerry Halliday will appear at 10 p.m.

#### Friday, April 17

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): This is Benefit Week to support the BESTD Clinic. This is a good opportunity to get yourself checked. See 4/22.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): The Hoosier Honeys perform live on the

Emerald City stage at 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): We Are Family will begin a liquidation sale. There will be 10% off of selected merchandise.

### Saturday, April 18

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Emerald City will host the Spectrum Pride Week Dance Party for members over 21.

Toga Party at SWS Docks (Milwaukee): Taps are 50-cents if you wear a toga. Fun starts at 10 p.m.

### Sunday, April 19

Joey Cross @ M&M Club (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment.

### Wednesday, April 22

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

### Friday, April 24

Bacardi Party @ Triangle (Milwaukee) \$1.50 Bacardi Drinks all nite. Raffles for hats, t-shirts and more. Starting at 9 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): This is Brew Bears Club Night and Party. It starts at 10 p.m.

### Sunday, April 26

Chris Francis at M&M (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment.

### Wednesday, April 29

M&M Club - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 6 until 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

## Books, Clubs, Classes, Readings

### Friday, April 17

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

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Poetry Reading (Downer Ave.): April is National Poetry Month. Tonight is Open Mike Night at 8 p.m. Free & open to all. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

### Saturday, April 18

Woodland Pattern - Prose/Poetry (Milwaukee): Native American writers Kimberly Bloeser and Anna Lee Walters will read from their works at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 general, \$5 in advance and members. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

### Sunday, April 19

A Room of One's Own - Poets Vol. II (Madison): Readings by Ann Shaffer, Angie Rydell, Eve Robillard, Susan Goodwin & Elsie Rose in the Coffee House from 1 to 3 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

### Monday, April 20

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Mequon): Thomas Cahill will discuss his new book, Gifts of the Jews, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

### Tuesday, April 21

GLBTQ Book Group - Discussion (Madison): The group is for men & women and will meet on the third Thursday of the month at Border's Book Store East. Two books will be discussed; one fiction (a novel) and one non-fiction that ties in with the novel. FMI call Dave Dornbush at (608) 240-0800.

### Thursday, April 23

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Mequon): Milwaukee authors Alamelu Vairavan & Patricia Marquardt dish up the flavors of South India in their new book, The Art of South Indian Cooking, at 7 p.m. There will be a tasting. FMI call (414) 240-6220.

### Friday, April 24

A Room of One's Own - Author Appearance (Madison): Author Elynn Boche will read from her coming-of-age novel, The Activist's Daughter at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Poetry Reading (Downer Ave.): April is National Poetry Month. Readings by John Koethe, Susan Firer and Jennifer Knox at 8 p.m. Free & open to all. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

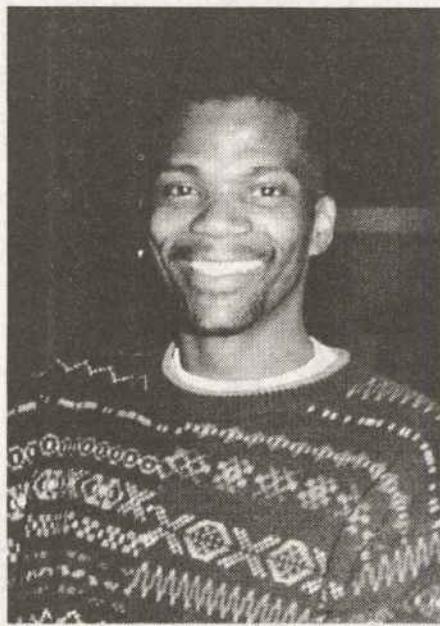
Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Poetry Reading (Shorewood): April is National Poetry Month. Local poets will read their work at 7:30 p.m. Also on 4/24. Free & open to all. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

### Saturday, April 25

Woodland Pattern - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): Banta Award-winner John Hildebrand and Milwaukee historian John Gurda will read from their works at 8 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 263-5001

### Sunday, April 26

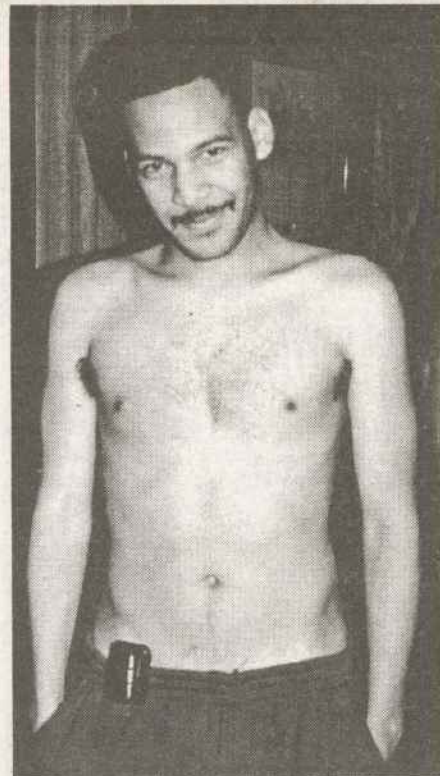
A Room of One's Own - Poets Vol. III (Madison): Readings by Gay Davidson-Zielske, Elady Samuelson, Alison Townsend & Karen Schultz in the Coffee House from 1 to 3 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.



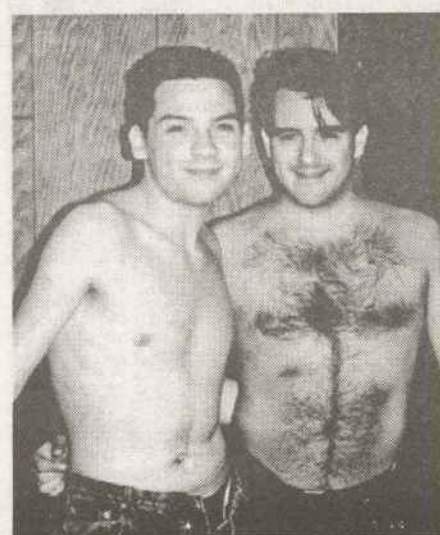
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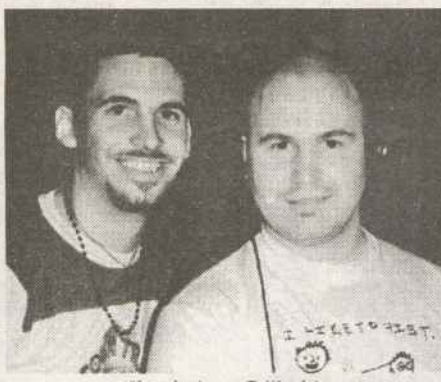
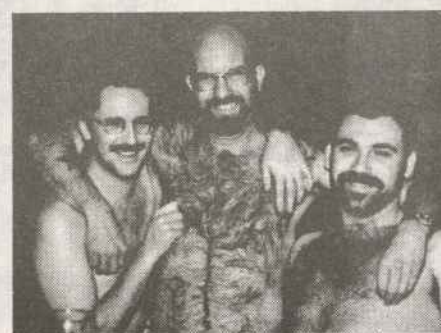


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The gang is all here! Photo by Jamie @ Filling Station

Woodland Pattern - Alternating Currents Live (Milwaukee): The free-form jazz duo of Ken Vandermark & Kent Kessler will perform at 7 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 263-5001

**Tuesday, April 28**

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Poetry Reading (Brookfield): April is National Poetry Month. Mary "Casey" Martin will talk about a new anthology she has contributed to & edited at 7 p.m. Free & open to all. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

**Wednesday, April 29**

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Elizabeth Wurtzel will read from her new book *Bitch: In Praise of Difficult Women*, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

**Community Meetings & Events:**

**Thursday, April 16**

Black Pride Celebration - Planning Meeting (Chicago, IL): Discussion & planning of their 1998 Black Pride Celebration scheduled for 6/28. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are located at 141 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 240. FMI call (773) 384-4356.

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): Implicit Valuation of a Blood Exclusion Decision: HIV Risks, Social Costs & Israel's Ethiopian Blood Ban, will be the topic of the conference at CAIR's Franklin Bldg. from 3 to 4:15 p.m. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

Celebrating the Body Electric - Men's Workshop (Chicago, IL): This two-day workshop explores the connections between touch, physical pleasure and spiritual awareness. FMI call (312) 819-1524.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

UW-Madison - Campus Social (Madison): The GLB Alumni Council invites GLB faculty, staff, alumni & graduate students on the third Thursday of each month to meet & socialize at the University Club, 803 State St., from 5 to 7 p.m. FMI call Ken Chroca at (608) 263-4086 and ask to be placed on the mailing list.

LAMM - Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee will meet every third Thursday from March through November at the M&M Club (upstairs) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. FMI call the LAMM Office at (414) 264-2600.

**Friday, April 17**

G/L/B/T Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison): The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave, at 3:30 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible. High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no long associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for senior men and their friends who enjoy the company of other men to gather on Friday afternoons for laughing and scratching, talking, arguing, beastly sociable and pondering all the problems related to our mutual orientation with the Universe.

Library Mall Rally (Madison): As part of Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98, a rally will be held at 12:30 p.m. to improve relations between the UW-Madison administration and LGBT students. Speakers and refreshments. FMI call (608) 262-7365.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): A men's discussion group for mature men meets weekly from 6 to 8 p.m. in the SAGE Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church. Topic: Solitude vs. Loneliness. Space is available. FMI call (414) 271-0378

United - Wine Tasting Benefit (Madison): An Evening With Friends will be held at Madison's Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave. from 7 until 11 p.m. FMI & to charge tickets (Mastercard/Visa) call (608) 255-8582.

**Saturday, April 18**

Community Thrift Store - Grand Opening (Madison): From noon to 7 p.m. This is a joint venture between the Madison GL Resource Center & various straight agencies. It's located at 1848 S. Park Street between the used & new cars of Thorstadt Chevrolet and will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays.

GLESN - G/L/B Prom (Madison): Some Enchanted Evening, a prom for persons 21 or older, will be held at the Madison Civic Center Starlight Room from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. DJ, dancing door prizes and a cash bar. Tickets \$20, \$25 at the door. FMI & advance tickets, write GLESN, PO Box 25902, Madison, WI 53725-9502.

**Sunday, April 19**

Commitment To Love - Wedding Expo (Chicago, IL): This event for same sex couples who are planning commitment services takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ann Sather Restaurant, 929 W. Belmont and will benefit Horizons Community Services. FMI call (773) 472-6496 ext. 257.

Hillel Foundation-UWM - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

PFLAG/Dane - Meeting (Madison): This group meets the third Sunday of the month at the Quaker's homestead, 1704 Roberts Court at 2 p.m. Topic Religion: They will look at what is happening locally and nationally and see where they might help.

Silver Space - Women's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): This group for older lesbians meets every third Sunday at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2565.

Taste of the Village - Food Tasting (Wauwatosa): The 4th annual event will be held from 3 until 7 p.m. in the Mueller Building at Hart Park, 7300 Chestnut St. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, and \$4 children over age 5. Tickets available at the door. Free parking.

**Monday, April 20**

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Discussion (Madison): This group meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at The United, 14 W. Mifflin St. Ring the bell!

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI call Art at (414) 694-0115.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly Young Men's Group (Duluth, MN): The group of 18 to 25-year old men meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

NOW Feminist of the Year Event - Registration Deadline (Madison): This event honoring Tammy Baldwin as Feminist of the Year and Sol Kelly-Jones as the First Young Feminist of the Year, is on the evening of 4/26 at the Inn on the Park, 22 South Carroll St. Reception at 4:30, dinner at 5:30 p.m. \$40 per person. FMI call Now office at (608) 255-3911

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Practice (Madison): The chorus meets weekly at Grace Episcopal Church on Capitol Square. FMI call (608) 232-0528.

**Tuesday, April 21**

Bi Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): Topic: Putting the Sex Back Into Sexuality. Meets at the BESTD Clinic at 7 p.m. FMI call Steve at (414) 483-5046.

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): 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.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

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

Women's Self-Defense - Free Ongoing Workshop (Dane County): New students are welcome to start the workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. any Tuesday throughout the year. Located at N6883 Hwy. N (1 mile north of Sun Prairie) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gym. Church not affiliated with the class. FMI call (608) 837-9514.

**Wednesday, April 22**

Public Hearing (Madison): The Wisconsin Dept. of Health & Family Services AIDS/HIV program will hold a hearing on the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act from 10 to 11 a.m. at 1414 E. Washington Ave, Rm. 233. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments from the public on the plan. Also discussed will be the proposed amendment of ch. HSS 138, Wis. Adm Code relating to subsidized health insurance premiums for certain persons with HIV infection and the emergency rules now in effect.

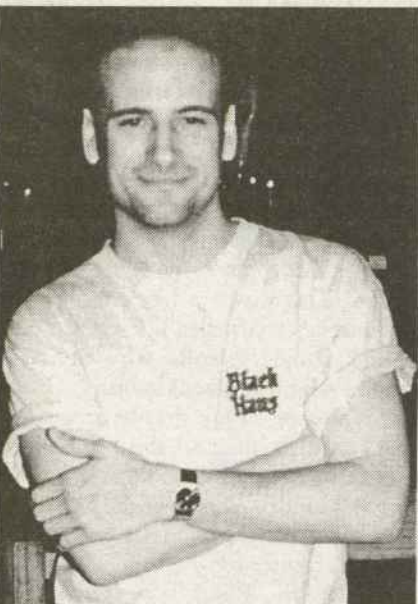
SAGE/Dane - Women (Madison): The group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at A Room of One's Own Coffee House, 307 W. Johnson St. at 10 a.m. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Sex Toys For the Curious - Women (Madison): As part of Absolutely Fabulous Out and About '98, A Woman's Touch will show a wide variety of sex toys and answer questions at 7 p.m. Check Today in the Union for location. FMI call (608) 262-7365.

**Thursday, April 23**

Black Pride Celebration - Planning Meeting (Chicago, IL): Discussion & planning of the 1998 Black Pride Celebration scheduled for 6/28. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are located at 141 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 240. FMI call (773) 384-4356.

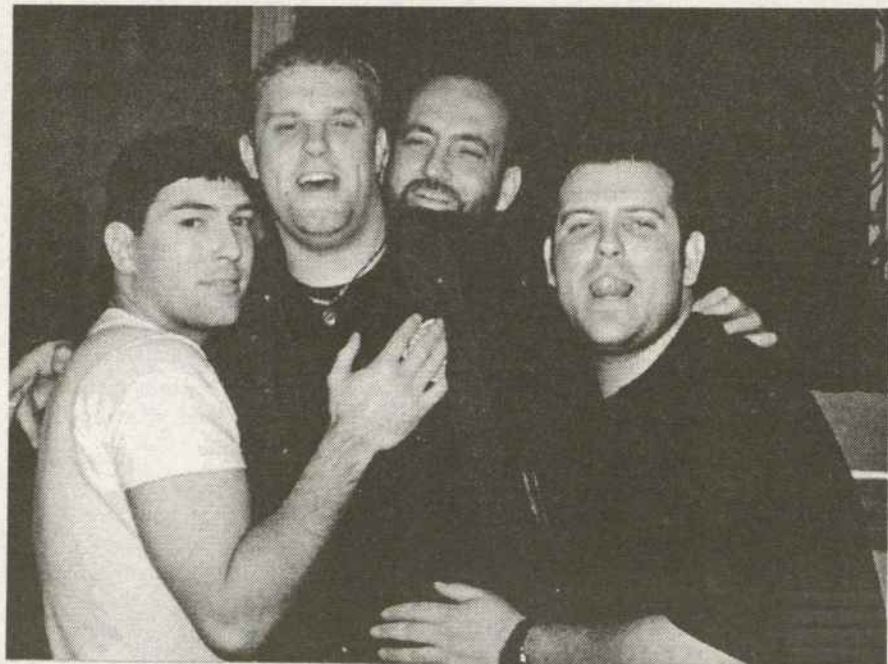
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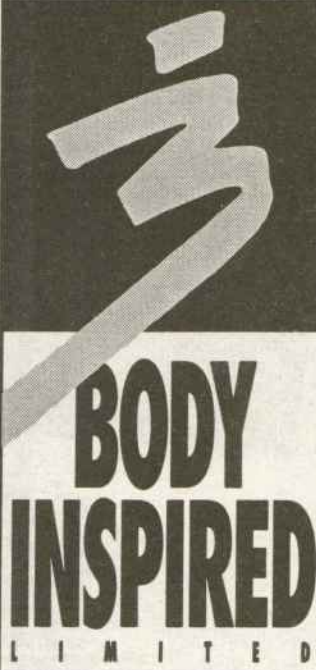
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## BOOK REVIEW

by Ed Grover

### Cavedweller

by Dorothy Allison

**N**ew York magazine reported that "Dorothy Allison has described herself as a 'cross-eyed, working-class lesbian, addicted to violence, language, and hope, who has made the decision to live, is determined to live on the page and on the street, for me and mine.'" The author of *Bastard Out Of Carolina*, the acclaimed bestseller and finalist for the National Book Award, has come out with her second novel, *Cavedweller*, (Dutton, ISBN: 0-525-94167-3, \$24.95).

The book opens as Randall Pritchard plummets headlong from his motorcycle and meets death on the rusty spikes of a construction barrier. He was a rock star of much charm but dubious success. At the same moment, Delia Byrd, his ex-common-law wife "had been up for an hour, walking back and forth in the tiny garden behind the house in Venice Beach, thinking about the local convenience store, where the liquor was overpriced but accessible twenty-four hours a day." She has stopped drinking five months before and "the strain showed."

Delia thinks about the two girls she left behind "a lifetime ago" when she climbed on the band's buss with Randall, "a man who made big promises he couldn't keep," to escape the violence her husband Clint was inflicting on her. As she sang and wrote songs, she found she had joined the "tinsel and glitter of the rock 'n' roll business. ... a life lived on credit cards and whiskey" as an escape. At that moment she decided she wanted to go home.

She takes the news of Randall's death as an omen and decides to take their 10-year old child (Cissy) and go back to Cayro, Georgia. Delia feels that of she does not get on the road, "the beast would reclaim her and she would go down to the beach with a bottle. Going home was the answer. Making amends, getting her girls, that was the answer. ..."

After the funeral and wake, with fans and members of the rock band smashed out of their minds, Randall's house burns down. The old Datsun, packed with everything she owns is soon on the Santa Monica Freeway.

There is a near non-stop dash south and east with Cissy curled up in the passenger seat filled with hate and refusing to speak. When she does she claims to have been kidnapped. At a truck stop, the car is broken into and everything is stolen. Cissy pouts and sleeps in the back seat all the way to Georgia, while Delia keeps telling her about the love and family waiting for both of them.

"Cayro, Georgia is a world of truck farms and convenience stores, biscuit franchises and deep-rooted Baptism. And, beneath this surface, caves: lost caves, known caves ... caves where color explodes in the dark, caves where people have died and been buried, caves waiting

to be mapped and explored. ..." When Delia Byrd and Cissy reach Cayro, "the past unfurls into the present, and Cayro, Georgia becomes a more complicated place than any of them could have imagined."

*Booklist*, in a starred review says, "... Cissy, the cavedweller of the title and a



Dorothy Allison

young character of mythic dimensions on the order of Tony Morrison's *Sula*, is at the molten core of this mystical tale of blood ties and friendship, madness and love, hard work and grace, and she is something to behold."

All the characters are full-blown and leap off the page. Delia's stoic, silent grandfather Byrd is keeping a bitter secret. Her daughters, Amanda and Dede, are hostile from living with their cranky, bitter, deeply religious paternal grandmother. Grandma Windsor won't let Delia even see her daughters. Their father, Clint, is dying of cancer and they hate him. Delia makes a deal with the dying man and, as Cissy says, it's "An eye for an eye. Two girls for bathing and burying a man you don't love."

Time passes and Delia does "anything" to show her daughters that she's changed, that she loves them. Cissy discovers the caves through a friend and thinks to herself, "Down here I know who I am, what I can do. Oh, this is the hillbilly hiding place, the secret haunt of haunts. This is where I belong. I guess I'm just a cavedweller." Cissy has two young female friends who are avid "cavers" and (supposed) lesbians.

While the author may be an out lesbian, but this is not a lesbian story. It's a "sweeping novel of the human spirit; the lost and hidden recesses of the heart; and the place where violence and what redeems it intersect."

*Publishers Weekly* says, *Cavedweller* has a restless energy and consistently interesting characters that will keep readers caring about the flawed but valiant women who manage to surmount their private griefs through stubborn determination." I thought it was a great read and recommend it highly.

Dorothy Allison is also the author of *Skin: Talking About Sex, Class & Literature*, which won a 1994 Lambda Literary Award; *Two Women Who Hate Me*, a collection of poems; and *Trash*, a collection of short stories that won two Lambda Literary Awards in 1989. *Bastard* was adapted into a film version directed by Angelica Houston, and was shown on *Showtime* in 1996.

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# KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

While back I was in a warm, bubbly bathtub reading (remember, that's where 98% of my reading is done) one of my favorite columnist out of the Gay Chicago, Robert Smith (That's Robb... with Two B's). This particular column was titled "If It Were A Choice", and talks about the mythical-magical-make-you-straight, pill. Would you take it? And of course I had to stop and think about that hypothetical question...

If you've been a reader of this column for any amount of time you know that I gave up any hopes of being straight right around the age of 18. It was on the pay phone at the old Phoenix that I told my mom (in not so many words) that there will be not be a wife-n-kids in this boy's life. That was 15 years ago so I've had some experience at this Gay thing when I thought about that hypothetical question.

As I look back over the years I wonder if I would have had as much fun... would I be as satisfied... would I have been happier being straight? Would I be suitable for a wife and a bunch of kids? The truth is, who knows, this was the hand I was dealt and I don't have a choice but to play the cards as best I can.

What I can tell you is that I have a great time with being gay. Lately I've been getting a kick out of turning to one of my friends as we're walking around in the "straight world" and within earshot of someone say "Hi, I'm Jamie and I'm a homosexual". I like pulling Andrea (one of my straight co-workers) into my office (I have one of those one way mirrors) to check out the cute guy at the counter. I like walking through Southridge Mall with Lady Gail cruising the cute boys and being just a bit obvious about it, which of course drives Lady Gail into hysterics.

Growing up gay has made me the person that I am today. It is part of my personality, part of my sense of humor and it's a part of my pride. Maybe sometimes I'm not proud of my behavior, after all I think that can be said for every person on this earth but yes, I am proud to be gay! I've gotten over beating-around-the-bush when someone I may not know very well asks me if I'm gay. My immediate response is yes, I'm gay. This is a part of my life that took 18 plus years to accept and even more to get comfortable with. Would I

now want to take that mythical-magical-pill to change? Hell no! I would find myself completely lost in a strange world that at this point of my life I really don't want to venture in.

Now, if you want to turn the clock back to 1964, I might have had a different answer. Sure I might have preferred growing up straight in a "straight world". Yea, my relationship with my parents might be better had I hooked up with a wife and cranked out a few grandchildren for them. Those tax breaks for "traditional" families sure are easier on the pocketbook, we all could use a little extra cash. Could I have weathered through high school a little better not going through the personal turmoil with the growing realization that I might in fact be gay? Do I want to be so close to the AIDS thing? Let's face it, the largest group of AIDS patients in the United States is still gay men.

Would it have been easier? Sure I suppose so but I am relatively happy with who I am and damn proud to have weathered through those high school years... somehow made it through the 80's without becoming infected... still have somewhat of a relationship with my parents (that seems to be on the upshot). This isn't to say that all the worst of times are behind me. Yes, I still have to worry about many of the things gay people have to worry about. Yes I still have to worry about many of things that straight people have to worry about. What's my game plan? Move proudly and gaily forward, after all there are no other choices for me to choose from.

### Moving forward....

This happens to be kind of a slow time of year for night life kinds of things but I managed to find a few things happening. I finally made it down to Kenosha to check out the newest addition to the gay scene, **The Filling Station**. Yup, that's that club on Interstate 94 with the big rat on the roof, just south of Highway 50. I was pleasantly surprised with the place. The people were very nice. The club's owner **Josh**, is one of the nicest club owner's in the state and we chit chatted for quite some time. We talked about his plans for the huge outdoor patio the club has. There will be lot's of shows out on the patio including drag shows, strippers and dancing. He promised to keep *In Step* and it's readers informed as

# Psssst.... I'm Gay

to when things are going on there. My suggestion is to stop in and check the place out, it's pretty cool.

After making some late night calls I found out who won **Mr. & Miss Emerald City** held at **Za's**. **David Hudson** is now your Mr. Emerald City 1998 and **Nova Divine**, Miss Emerald City. I also found out who won **Mr. Capitol City** at **Manoeuvres**. And the winner is.... **Michael Klinkhammer**. Congratulations Michael, next time I'm in Madison, flag me down, I'll take ya pitch!

**Woody's Meat Your Beat Party** turned out to be pretty cool. I snuck away from bar tending so I could get some photographs and it looked pretty busy over there. I ran into a few friends, gave smooches and headed back to the other party.

That party was at the **Hot Sex Party** over at the **Triangle**. There were plenty of cute boys that if you wanted to stay with the theme of the party there were definitely some to choose from. There were give-a-ways every half hour, T-shirts, shot glasses and cocktail tumblers, all with the **Hot Sex** logo.

The fab singing group **Singsational** made it's regular appearance at **M&M** (every other Saturday) and as usual, they were great. Keep your eyes peeled on the *In Step* for the next time you can catch **Singsational** at the **M&M**.

Hat's off to the **Boot Camp** and the **Firebirds** for throwing a fund-raiser party for the **LGBT Community Center Trust Fund**, April 4th. Sources told me that they had a great turnout.

Grab your latex and rubber-wear, we're heading over to the **Milwaukee Eagle**. That was the case for lots of people this past Sunday. I'm told that that will be a regular theme on Sundays but better check out the calendar of *In Step* to make sure.

That's about it for now, normally for this issue I would have been able to talk about the Easter Weekend parties but I am once again doing this column early 'cause I'm headin' back down to Austin TX. So until next issue, thanks for your support as a reader and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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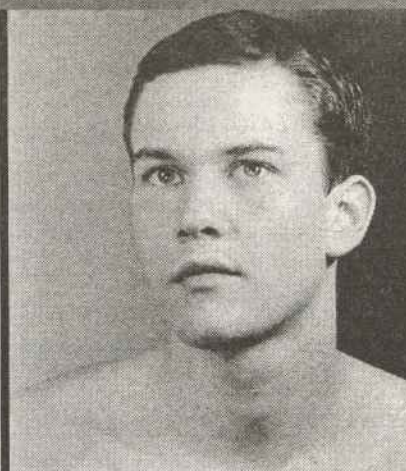
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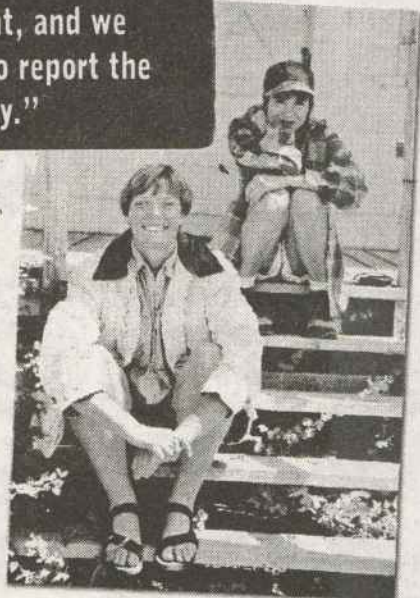
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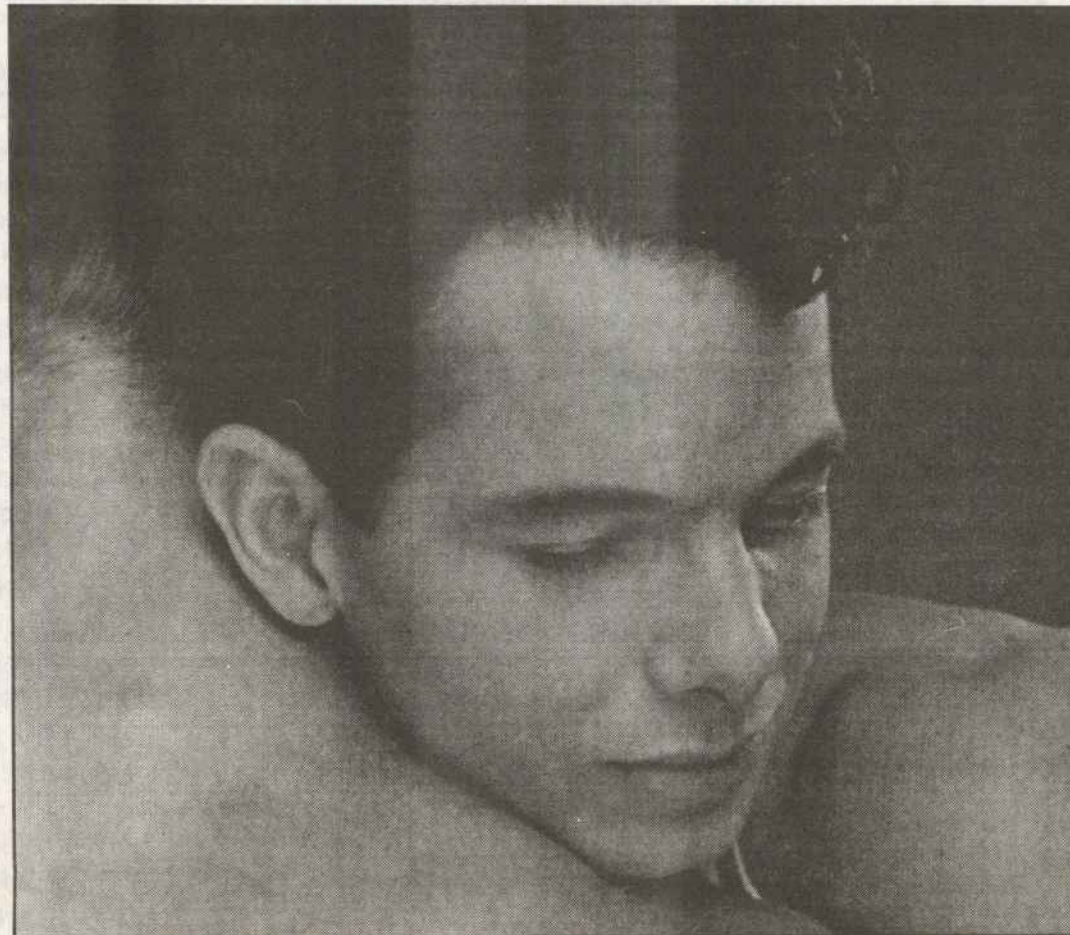
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**TANNED AND TONED** This Gay White Male loves socializing, movies, dinners out, talking, and quiet times. I'm 34, 5'8", 160 lbs, with blond hair, green eyes, tan skin, and a muscular build. I'm seeking fun times with Guys in my area. (Appleton) ☎17202

**LIFT A LOAD** This good looking, pretty well built, White male, college student and weightlifter, 23, 5'11, 235lbs, seeks other guys, around my age, to have fun with. (Oshkosh) ☎13457

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**FIRST TOUCH** I'm a very horny, Bi curious, White male, 40, seeking another Gay, White male who's willing to help me with my first time. I want you to everything to me, then I want to do everything to you. ☎14008

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

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**START OF SOMETHING GOOD** I'm a good looking, 18 year old, White male, 6'4, with Brown hair and eyes. I'd like a relationship with someone, 21 to 27, who will love me. I'm a unique, caring, humorous guy, with lots of good qualities. I have good self esteem and feel that I'm a pretty nice catch. I hope you'll agree. (Milwaukee) ☎11895

**SOMETHING'S GROWING** This Gay couple wants to meet, and get together, with other couples and singles for friendship, fun, and more. We like gardening, walks, cooking, football games, and quiet times in front of the fire. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, and a former marathon runner. He's 5'10, 165lbs, with a hairy chest. Let's talk. (Milwaukee) ☎12243

**SMOOTH AND SEXY** This very sexy, well hung, smooth bodied, Gay, Black male, 5'9, 150lbs, wants to meet another hot guy for good fun. (Milwaukee) ☎14354

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**WAITING ON MY KNEES** This masculine, but very submissive, White male, in my mid forties, seeks a dominant master into foot worship, humiliation, verbal abuse, and being orally serviced. I'm very obedient but need a master to train me. Chubby guys are a big plus. (Milwaukee) ☎13175

**HEAVY METAL MEN** Bi, White male, 40, and a Bi, White male, 22, seek other Bi and Gay males, under 26, for fun times. We like heavy metal music and concerts, not bars. We're social drinkers but we prefer to do it at my home. (Kenosha) ☎11979

**SERVITUDE SLUT** This handsome, very submissive, White male, 42, seeks a dominant master, preferably White, to use me. Overweight or chubby guys turn me on. I'm into foot worship, humiliation, and oral servitude. I'm very eager to serve. (Milwaukee) ☎13468

**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

**SMALL BUT EFFECTIVE** Submissive, petite, 30 year old, Single, White male, 5ft, 105lbs, likes dining out, music, and trying new things. I hope to meet a dominant guy with a taste for adventure. (Milwaukee) ☎13043

**PRO STYLE OR FANTASY** I'm looking for guys between 20 and 40 years old, that are smooth, muscular, White, and good looking, into pro style wrestling. I'm 5'9, White, 180lbs, very discreet, good looking, with a good body and want to get together for hot wrestling. (Milwaukee) ☎13476

**TIED UP TRYST** My partner and I are into group scenes and light bondage. We're both good looking and fit. I'm 33, 5'6, 145lbs, with dark hair and Brown eyes. He's 6'6, 200lbs, with Reddish Brown hair and Brown eyes. (Milwaukee) ☎2788

**NEW TO ALL THIS** I'm a 42-year-old Male, 6'3", 220 lbs., with greying brown hair and green eyes. I've been in the closet my whole life and am just coming out a little bit. I'm looking for understanding Gay Males to talk to. I'm trying to figure out just what it is that I want. (Milwaukee) ☎15863

**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

**KNEEPADS ARE WORN** Submissive, White male, in my forties, seeks a dominant, White male, preferably over 40, for humiliation, foot worship, and oral servitude. Heavy or chubby guys are welcome. I'm eager to serve and am waiting on my knees. (Milwaukee) ☎14170

**TEACH ME THE TRICKS** I'm a White Male, 5'6", 125 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. Sadly, I'm very inexperienced. I'm looking for a Male, 18-mid-20's, who can teach me the tricks of the trade. (Kenosha) ☎16554

**BOY NEEDS DADDY** I'm 18 years old and I'm looking for someone 30 or older, in my area. I want to service a hairy, daddy type, and let them have me anyway that they want. (Oshkosh) ☎13708

**TO THE POINT** This slave boy needs dominant men to control and humiliate me. (Milwaukee) ☎15105

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**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

**YOU ONLY** I'm a very versatile Bi Male, 38, 5'7", 192 lbs., stocky and orally talented, with a beard, mustache, and a shaved head. I'm looking for you only. Race doesn't matter. ☎15525

**FACE THE MUSIC** These Bi White Males, 40 and 21, into heavy metal music, seek Bi or Gay Guys under 25 for concerts, fun, and casual drinking at home. We're not into the bar scene. Give us a call. (Kenosha) ☎16974

**NOT ONE TO GOSSIP** This Gay Black Male, 5'11", light-complexioned and positive, seeks friends for conversation and maybe more. I'm down-to-earth and don't like to gossip. Let's be real. (Swanson) ☎16828

**SOMETHING GOOD** This 33-year-old Gay Black Male would like to meet another Gay Black or Latino Male who's interested in a long-term relationship. I'll show you something good. Peace. (Milwaukee) ☎16517

**ON MY KNEES** I'm a submissive White Male, 40, with a foot fetish. I'm looking for dominant Males for master/slave games and to orally service. Heavy or chubby is a plus. I'll be on my knees waiting. (Milwaukee) ☎16005

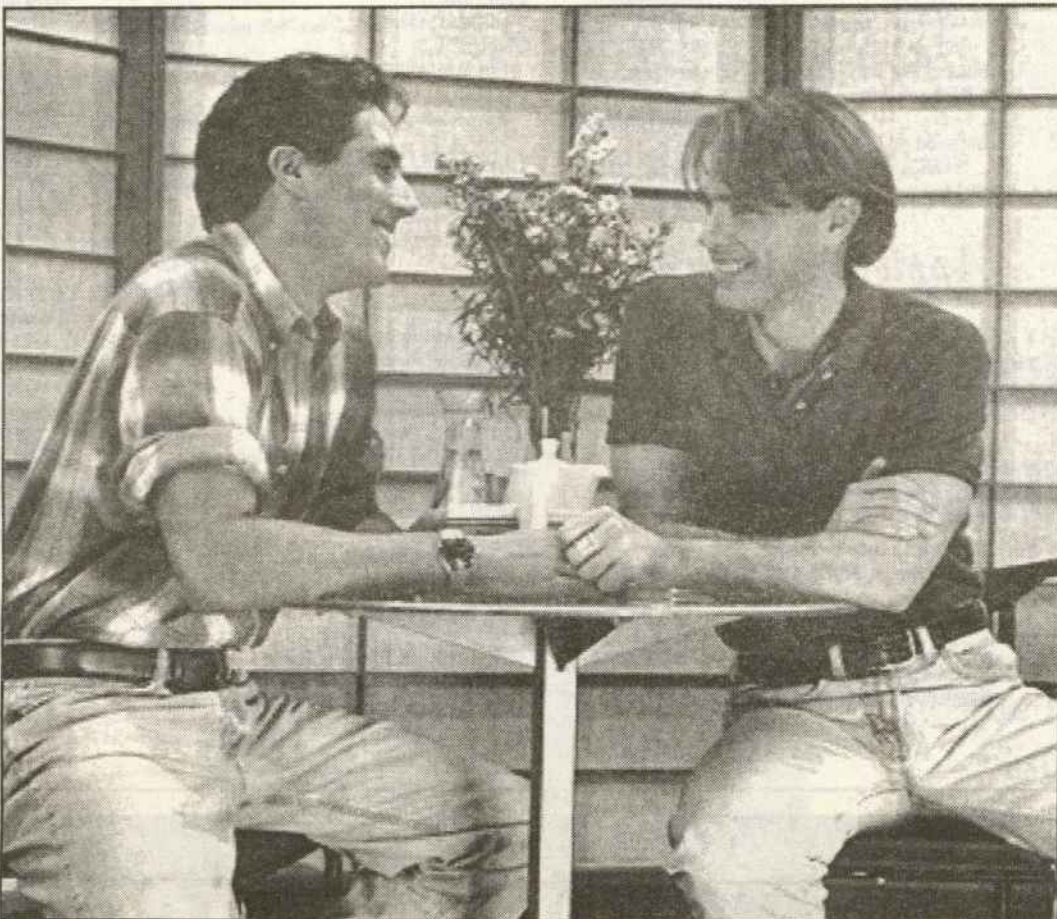
**DOWN FOR THE COUNT** I'm a masculine, in-shape Male, 5'10", 185 lbs., looking for Guys to exercise with. I wrestled in high school, and am also interested in Judo. Let me know if you have experience on the mat. (Southeast Wisconsin) ☎15592

**HOUSEKEEPING!** This Single White Male, 30, extremely submissive and petite, seeks a dominant master. I want you to humiliate me, totally control me, and make me serve you. I'll be your French maid, strip for you, or do whatever you want me to. (Milwaukee) ☎15914

**I LIKE YOUR IMAGE** This retired civil engineer and historian, 50, would like to meet some younger Guys, 20's to early 40's, who are beefy and well-muscled to photograph for my own personal collection. I'm not looking for any kind of relationship really, just the opportunity to appreciate young Male bodies. I'll treat you kindly. (Milwaukee) ☎15719

**PAPA INTO SIZE** This macho, papa bear, seeks Married, Bi, or Gay guys, 20 to 50, who are versatile and experienced. Your inches are more important than your pounds or years. Get with me. (Milwaukee) ☎12906

**QUEEN OF THE NIGHT** This tall, White, queen of the night, 37, is hot and very passable. I'd like to meet older, well groomed gentlemen, 35 to 55, who can appreciate my gifts. I'm very smooth, have a great figure, and dress to please. (Milwaukee) ☎14278



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**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

**LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONAL** I'm a 22-year-old Hispanic Male, professional, looking to meet another guy for good times. ☎14973

**THIRD SHIFTER** Attractive, White male, in my mid forties, 5'7, 170lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other guys to get together with in the mornings. I work third shift and have mornings to spare. Maybe we can have some coffee and if we hit it off, some good times. I'm a smoker. (Milwaukee) ☎14470

**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

**FRIENDS FIRST** This good-looking professional Hispanic Male, 23, would like to make new friends, ages 20-30, with the possibility of a relationship later on. (Milwaukee) ☎15240

**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

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

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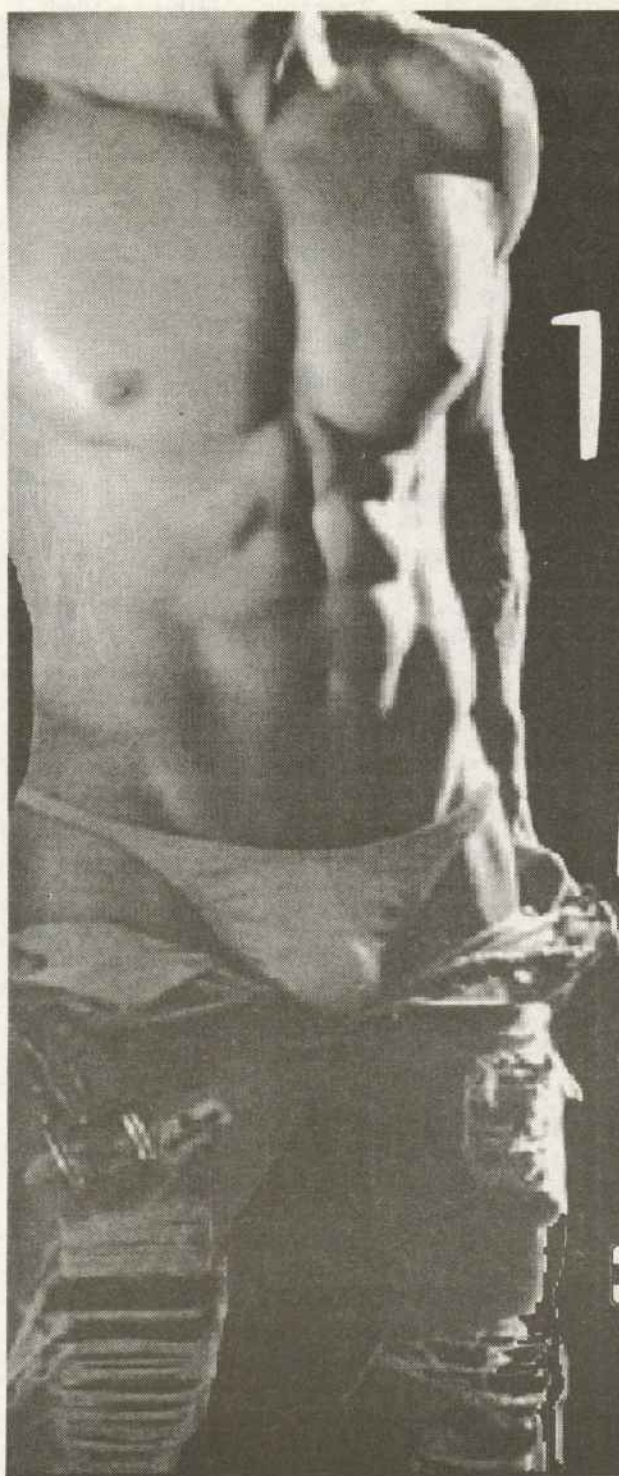
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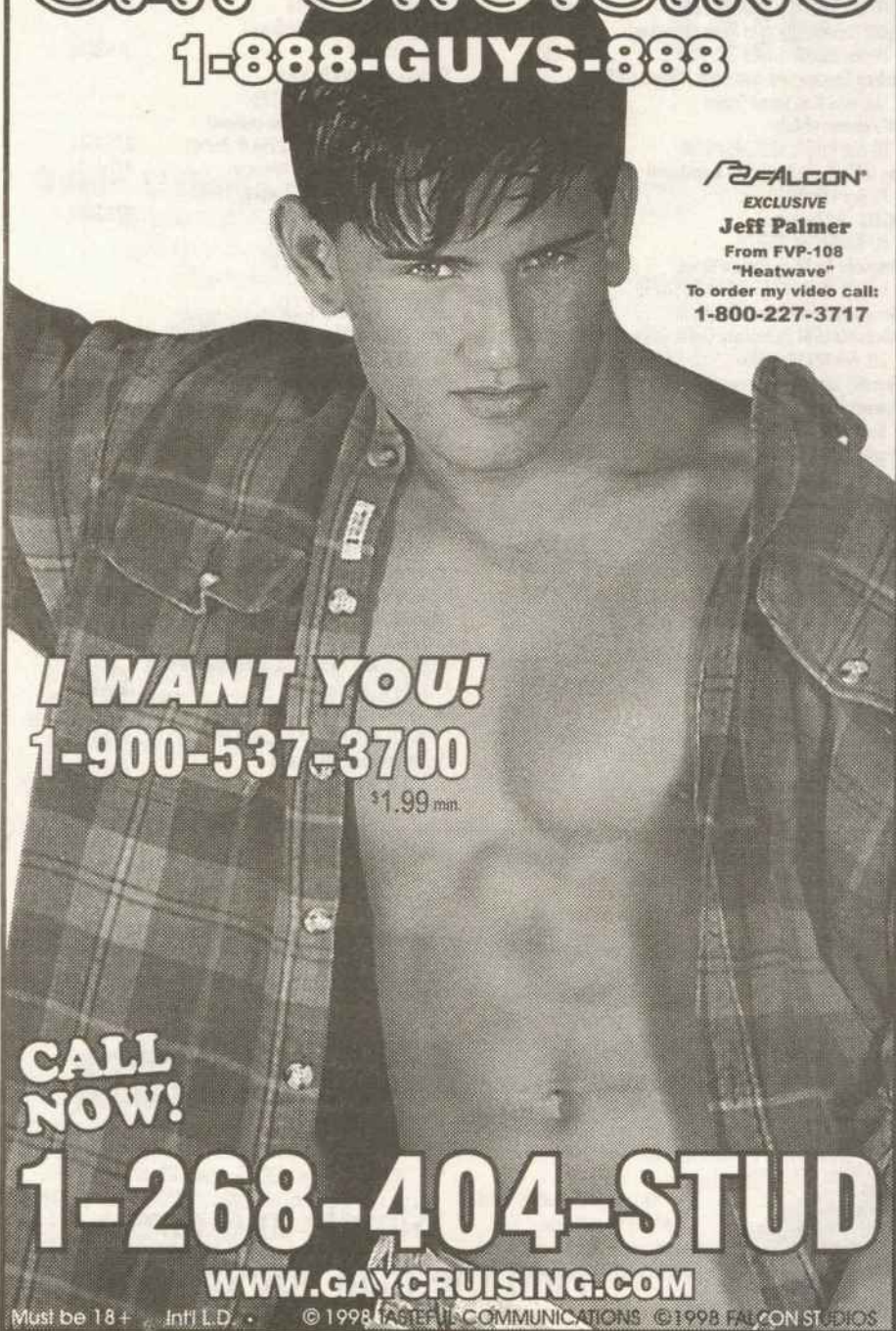
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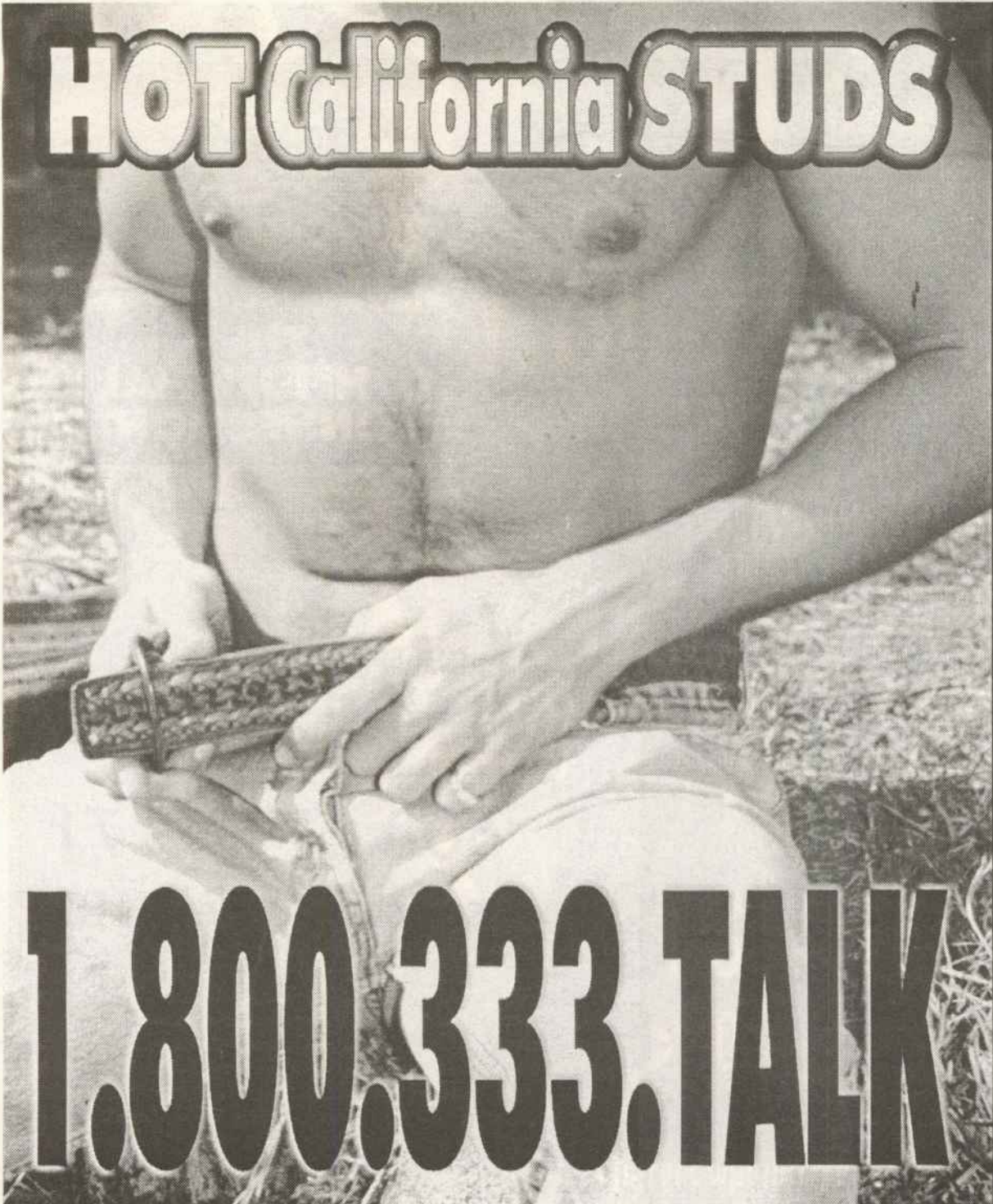
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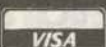
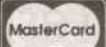
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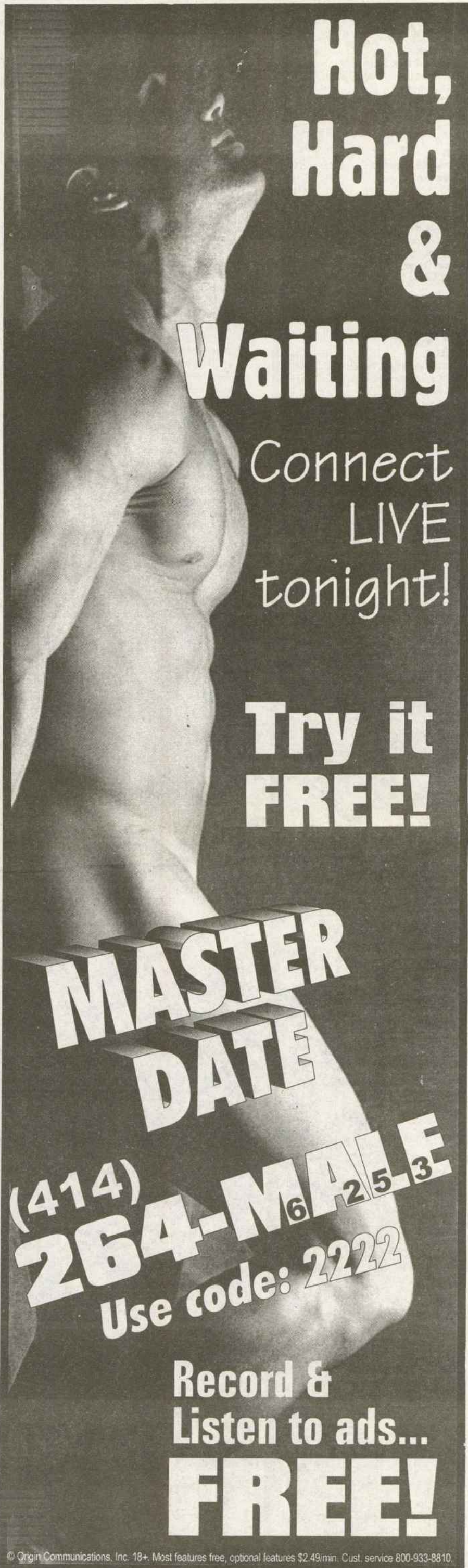
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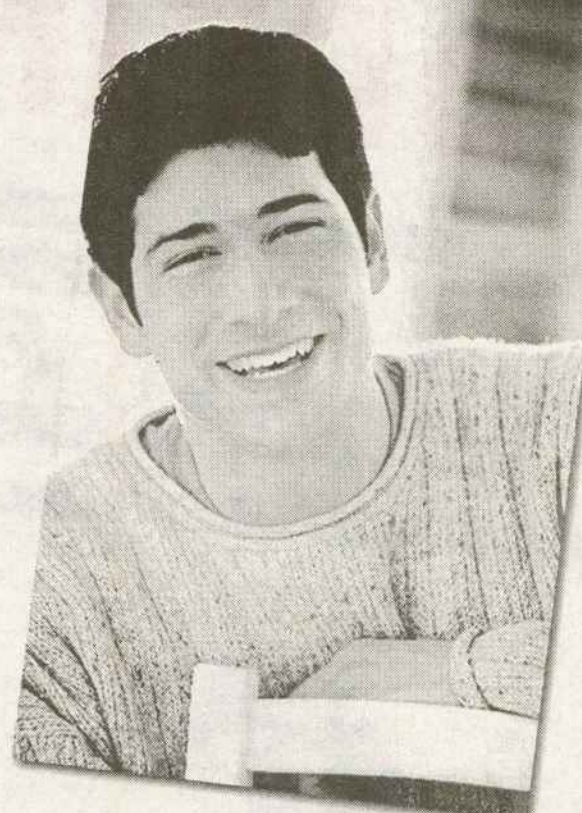
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