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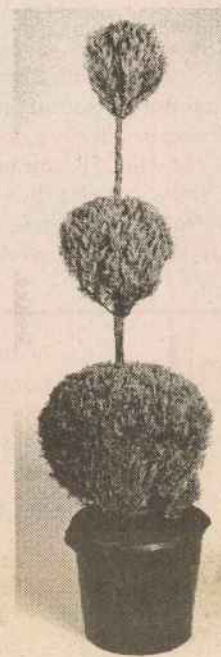
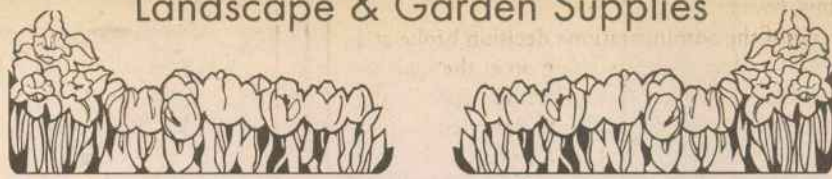
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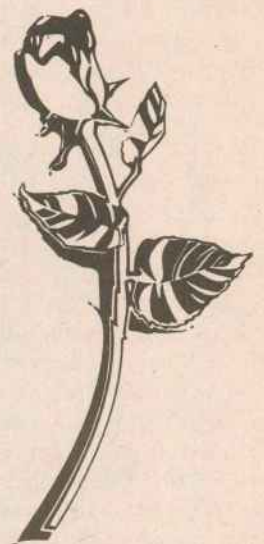
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White to Appear at Anti-Gay Rally

Ypsilanti, MI (AP) — Green Bay Packers lineman Reggie White, whose denouncement of gays during a speech to the Wisconsin State Assembly last month gained headlines nationwide, is coming to Ypsilanti, Michigan for a rally opposing the city's new non-discrimination ordinance.

White will join Alveda Celeste King, niece of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, as well as gospel singers Debbie and Angie Winans for the April 30 rally.

The event, titled "Upholding Christian Values," is free and will take place at the Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium.

The Rev. Levon Yuille, pastor of the Bible Church in Ypsilanti, said he hopes the rally will help others understand the message of groups that oppose the ordinance.

"I'm thinking that it will crystallize what we are trying to say. These people who are speaking all represent traditional Christian values," Yuille said. "Reggie White most certainly will be appealing to many young folk; and Alveda Celeste

King will reach individuals whose attention we might not ordinarily get."

The rally will benefit Citizens Opposing Special Treatment and the Ministers' Alliance of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Vicinity. Both groups oppose the ordinance.

On May 5, voters in Ypsilanti will go to the polls to determine the future of the ordinance, which would provide anti-discrimination protection based on 14 characteristics, including sexual orientation.

The ordinance, which was adopted by City Council in December, was suspended in January, after opponents collected enough petition signatures to force a referendum.

During a March 25 speech before Wisconsin legislators, he said that homosexuals should not compare their situation to those of African Americans and other minorities.

"Homosexuality is a decision, it's not a race," he said. "People in all different ethnic situations live this lifestyle. But people from all different ethnic backgrounds also are liars and cheaters and

malicious and backstabbing."

Beth Bashert, co-chairwoman for the Campaign for Equality, a group that supports the Ypsilanti ordinance, said she was surprised that White was chosen to speak at the event.

"The press and overall response that he got to the things he said were so negative. He was completely inappropriate in his assessment of many different peoples. I didn't know that he would be perceived as a favorable speaker for this kind of event," she said.

Bashert said it's difficult to determine what impact, if any, the rally would have on undecided voters.

"Our efforts have been focused on getting the votes of people who can see the forest for the trees, who can see that discrimination is wrong, and who will vote to keep discrimination out of our city," she said.

Administration Extolls Needle Exchanges, But Refuses Funding

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, D.C. — AIDS activists, researchers and even congressional Democrats accused the Clinton Administration of "a lack of political will" and of "public health malpractice" for its decision Monday, April 20, not to permit federal funding for needle-exchange programs while agreeing with researchers that such needle swaps help prevent the spread of HIV without encouraging illegal drug use.

Donna Shalala, Clinton's Secretary of Health and Human Services, would have had the authority to authorize federal funding after a 10-year congressional ban, if she was convinced that such needle exchanges met both criteria of fighting new HIV infections without promoting illegal drug abuse.

Following more than a year of research studies of needle-swap programs around the country that uniformly had all concluded they help stem the spread of the virus and didn't lead to increased drug abuse, Shalala impaneled a commission of public health experts and researchers to evaluate the studies.

The panel produced a 300-page report that concluded the inevitable: needle exchanges work.

But the White House had apparently already decided on its course of action before receiving the panel's review and less than an hour after meeting with the commission and receiving its report, Shalala issued a lengthy press release praising the effectiveness of needle exchanges. In the same press release Shalala said the administration would not authorize spending federal funds to support the programs, however.

In the news release, Shalala said, "A meticulous scientific review has now proven that needle exchange programs can reduce the transmission of HIV and save lives without losing ground in their fight against AIDS." The release also said that "recent findings have strengthened the scientific evidence that needles exchange programs do not encourage the use of illegal drugs."

But with no explanation, Shalala simply said that there would be no federal funds made available for the programs and that the administration had "decided that the best course at this time is to have local communities use their own dollars to fund needle exchange programs."

Reaction to the surprising administration move among many supporters of needle exchanges was largely one of stunned disbelief and anger.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), who had been one

of the congressional leaders most pressuring the administration to end the funding ban, said it "defies logic to determine a program's efficacy, and then not fund the program — especially in the middle of an epidemic." The visibly angry Pelosi said the decision showed "a lack of political will in the midst of a public health emergency."

Daniel Zingale, head of the AIDS Action Council, said, "This is like acknowledging the world is not flat, then refusing to fund Columbus' voyage."

When the news of the administration's decision broke at a global conference on HIV prevention going on at the University of California-San Francisco, Dr. Thomas Coates, the director of UCSF's AIDS Research Institutes, pounded his fists on a table where the news was being discussed. He accused Shalala of "public health malpractice" for concluding that needle exchanges "help save lives refusing to fund them."

When news reports in mid-April indicated that the administration was poised to end the funding ban, conservative lawmakers and right-wing organizations moved quickly to threaten both a congressional fight as well as election campaign battles if the White House tried to fund the needle exchanges.

Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-Ga.) introduced legislation the day Shalala made her announcement which would prevent the administration from ever providing federal funds for the programs.

Peter Lurie of the University of Michigan said, "Hopefully local communities and states will see this as encouragement to

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open their own needle exchange programs even as the federal government ducks for cover."

Lurie criticized President Clinton, saying the decision "made a mockery of the administration's purported commitment to HIV prevention. Republicans showed they were willing to play hardball, and the administration has never been able to take a principled stand on this issue when faced with a possible political fallout."

Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, (ARCW) called on Shalala to resign adding, "In Wisconsin, Shalala's decision is a lost opportunity to save lives. Applying only ten percent of the state's \$2.4 million in federal AIDS prevention funds to needle exchange would reach all of the drug users at risk for HIV. Shalala's decision means that without this federal financial support we will lose hundreds of lives in Wisconsin to AIDS"

ABC Cancels 'Ellen' Sitcom

Los Angeles — "Ellen," the television sitcom that was the first with a gay leading character, has been canceled after five seasons.

The ABC show will not return for a sixth season, a network spokeswoman said last Thursday, declining further comment.

The program became the subject of national debate when Ellen, played by comedian Ellen DeGeneres, announced her sexual orientation a year ago. Since then, however, the show's ratings have been disappointing.

This year, "Ellen" averaged fewer than 11 million viewers, a 22 percent drop over the previous year.

The sitcom made its debut in 1994 with DeGeneres' character, Ellen Morgan, playing a young heterosexual. But the actress and her character both came out as lesbians last season.

DeGeneres and the network have since disagreed over the show's content, including whether a kiss between women could be aired.

More than 36 million people watched the April 30, 1997, episode



when Ellen revealed her sexual orientation, making it one of the most viewed moments in television history.

But the episode and the series' content brought criticism from groups like the 15 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. The group urged members to boycott the Walt Disney Co., which produces the show and owns ABC, for its "gay friendly" policies.

Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said the cancellation was a disappointment but not a surprise.

"We're all disappointed ABC made a decision based on ratings. We really wish that they had seriously considered the impact of Ellen's work and looked at it from a broader perspective," she said.

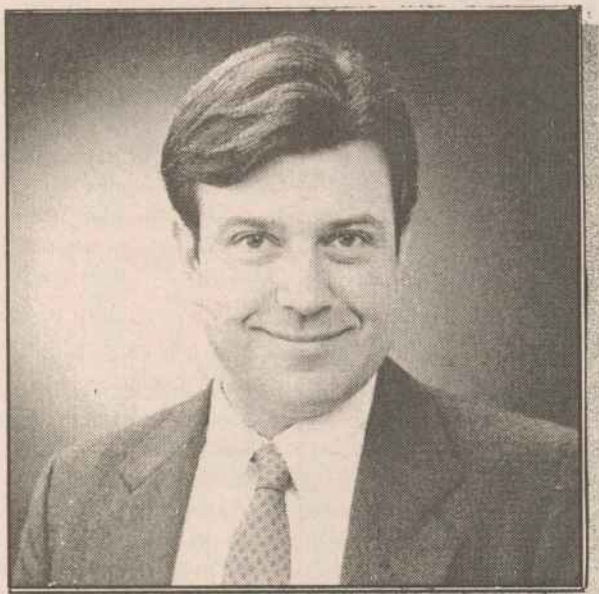
"The show may have been canceled, but I think she gave a gift to gay and straight Americans and that's a legacy that the cancellation cannot take from her," Garry said.

The show's one-hour finale is scheduled for May 13 and will take viewers through a satirical retrospective of her career. Guest stars will include Jennifer Aniston, Glenn Close and Phil Donahue.

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More Same-Sex Harassment Complaints at Work

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco — Early in March, the U.S. Supreme court unanimously ruled that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits sexual harassment at the workplace, even when the individuals involved are of the same gender.

That ruling came in a lawsuit by Joseph Oncale, a Louisiana man who charged that he was sexually harassed and menaced by a male supervisor and two other male co-workers during his employment on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

Attorneys for Sundowner Offshore Services, operators of the oil rig and Oncale's employer at the time, argued that the behavior was just male "locker-room horseplay" and that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 didn't cover such behavior involving members of the same sex.

But the Supreme Court justices said in the fairly short seven-page ruling that the act does apply in cases where the harasser and victim are the same gender. The ruling reinstated Oncale's suit and ordered a rehearing of the case.

But before that suit could even be scheduled for a rehearing, at least two new same-gender sexual harassment suits have been filed — and allegations involving a college women's basketball coach may well lead to another.

This sudden "rush" of same-gender sexual harassment accusations may simply be a blip following in the wake of the high court's ruling. But some civil rights advocates say the workplace harassment may simply have been there all along and is only now getting its day in court because of the publicity surrounding the decision by the justices.

In the most recent suit, Roger Mele charges that his former boss at KOFY-TV in San Francisco groped him, made obscene sexual suggestions and humiliated him in front of coworkers in what amounted to sexual harassment where he worked.

Mele is seeking \$1 million in damages from KOFY owner Jim Gabbert. The suit will also be closely watched because, unlike Oncale's lawsuit where all the men involved said they were heterosexual, Gabbert and Mele are both openly gay.

According to court documents in the case, Mele claims Gabbert showed up on Halloween in 1991, shortly after Mele started working at the TV station, wearing the kind of safety belt engineers wear when working on a transmission tower. Mele claims Gabbert buckled the belt around both of them and made a sexual suggestion in front of several other staff

members.

Mele also charges that Gabbert had at other times grabbed his crotch and tried to fondle him.

Gabbert's attorney flatly denies the accusations and said Mele was simply trying "to get money for himself one way or another" and that "boyfriends and co-workers" of Mele will testify in the case that "these are vicious lies."

Earlier in April, thirteen members of the San Francisco Giants farm team filed a federal lawsuit charging one of the professional baseball team's scouts sexually harassed them. The players are asking for \$1 million in total damages.

The suit charges that Luis Rosa, a 52-year-old scout who has worked as a baseball scout for 21 years with a number of major league teams, made sexual remarks to the players as well as unwanted "sexual advances to which the penalty for refusal was suspension or termination" at the Giants' farm team headquarters in the Dominican Republic.

The Giants' management says it began investigating the players' complaints in 1997 and put Rosa on unpaid leave at the time. Rosa formally resigned from the Giants last year. He denied the accusations and said the farm team players were seeking vengeance against him because they "just weren't good enough to be major league players."

The third case, which is being investigated by school officials but has not yet led to any legal action, arose when four players at the University of Southern Colorado women's basketball team abruptly quit, charging that head coach Sherry Winn and assistant coach Lynne Fitzgerald had spread rumors that the players were lesbians in an attempt to get them "to adopt her gay lifestyle."

The four former players — Kristy Dufec, Carol Hayes, Timmy-Jo Miller and Heather Ludwick — allege that Winn and Fitzgerald spread the rumors in what amounted to a "campaign of sexual harassment."

When the charges first broke, Winn said only that the four players, who are among the team's top scorers, were lying and that she felt "total shock and disbelief" at the allegations.

But Cynthia Goldstein of the Human Rights Commission in San Francisco says charges of same-gender sexual harassment aren't all that unusual. Some of the complaints the commission receives involve heterosexuals who feel sexually pressured or harassed by homosexuals at work, she says, but most same-gender complaints the commission receives are gays or lesbians complaining that gay and lesbian supervisors at work are sexually harassing them.

"San Francisco has a large and visible lesbian and gay community," Goldstein said, "with many holding positions of authority in businesses here, and there are a lot of gay- and lesbian-owned companies in the city. As a result, there's probably more opportunity for situations that may be workplace sexual harassment to arise."

Goldstein said, however, that the number of same-gender harassment complaints it receives is "pretty much in proportion" to the size of the city's estimated gay and lesbian population compared to the heterosexual population.

What is new, she says, is that there's a growing willingness of gays and lesbians to talk about this sort of workplace harassment more than there ever was in the past.

"With the [Supreme] court ruling," Goldstein said, "we probably will see more same-gender harassment complaints because it seems to have a certain media novelty value." But in fact there's nothing really new about these sorts of complaints. We just haven't had such a powerful legal resource available as the federal Civil Rights Act until now."

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Gingrich Speech Banned at Catholic University

Washington, D.C. — Officials of the Catholic University of America refused to allow Can-



dace Gingrich, sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, to speak on campus last week despite the fact that she was invited by the Rev. Robert M. Friday, vice president for student life, and the university's Organization for Lesbian and Gay Student Rights.

"Religious disagreements do not justify suppression of free speech," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC executive director. "Apparently, administrators at Catholic University do not have enough faith in their students to allow them to hear different points of view. The students at the university are the big losers today."

Gingrich, who is HRC's associate manager of the National Coming Out Project, said she is disappointed that she was prevented from talking to the students.

"I'm surprised that this happened in our nation's capital, where major issues are freely debated every day," she said. "Catholic University has sent the message that they choose to be an island of ignorance in a sea of free speech."

In a one-paragraph statement, Catholic University President Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C. said. "I have concluded that the presentation could not be compatible with the Catholic identity of the Catholic University of America."

Ellis's statement contradicts the university's history of occasionally inviting speakers whose views are in opposition to those of the Roman Catholic church. These guests have included

speakers who favored abortion rights and supporters of the death penalty.

The decision sparked disagreement from some students and faculty members.

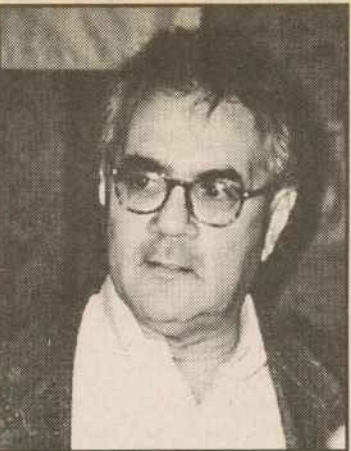
"My understanding was that Gingrich was going to speak about what life was like as a gay person in America," Friday told the Human Rights Campaign. "I do not think what she was going to say was incompatible with the Catholic identity or the university. This is a place where diverse points of view should be heard and the students can make up their own minds."

The school's decision follows a letter written earlier in the week by representatives of Graduates For Life, an anti-abortion student group, who asked the university president to rescind Gingrich's invitation. The letter said that Gingrich's message "directly contradicts the truth of Catholic moral doctrine."

Gingrich's speech however, was not going to focus on religion, but on her own personal experiences as a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign. She has given similar talks at colleges and universities across the country, but this was the first time she was forbidden to speak at a university.

Frank: March 'Not a Good Idea'

Washington, D.C. — *The Washington Blade* is reporting that openly Gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) thinks the time and money going into planning a year 2000 march on Washington, D.C., in support of Gay civil



rights could be better spent. In an interview with syndicated gay columnist Hastings Wyman, published in early April, Frank said he thinks the march "is not a good idea. It's a diversion of resources."

Frank said he thinks people put too much faith in the political and financial boon marches

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on Washington are expected to generate. He noted that the national Christian group Promise Keepers began showing signs of financial trouble after its recent rally in the nation's capital.

Frank also told Wyman he wants to see Gays rushing to participate in one of the two main political parties rather than marching on Washington.

"I'd like to see [gay people] spending all their time trying to be delegates to the Democratic convention — and the Republican convention, though that's not going to be as successful."

Plans for the "Millennium March on Washington" were announced in February by the Human Rights Campaign and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The march has since stirred controversy as a number of Gay organizations have charged that they were not consulted on key decisions in the march's planning, including discussions about the political platform that will be presented. Several have reserved their endorsement of the march pending further discussion of these issues.

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Judge Upholds S.F. Partners Law — But Not for Airlines

OAKLAND — In a complex ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken ruled that San Francisco's landmark domestic partners law is valid, while limiting what kinds of businesses it can be applied to.

The San Francisco ordinance, which went into effect last year, requires firms that do business with the city to extend the same or comparable kinds of benefits to the domestic partners of their employees that they offer to the spouses of married couples.

But the Air Transport Association, prompted by United Airlines and Federal Express, challenged the ordinance in court. Attorneys for the association argued that the industry is federally regulated, and therefore local laws are preempted by federal authority.

Judge Wilken effectively agreed with the association's argument and ruled that the city cannot impose the regulation on the airlines industry because of it is federally regulated.

At the same time, Judge Wilken also ruled that the city ordinance is legal and that the law can in fact be applied to companies doing business with the city other than air carriers, such as United and Federal Express. Legal experts said it is the first time that a federal court has actually ruled on the legal status of domestic partnership laws.

Ironically, both sides in the case claimed they had won. The city says some 3,600 businesses have already complied with the new law.

More Protests in Caribbean Over Gay/Lesbian Cruises

NASSAU — Hundreds of people in the Bahamas staged a protest when a cruise ship carrying lesbian holidaymakers docked at the capital. The demonstrators from a group called "Save the Bahamas" screamed and chanted as the women came ashore.

Waving placards and chanting "No gay ships", the protesters greeted the arrival of the cruise liner SS Seabreeze, which had sailed from Miami with about 800 mainly female passengers on board.

The anti-gay group is campaigning for stricter laws on sodomy and is demanding a ban on gay and lesbian cruise ships visiting the island nation. Their members paced the wharf and shouted through loudspeakers "Keep your perversions in your bedrooms!"

The cruise was chartered by California-based Olivia Travel, a tour company that specializes in trips for lesbian and bisexual women. The company has organized 10 cruises to the Bahamas without incident, according to its travel representative, Judy Dlugacz.

In January, the Cayman Islands refused permission for a ship carrying hundreds of gay men to dock there. The action led to a stern rebuke from Britain, the islands' colonial ruler, and the Bahamian government later welcomed the ship, despite objections from religious groups.

In fact, Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, has said his country will not discriminate against gay tourists.

Women's Basketball Players Charge Coach with Harassment

PUEBLO, CO — Sherry Winn has returned to work but refused to comment without her lawyer present on allegations swirling around her women's basketball program at the University of Southern Colorado.

Winn has been out of town since the publication of two Denver newspaper articles quoting four of her former players accusing Winn of sexual harassment.

An investigation by the university is ongoing and no formal complaints have been filed.

The four former players — Kristy Dufec, Carol Hayes, Timmy-Jo Miller and Heather Ludwick — allege that Winn and assistant women's basketball coach Lynne Fitzgerald spread rumors that the players were lesbians in what amounted to a "campaign of sexual harassment."

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IT'S (NOT) ONLY ROCK 'N ROLL

Commentary and Analysis by Keith Clark

From Elvis' pelvis to spicy Spice Girls, sex has been a conspicuous component of modern pop and rock music. And like other public figures — actors, writers, politicians and so on — the off-stage lives of musicians have been as much an object of curiosity as their on-stage antics.

One of the first rockers to use this interest was Jim Morrison, the 1960s singer/songwriter/poet who studied filmmaking at the University of California at Los Angeles before forming The Doors, one of the most popular and influential bands of the era. Morrison had the dubious distinction of being the first major rock star to be arrested on obscenity charges during a performance.

Morrison, a kind of daredevil Liberace of the Love Generation hippie circus (minus the candelabra and rhinestone tuxedos), made his bisexuality an open secret. At a concert in Philadelphia, when crazed fans of both sexes rushed the stage on his appearance, remarked, "That's what I love about Philly — the guys rush the stage just like the chicks."

Despite his seeming openness and his leather-clad, bee-stung-lipped boyish flirta-

tion with both men and women in the audience, it remained several years after his death in 1971 before his bisexuality was actually written about. Morrison was one of the first rockers to use (consciously or intuitively) his indiscriminate sexuality as a way of increasing his potential number of fans — without doing anything quite as messy as actually coming out.

He would not, as the recent misadventures of George Michael clearly show, be the last.

In discussing his arrest, Michael told CNN that he had kept his sexuality ambiguous partly for professional reasons because a "borderline" performer can have a wider audience. "My sexuality was not cut and dry," the singer said.

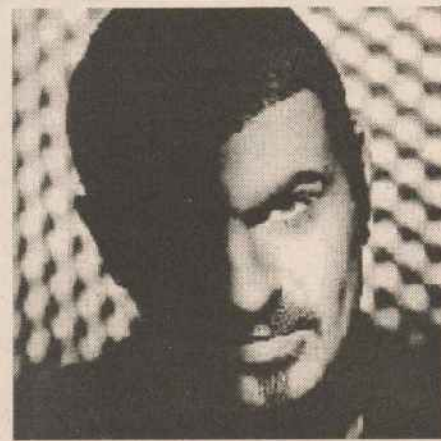
Other performers before Michael, of course, incorporated their own sexual ambiguity into their on-stage personas. David Bowie, the Kinks, T-Rex and Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones all toyed with androgyny and Bowie and Jagger have both been described as bisexual. But they did not themselves publicly acknowledge anything.

Freddie Mercury of the British group Queen actually said he was bisexual at the height of the group's career without any

apparent impact on Queen's popularity. But he made the acknowledgement only after he learned he was infected with HIV, the virus that eventually led to his death.

Unlike this pattern of quasi-silence or coming out in crisis, the late Kurt Cobain of Nirvana not only acknowledged his own bisexuality without any particular pressure to do so, his in-your-face attitude about his sexuality led to a slew of rock bands with members who, like Cobain, began appearing on stage in dresses.

Boy George, the quintessential '80s pop music star, made provocative play with gender a hallmark of his group Culture Club. But until his gender-bending career turned into a train wreck of heroin addiction, newspaper scandals and two close friends overdosing, Boy George remained technically in the closet. To his credit, the cleaning-up process he went through in the mid-1980s included not only facing his own substance abuse troubles, but also an honest acknowledgement



of his own homosexuality.

Another rocker — indeed one of the mega-stars of music — underwent a somewhat similar clean-up process. And there are arguably other similarities between the ex-Culture Club singer and Elton John.

But while Boy George's career as a headliner appears to be virtually over, John's career seems to have reemerged from a kind of torpor into a renewed vitality since he began dealing with his addiction problems — and came out.

One of rock's most flamboyant performers, John has been sobered in more ways than one by several years of rough times. He lives more quietly and simply, he rarely goes out to parties now, and his Elton John AIDS Foundation — to which he donates all profits from his singles — has raised millions of dollars to provide care and education in battling the epidemic. His revised version of "Candle in the Wind" in honor of his friend Princess Diana now ranks as the all-time top-selling single record in history, and recognized for his contributions to British culture, he is now Sir Elton John, an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Music, an Officer of Arts and Letters in France, and a member of America's Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

Now 51 years old, John is experiencing a popularity with a new generation of fans, many of whom weren't even born when his songs started making the Top 40 charts year after year.

But male pop stars have generally been cautious about coming out — and some, like George Michael, have come out only after being more or less forced out by some unavoidable scandal. And one of pop's biggest stars, when named in a sex scandal a few years ago, responded instead simply by getting hastily married and adopting a much lower public profile.

Lesbian pop/rock stars have had fewer scandals prying them out of the closet and from Janis Ian to k.d. lang to Melissa Etheridge, they have come out it seems more as an act of conscience than anything else. Etheridge has rocked out about the "letter of the day — U" on "Sesame Street"; it's hard to imagine George Michael being asked to appear on the popular PBS children's TV show now.

The women's careers also seem to be less impacted by negative reactions perhaps. In fact, if k.d. lang is any indication, they may actually enhance their fan appeal by unflinchingly making their orientation so clearly a part of their on-stage person-

nas. And while lang is wildly popular with women, she also has a dedicated following among men — both gay and straight.

In addition to her lesbian fans, Etheridge continues to have a strong appeal for straight women who can identify with her raw-edged strength and non-nonsense power. Following a 1995 concert in Vancouver, one critic — a heterosexual woman — wrote: "Etheridge propels her lyrics right down into your invertebrate so that you're left thinking: 'God, I wish I was a lesbian.'"

One can speculate on why lesbian singers seem to handle their sexuality with greater grace and ease than their gay counterparts. Are their careers marginal so that it isn't important whether they're out or not? Etheridge and lang would seem to suggest this can't be the case. Do their straight male fans get turned on by the fact that they're lesbians the way heterosexual porn often includes a gratuitous "lesbian" scene for the amusement and arousal of the men? Seems pretty far-fetched as well.

Perhaps the issue is easier to deal with by turning the question around: why do gay pop/rock stars have a harder time being honest about their sexuality than lesbian singers?

Much as we may want to rant and rave — as Boy George did not long ago — about George Michael remaining closeted for most of his career, he may well have been right that his "borderline" ambiguous sexuality boosted his career in a way that being openly gay would not. Heterosexual men are much more hung-up about orientation than most straight women are, social scientists have shown over and over. And it's fairly easy to imagine that Michael will indeed lose a lot of straight male fans worried that "someone might start wondering" because of the CDs in their collections.

But what about Elton? How can the British rocker's career seemingly be on the upswing after coming out if this male homophobia is at play?



The answer may be simply that John has never been "packaged" as a sex-symbol rocker. The glitter and sartorial outrage that are the hallmark of Elton John the performer, cover a fairly ordinary guy who likes football and whose home is decked with illustrations of great naval battles in British history. If he weren't enormously talented, John's stage act would probably be something buffoonish. But his vast talent — and the fact that he's never been presented as a rock-n-roll sex object — probably go a long way to defusing any possible threat straight male fans might feel. They can just enjoy "Bennie and the Jets" or "Philadelphia Freedom" without wondering if Sir Elton is hitting up on them.

But this isn't true for George Michael — or for any other male star whose popularity is based at least partly on sex-appeal. After all, as the Wham! song says, "Time can never mend the careless whispers of a good friend; to the heart and mind, ignorance is kind." And when straight men can no longer claim to be ignorant of a handsome male singer's sexual orientation, they might very well stay away in droves.

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New Series of Gay and Lesbian Forums and Discussions Set

Milwaukee — The Gay and Lesbian Outreach Program at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) Milwaukee office will host several upcoming activities to create opportunities for discussion on important issues in our community. Connecting the Community is a series of events that promise to be informative, fun, and a great way to meet men and women in a relaxed atmosphere.

Throw Away Those Condoms? is a workshop and discussion for Gay men in relationships that want to learn how to stop using condoms safely. It will be held on Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Just Us, 807 S. 5th St.

"During the AIDS epidemic, many gay men in relationships have decided to stop using condoms. Up until this point, however, we've never been able to openly discuss this issue and how it impacts our lives. This discussion will be very lively and important to the health of our community," says Andy Bagnall, manager of the Gay and Lesbian Outreach Program.

The workshop will be followed by a four week discussion group for gay men in relationships called *Boysfriends*, on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the North Avenue library, 1910 E. North Avenue. The series runs May 14 through June 4. Topics will include communication, trust, dealing with outside temptations and keeping your sex life interesting. Bagnall encourages participants to share their struggles and successes with other gay men in relationships and help create solutions to deal with these issues.

The third event, called *Soul2Soul*, is an evening of discussion, entertainment and fun to bring together men and women of color in the LGBT community. The event is on Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall in the downtown public library, 733 N. 8th St. (8th and Wisconsin).

A group of volunteers planned an event that invites gay men and lesbians of color to talk about what it means to be a person of color and be gay or lesbian in Milwaukee. The discussion will be in Oprah-like fashion, and the panel includes Ashlee Brawley, Edward Carr, Traci Ross, James Pekrul, Barbie Doll Williams, Marie Hill, John Adejoke, and others.

After the discussion, Lady Symone and Traci

Ross will perform for the crowd, followed by good food and a chance to see old friends and make news ones.

"Don't miss what promises to be one of the best events this Spring" said Edward Carr, Men of Color Outreach Specialist for ARCW Milwaukee and coordinator of the event.

All events are free and include food and refreshments. Call Andy Bagnall at 225-1502 for more information.

NY Court Upholds Lesbians' Separation Agreement

New York — New York state Judge Edward Greenfield has ruled that a non-marital separation agreement between two lesbians who ended their 14-year relationship in 1991 is legally valid.

The judge ordered Dr. Barbara Starrett to resume regular support payments to her ex-partner, Ann Silver, a doctoral student now living in Seattle, based on an agreement the women's attorneys reached when the pair broke up.

Starrett's attorneys had argued in court that the 1991 separation agreement was signed "under duress" and therefore not legally binding. Starrett had stopped making payments to Silver in 1994, although the agreement called for her to pay the difference between Silver's gross annual income and \$21,000.

But Judge Greenfield said he found no evidence the split-up agreement had been signed under duress of any kind noting, among other things, that both women had been represented by attorneys in drawing up the agreement.

"Dr. Starrett was not a helpless puppet being manipulated by the wily Silver," the judge wrote in a 14-page decision. "She had a clear objective — to get Silver out of her life."

Attorneys for Starrett said she may appeal.

Gay Republican vs. Gay Democrat in Texas House Race

AUSTIN, TX — Just 615 voters bothered to vote in this year's Republican primary in Austin's southeast district, leading to what is a first in U.S. gay politics and an indicator perhaps of how mainstream gay and lesbian politicians have become.

The Austin district Republicans picked Fred Ebner to carry their party's standard against incumbent Glen Maxey in the battle for the state House of Representatives seat. Rep. Maxey of course is the first openly gay state lawmaker in Texas.

But Ebner is also openly gay and an active member of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas - leading to what is believed to be the first "battle of the gays" for a state legislative seat with the official backing of both major parties.

Ironically, the 51st state house district that Maxey represents is considered one of the most liberal in Texas, which political observers say was probably why Republicans tend to turn out in such low numbers in the primary that Ebner won by 59 percent. But the district's liberal history also means, many agree, means Ebner has an uphill battle in his bid to unseat Maxey.

Lesbian Paula Vogel Awarded Pulitzer Prize for Drama

NEW YORK — Paula Vogel, an open lesbian who has headed the graduate playwriting program at Brown University since 1985, has been awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her play "How I Learned to Drive."

The drama that garnered the Pulitzer deals with remembrances of the sexual abuse by an uncle being recalled by the now-grown woman. Despite the grim subject matter, the play has won a string of important theater awards before being honored with the Pulitzer. Vogel is one of only a small group of women who have ever been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and she is believed to be the only open lesbian to have done so in its 80-year history.

Report: Condoms at Schools Don't Increase Teen Sex

LOS ANGELES — A new joint RAND-UCLA study suggests that teenagers who have access to condoms through their school health services are no more sexually active than teens who don't.

The study examined the reported sexual behavior and attitudes of nearly 2,000 Los Angeles high school students before condoms were made available to them and then 1,110 students a year later.

The study found that before condoms were made available at the schools, 55.8 percent of male students and 45.4 percent of female students said they had had sex. In the follow-up a year later, the researchers reported that 55 percent of males and 46.1 percent of females told them they had had sex, indicating no significant changes in sexual behavior as a result of the condoms being made available.

IRS holds Back Tax Exemption of Lesbian Cancer Agency

WAKEFIELD, RI — For the second time in the past year, the IRS is resisting once more giving tax-exempt status to a homosexual services organization.

This time, the federal tax agency is insisting that Kathys' Group, a Rhode Island organization that offers support services to lesbians with cancer and their families, must instead offer its services to all women with cancer, not just lesbians.

The New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund has taken up the case for Kathys' Group against the IRS and the legal advocacy group has told IRS it has no basis from demanding the change.

David Buckel, the Lambda attorney handling the case, told reporters that "evidence is building that the IRS is infected with anti-Gay bias" and that the agency "needs some kind of policy directive or internal education of its agents to make sure there isn't this kind of anti-Gay discrimination."

Last year the IRS finally agreed to give tax-exempt status to GLASS (Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support System) in Greensboro, N.C., after it initially insisted that the youth support group outline "procedures and safeguards ... to assure that counselors and participants do not encourage or facilitate homosexual practices or encourage the development of homosexual attitudes and propensities by minor individuals attending" the group's programs.

The IRS has declined to comment on the tax-exemption application of Kathys'.

Mazomanie Nude Beach Crackdown Plan Criticized

Mazomanie, WI (AP) — The Mazomanie nude beach is an important meeting place for Midwestern gays who are being unfairly singled out in complaints about problems in the area says a man who is organizing against a planned state crackdown.

Brian Eikelberger, a Stevens Point technical college student, objected to reports of cruising and open sex at the beach, which is on the Wisconsin River between Mazomanie and Sauk City.

"Yes, things do happen, but we try to patrol ourselves as much as possible," said Eikelberger, who said he camps regularly at the beach in the summer.

Other problems such as underage drinking and people who pitch tents for the entire summer are bigger problems on the heterosexual side of the beach, he said. The Department of Natural Resources said this week that it is considering stepping up enforcement and restrictions at the state-owned beach, following the complaints by nudists of men cruising the beach for gay sex.

"Cruising does happen," Eikelberger said. But he said that the gay men who frequent the beach caution others about open sex and try to keep their end of the beach neat and clean. He said the beach draws gays from Chicago, Minneapolis and northern Wisconsin who would object to plans to close the beach at night.

He said he has been contacting gay newspapers across the Midwest to alert them to possible changes at the beach and expects a large gay contingent to attend an April 30 public meeting on the proposed changes.

He said the beach is one of the few places gay men can meet that isn't a bar. "It's so scenic and so peaceful, to wake up in the morning with the fog lifting over the river, and the eagles soaring and the wildlife," he said. "You're not going to get that beauty anywhere else in Wisconsin."

Eikelberger said that he has been in contact with leaders of the Badger Naturists, some of whom have complained about gay sex on the beach, to see if the groups can cooperate in the face of the threatened closing of their shared favorite spot.

"Hopefully we can bridge the gap and try to work out a universal plan," he said. "It's almost two separate beaches. For the most part, we stay on our side of the beach and they stay on theirs."

Eikelberger said he would prefer that the DNR issue permits for camping so there would be more accountability.

If You Go: A meeting to discuss enforcement changes at the Mazomanie nude beach on the Wisconsin River has been set for 7 p.m., April 30 at the Sauk City library, 515 Water Street. The Department of Natural Resources has invited nudist groups and others interested in the future of the beach to discuss options to deal with problems at the increasingly popular spot.

Some changes under consideration include: Closing Conservation Drive; Closing the drive to parking between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.; Stepping up enforcement in the area; and Banning camping at the beach.

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Community Center Works Toward Goal

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's "A Home of Our Own" membership campaign says it all; the community wants a home for organizations, businesses, culture and diversity. Many wonder what's taking so long to open the doors.

According to Marianne Burish, co-chair of the Center's Facilities Committee, "Significant and meaningful progress is being made toward establishing a home of our own."

The Center's new board of directors has met weekly since January to rejuvenate the Center's momentum. The momentum slowed during the board's recent transition from an Interim Board to an elected Board of Directors. However, it is heartening to recall that over 240 people financially support the Center with membership contributions and donations. In addition, over one hundred people have volunteered time and energy to make the Center a reality. Many are waiting to contribute and get involved until a site is announced, and there is much work to be done before that happens.

"The Center's Board of Directors asks for the community's patience in allowing the site search and transaction to evolve. It is slow-going, but will assure results of which we can all be proud," said Neil Albrecht, Board Co-President.

"The Center's Facility Search Com-

mittee, along with the board, is responsible for selecting a suitable site for the Center," explained Burish. "It's a group of real estate and commercial property experts," she added. At a recent board of directors meeting, Burish brought the new board up to speed on the committee's progress. However, actual information on sites currently being considered cannot be revealed to the community, since public awareness or support could negatively impact negotiations with prospective landlords.

Burish explained that the committee began a facility search in early 1997. At that time, it identified over 40 potential sites. In the summer, the Sander's Bowl building in Brewer's Hill topped the list of potential sites for the Center. The unfortunate November fire sent the committee back into action.

"Finding a suitable site is only the first step in a long process," said Burish. "The Center is about to get involved in a commercial real estate transaction. This is inherently more time-consuming and complicated than a residential search, like finding an apartment or house," she added.

According to Burish, commercial and business property transactions involve large amounts of space, great sums of money and all the parties involved; landlord, tenant, buyer, seller, developer, environmental issues, site, building inspectors and the lenders. "Each of these parties are meticulous and comprehensive in doing their financial and property homework," Burish said.

"Not only does the site need to be located and a real estate deal negotiated, but sources of financial backing, solid

operation plans and strong community support must be in place before we can open our doors," said Albrecht.

Burish said that in an ideal transaction, a group can move into a building in six to twelve months. "However, if the use is specialized, such as an LGBT community center, and things don't go smoothly, like a fire burns the first building you liked, a group can expect to spend upwards of 18 to 26 months of advance work before opening the doors!" she added.

"We hope to identify a site by early summer," Albrecht said. "But it is going to take some time. We all need to be patient, and it will be worth it!"

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a community-based organization. Its 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 educate the public and our communities about our lives. For more information, visit the Center's web site at www.mkelgbt.com or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710.

UJIMA Celebrates A Year of Renewal

Milwaukee — UJIMA, Milwaukee's only non-profit organization serving the African-American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community, seeks volunteers and coordinators for its exciting new year.

Founded in 1992, UJIMA has provided support services and has housed special events for over 700 LGBT youth and adults. UJIMA is one of the seven principals of blackness from the celebration of Kwanzaa meaning, "collective work and responsibility," and with new board members and restructuring, 1998 proves to be a year of renewal for the organization.

"As we enter our sixth year in existence, we are renewing our commitments to African-American youth in our community," said Rod Johnson, Co-founder and Executive Director. "I truly believe that the future of UJIMA and the future of our LGBT community rests in the hands of our young people."

"We are proud to announce [that] this year's programming for youth features an adult mentoring component which will help our young people get in touch with their own personal power, as well as creating an environment to formulate and operate their own support group," Johnson said.

In 1997, UJIMA moved its current offices to the Milwaukee Enterprise Center's central city location at 2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 530, Milwaukee, 53212. This spring UJIMA will host an Open House for the entire LGBT community. Their 1998 projects include: an Adult Support Group; a Youth Support Group; hosting an African-American Theater Troupe from Chicago - "A Real Read"; Creating a resource library for African-American LGBT's; and Drop-In Hours.

UJIMA is sponsored by the Cream City Foundation. UJIMA needs people to get involved in this year of renewal. Please call or write to volunteer during office hours or to help coordinate activities. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 noon to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call (414) 263-5330.

Fest City Singers Spring Musical Review To Debut New Director

Milwaukee — The Fest City Singers are excited to announce that their Spring Musical Review, "Thank You For Being A Friend," will debut under new artistic and musical direction.

Fest City Singers' accomplished new artistic director is David Flores. Well-known and respected in the Milwaukee theater community, David has worked for more than a decade with a variety of groups as an actor, singer, dancer, choreographer and director. Among his credits are the Florentine opera Company, Wild Space Dance Company, Theater X, Boulevard Ensemble, MAW Productions, Dale Gutzman Productions, Amethyst Productions, Bailystock and Bloom, and Circle Stage.

New musical director and accompanist for the group is Rosalyn (Roe) Fosco. Having grown up with parents who worked in vaudeville, Roe turned to music early in life. A self-proclaimed "lounge-lizardess," she began playing piano in lounges and supper clubs while she was still in her teens. She has directed and acted in community theater for 35 years, and has taught piano and vocal music for 18 years.

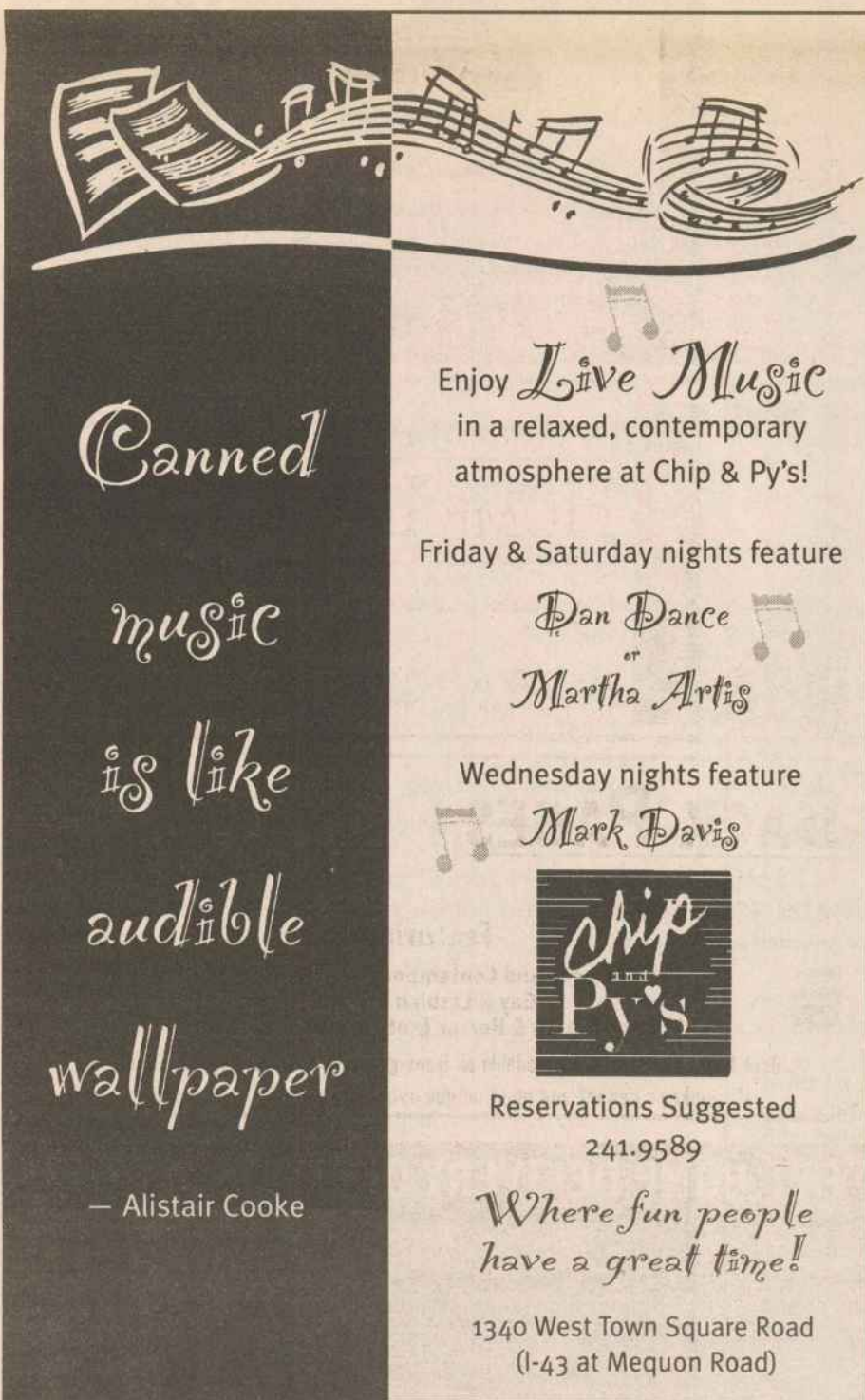
"Thank You For Being A Friend" concerns present friends, past friends, not-quite friends, and more-tan-friends. The show is a sometimes sweet, sometimes bitter and often nostalgic look at our need for soulmates, their meaning in our lives, our joy and gratitude in finding them, and our sadness at their loss.

"Thank You For Being A Friend" will be presented on Friday and Saturday Evenings (May 29-30, June 5-6 and June 12-13) at Marcia's Second Time Around Furniture Store, 6803 W. National Ave, in West Allis. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be available at 8 p.m. and the show will start at 8:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$10; tickets at the door are \$12. For ticket reservations, group rates or more information, please call the FestLine at (414) 263-SING (7464).

The Counseling Center Announces Summer Sessions

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center's summer sessions of Support Groups for Gay Men and Lesbians has been announced. Some groups are ongoing while others are eight-weeks in length. All groups are held at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2039 N. Bartlett Avenue on the East-Side of Milwaukee. There is a \$10 fee per group session, unless otherwise stated.

The Eight-Week groups will be starting in late May, early June, 1998, and include: Free Space For Women, a place to explore sexual/affectional orientation; More Space Group For Women, a support group for women who are lesbian-identified and feel comfortable with their identity; Breaking Up Is Hard To Do, in our lesbian community, this can be very diffi-



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The On-Going groups include Silver Space, a drop-in discussion group, the third Sunday of every month for Older Lesbian women to meet and talk about mutual interests and issues. The group runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and there is a \$3 donation requested; Male Partnered Women, this group deals with questions of affectional/sexual orientation. Anonymity is provided. This group meets one evening per month from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information about these groups or to learn about other support groups, please call the Support Group Program at (414) 271-2565.

New Harvest Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual (GLB) well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is seeking applications for its Spring/Summer 1998 grant cycle. All organizations and individuals working on projects which benefit GLB communities in Dane County are invited to apply. The application deadline is June 10, 1998.

Awardees must either be a 5091(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, or use a qualifying fiscal agent. Grants fall into several focus areas: social services, social change, public education, health care, the arts and culture, and development of the GLB communities.

Preference is given to projects which are 1) new and innovative projects or services which respond to unmet needs in the community; 2) a continuation of projects of proven value to the community; 3) cooperative or collaborative working relationships with others engaged in similar efforts. While there is no specific limit on grant awards, recent awards have ranged from \$300 to \$2,000.

The New Harvest Foundation is the only foundation in Dane County that channels charitable contributions exclusively to individuals and organizations working to promote GLB rights, services, culture and community development. Founded in 1984, the New Harvest Foundation is operated by a Board of Directors of 18 volunteers. It pools contributions of hundreds of donors each year to provide grant money to GLB causes.

For more information, or to request application materials, contact the New Harvest Foundation, P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786. Or, call (608) 256-6204.

PrideFest Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — PrideFest, which will be held at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park on the SummerFest Grounds, is scheduled for August 28 to 30, 1998, and is a volunteer supported event. Last year, over 1,000 people donated their time and skills, helping out in all areas, from security to entertainment. Volunteers are the reason for PrideFest's success.

You are invited to join the fun by becoming a 1998 Volunteer. You will

receive the following benefits: 1) free admission on the day(s) you work. If you assist with pre- or post-festival tasks, you will receive a complimentary ticket for the festival; 2) a special badge which clearly identifies you as a volunteer; 3) a complimentary meal on PrideFest; 4) an invitation to the Volunteer Party to be held later in the year, and; 5) the satisfaction that comes with knowing you did your part to make this the most exciting Pride festival in Wisconsin.

Two volunteer orientation sessions will be offered. These are not mandatory, but recommended, especially for first-time volunteers. Topics of discussion will include various aspects of the festival so that volunteers are prepared before arriving. The two sessions are: Tuesday, August 4, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. at the Milwaukee East Library, 1910 E. North Avenue; or Saturday, August 8 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon at the Bay View Library, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. To request an application, call (414) 272-FEST. You may also e-mail PrideFest at <pridemilw@aol.com> Applications are due by August 15.

The variety of tasks that are done by volunteers include: beer and wine bartenders (you must be of legal drinking age and have ID); parade hands; food service; ticket takers; security; American Sign Language interpreters; children's activity area (Saturday only); set-up (Thursday & Friday); and clean-up (Monday).

You will receive confirmation of your volunteer assignment shortly after registering. Should your availability change before this time, please contact the PrideFest office so that a substitute can be assigned. Approximately two weeks before the festival, you will receive a card for free admission on the day you are assigned to work. Present your volunteer confirmation card at the gate. Do Not Lose This Card! You will not receive free admission without it.

Rainbow Heights Rummage Sale

Milwaukee — The Second Annual Giant Rummage Sale will be held by the by the Rainbow Heights Association on Saturday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (closing may occur earlier if things sell fast). Everyone who comes to 1722 N. 52nd St. (next to the corner of Washington Blvd.) will be able to purchase a surprising variety of household items, valuable objets d'art, green plants and cheap stuff. There will also be choice home-baked goodies for sale.

Last year's sale was a smash hit, netting over \$1,000 for North Avenue beautification project. This year's proceeds will go to projects for needy children. Donations of goods, services or contributions may be made by calling (414) 778-1269.

H.I.T. to Host Casino Run

Milwaukee — The Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) will be sponsoring a casino run, Saturday, May 9 to the Empress Casino in Joliet, Illinois. With the success of the last month's run, and with over \$7,000 won by the busload of gamblers, H.I.T. expects the bus to fill quickly.

Cost per person is \$20 and includes round-trip bus transportation, a continental breakfast on the bus, two gambling sessions, lunch buffet and beer and soda on the bus. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. sharp from the M&M Club and will return by 7 p.m. Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers will be available at the bar prior to departure.

This is a fund-raiser for H.I.T.'s annual bowling tournament to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend. For more



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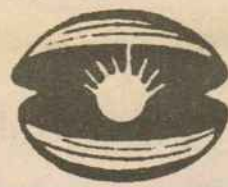
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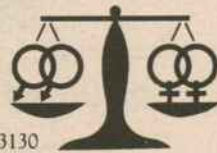
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MCDa to Participate In State-Wide Project

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDa), seven other counties and one tribe have been chosen by the Department of Health and Family Services to participate in a State-wide Resource Center pilot project. The Resource Center for people over 60 years of age in Milwaukee County is called Elderlink. People seeking information and assistance may call an established Hotline at (414) 289-6874. Data will be collected.

Elderlink program hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours a 24-hour answering service and on-call staff are available 365 days per year.

The MCDa views the pilot as an opportunity to strengthen collaboration among service providers on behalf of quality care for older adults which includes consumer choice. Partnerships have been developed with Aurora, Covenant and Horizon health care systems. Also memorandums of Understanding and other agreements have developed with numerous facilities.

Questions or comments regarding the Resource Center can be directed to Gail Cheatham, Project Coordinator of MCDa at (414) 289-6173.

Hotel Metro to Host ARCW Fundraiser

Milwaukee — In what will be the public's first look at downtown Milwaukee's new boutique, all-suites hotel, Hotel Metro is holding an "Under Construction Party" to benefit local HIV/AIDS care, prevention and research. The Saturday, May 2 sneak preview is expected to draw 200 guests and raise more than \$7,000. Hotel Metro is donating the evening's proceeds to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

Festivities will run from 8 p.m. to midnight, and a limited number of tickets are still available. Tickets are \$35, call Kelly at ARCW for more information, 414-225-1577.

Live music by members of Boy Girl Boy Girl and another Milwaukee band will entertain guests during the event. Attendees will be the first to tour several of Hotel Metro's elegant suites. A drawing will be held at 10 p.m. to give away a free night's stay at the hotel; dinner for four at the hotel's restaurant; and a Hotel Metro monogrammed bathrobe. The hotel's new chef will prepare food featuring several items from the hotel restaurant's menu.

"We are delighted that the owners of Hotel Metro recognize that AIDS is a serious public health crisis in Milwaukee and selected ARCW to benefit from their first special event," said Neil Albrecht ARCW regional director. "In addition to revitalizing part of Milwaukee's downtown, it's energizing to see the local owners of Hotel

Metro linking with a community nonprofit organization and contributing to an important cause," Albrecht added.

Hotel Metro is owned by three local businessmen, John C. Wolter, John Ogden Jr. and James D. Hummert. John Wolter is married to Lisa Wolter, ARCW Deputy Director of Community Relations.

Hotel Metro, located at 411 East Mason Street, is scheduled to open in June and also offers multilingual staff, meeting and banquet facilities, a fine-dining restaurant and classic lounge, heated indoor valet parking, and executive and concierge services. Suite rates will range from \$95 to \$140 a night. More information about the hotel is available by calling Inga at 272-1909.

Cream City Foundation To Hold Fund-Raiser

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation will hold its annual major fundraising event at the Boulevard Inn on May 17. The event will be a "Titanic High Tea" featuring some selections served on the Titanic, along with champagne and tea. There will be a silent auction featuring memorabilia from the movie and the actual ship. Suggested donation to the event is \$250 and is completely tax deductible.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Landmark Enterprises at (414) 276-6355. For more information regarding the Cream City Foundation, please call (414) 265-0880.

Bi Definition To Discuss Polyamory

Milwaukee — Bi Definition, metro-Milwaukee's bisexual social, support and activist organization, will gather on Saturday, May 2 and Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. to discuss polyamory and other issues pertaining to bisexuality at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St.

Polyamory is openly and honestly loving more than one person at any given time. It challenges the widely held belief that monogamy is the only acceptable form of relationship.

Meetings are held on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month and provide numerous handouts, flyers, fact sheets, books and a newsletter regarding bisexuality. A nominal cost of \$15 for an annual membership, or \$5 for a single event is asked at the door. In cases of extreme financial hardship, fees can be waived in exchange for a donation of time served to the organization.

Bi Definition strives to have a diverse membership, so a special invitation is extended to all various ethnicities, ages, abilities and orientations. For further information, please call Steve at (414) 483-5046.

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Bay View High School Brings "La Cage aux Folles" to Life

by Dorothy Austin

A gay musical at Bay View High School? This must be a first, for the school and for high schools in the community. As one young musician queried, "You mean gay as gay, light hearted? Or gay as in gay?"

Gay as in gay, that is, and with a drag club setting. Also, gay as in fun.

Theater goers will recognize the name, "La Cage aux Folles," and probably the movie adaptation, "Birdcage."

The Bay View High School students put on "La Cage" last weekend, a project they had been working on since February. This was how it seemed to one, uninitiat-



— Director Michael VanPelt

ed viewer who stopped in several times in the last week of rehearsals.

For the young actors and dancers, it's mostly fun. At their ages, perhaps it has to be. But for Michael VanPelt, it's unrelenting, sometimes impossible, often painfully hard work, with an uncertain outcome.

For as of April 16, cast members and volunteers are still painting scenery, standing back at intervals and consulting each other about this or that effect.

Kris Strnad, an educational assistant and volunteer artist, is adding roses to the painted greenery of window boxes on the cafe, for example. From a distance, they work.

A veteran volunteer scenery builder, and all around stage genius, Chuck Werkowski, is yelling at everyone to stay out from under his current project, which swings precariously from on high.

Yet nobody seems worried. Nor hurried. Music rocks from a boom box, on the edge of the stage, and young actors zigzag back and forth in rhythm, occasionally dipping into a sack of hard candies nearby. Lunch time comes and goes and nobody notices. Work continues.

And where is Michael VanPelt, the music and chorus director on whose shoulders the production's responsibility rests? He is out getting shoes for the dancers. Heels and taps for both genders. No show-related task too big or too small.

Even so, if everything is finished and polished on time, how will La Cage play on the South Side of Milwaukee? That is ever present, unanswered question.

Finally, here comes a big, bearded, burly man thumping down the aisle, bearing stacks of boxes, barking orders. Yes, that is VanPelt. But he can't talk right now, he says, the distribution of shoes has to come first. And even now, he is a few pairs short.

But in due course he does talk, fast and well. He comes from a small town he calls Rosendale, which he refers to as a hick town, west of Fond du Lac. He had a different attitude toward homosexuality then. His views have changed but the outlook of his old home town probably has not, he guesses.

"And this show will not play in Rosendale," he says, in a one-liner flung over his shoulder. "Possibly," he adds, "The south side of Milwaukee may not be all that different from Rosendale."

VanPelt was graduated from the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin — Milwaukee with a music major and has been at Bay View High School for four years. He hopes to build a strong theater program, such as the school once had, but admits it's an uphill struggle.

"Kids don't have the work ethic they once did, and now their (interests) are diversified, and it's hard to get a commitment out of them," he says.

Why La Cage? It was not his first choice, it seems.

"We wanted to get 'Grease,' but it was not available," he recalls, "and you have to get something the kids can connect to." In the process of looking at everything that was available, he came back again and again to "La Cage," and finally settled on it. He admits he was "a bit nervous" when he went in to speak to the school principal about the choice.

"But after the initial shock," the verdict was that "This is a really great play," bolstered by the recognition that it was rated the best of its season on Broadway, with the book by Harvey Fierstein and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman.

VanPelt reports that he has encountered less flack than he thought he would.

The humor helps, and there are some "hilarious one-liners," he notes. True, the kids don't get all of them, because they are written for a slightly older audience, but enough do come through. Overall, he's pleased by the attitudes of students so far.

"The reaction from the kids has been good, and the gay community has been supportive, with the donation of drag costumes and ten feather head dresses," he says. "Of course," he adds, "kids are kids, and there are bound to be some off-color comments."

David Katlewski, a travelling string instructor, leads the pit orchestra, mostly travelling teachers, and works with VanPelt and the dancers and singers to assure that performers and musicians come out even.

That, incidentally, is a process that goes on every day of rehearsal right up to and including the dress rehearsal. And so does outfitting of the actors and dancers.

"Getting some of these big guys in heels and getting them dancing is something," he said. Everything added — costumes, wigs, undergarments — means extra complications.

"Some of this is a little iffy, but we can work it out."

Also, part of the iffy nature of things in high school theater is the competition for the students' time.

"We've lost a few to sports."

One drops out at the last minute, because of a tournament. Several coaches, on the other hand, have been helpful, excusing from some events the young athletes who have theatrical roles to play.

And the other part of the iffy nature of things is the sheer magnitude of the show-producing task and the details involved, with Van Pelt trying to keep a hand on each and all of them. He takes the show seriously.

"To me, it's a play where the son, through thoughtlessness, almost destroys his father's twenty-year relationship," he says.

It is the music which lifts the mood of the musical to sheer joy, from the lilting "With Ann on My Arm," to the rousing "We Are What We Are", from "Life is a Celebration" to "The Best of Times is Now" and once the balance is achieved between orchestra and vocals the music is splendid, so that audiences can take it home with them, in their heads and hearts.

And VanPelt has his own voice, early and late, cutting through conversation. It is at first loud, to get attention from stage and pit, and then very soft, so they will stop to listen. His variation of pitch and his high energy style work. Even the most

bumptious subsides.

And while some of the young actors are veterans of last year's show, "Little Shop of Horrors," and their confidence is contagious, others have little or no experience singing or dancing, and they need extra attention. And they get it.

When necessary, he makes a sharp, cutting gesture, stops the show to make a point, cut a few bars or lines, move the stage action along, or get dancers on or off the stage, with appropriate gestures.

"Never stop moving," he counsels.

Each of the students has his own view of the show. One says "La Cage" was chosen because it was "something different." Another says some might not like the musical because it has some "gay people" in it, but that reaction does not interfere with the production. A third says, somewhat determinedly, "I'm always having fun. This is a high school production, and it's supposed to be fun. Some people act like it's going to ruin their lives if we screw up."

A fourth student reports that he was initially hesitant about going out for the auditions.

"I am a homosexual," he says. But then he thought about it for a long time, finally decided to go out for it, and was surprised to win a good part, with "millions of lines."

Monique Patterson, 18, is a dancer and also acting as Mme. Renaud. And Michael Villwock, 16, who plays Jean Michael, the son, is serious about theater as a career. He had a role last year in "Little Shop of Horrors" and this time has been working on the show since January, and also helps out with the painting and scene shifting. Anything that needs doing, he seems to be there..

"I have a solo, 'With Ann on My Arm,' and I've never sung before a large audience before, so I may be a little nervous about that," he says.

Michael Budziszewski, whom his peers call "Buddha," because his name is hard to pronounce, reports that he plays the role of Georges, the father, a key role.

"I'm trying to lower my voice," he said, "and it's a little hard."

Day by day, things begin to come together. Dance segments look snappier, and cast members begin to look their parts, with wigs and heels.

One, struggling with fishnet stockings, says, "I'm tired of being a woman, all they go through."

Tim Lybek, with a real boa and a painted-on mustache, peers gleefully around a stage curtain. Two actors, exotically clad, pose, giggling, for an amateur photographer on the steps of the drag club.

Mark Musa, who plays Albin, is one of several actors wearing too small shoes. He says he found them at Payless after a long afternoon of looking. Backstage he slips one off and wriggles his toes because he should have size 16, instead of 13, the largest women's shoes he could find. But, in the showiest of the show's singing and acting roles, when he dons mascara, wig and flowing gown, and throws his head back for a lusty song, nobody knows that his feet hurt.

To all, actors and musicians alike, VanPelt listens when the request seems urgent, but also issues general alerts. When dancers begin to bump into scenery, he moves the rehearsal outside the auditorium, leaving the stage free for final touches by the crew.

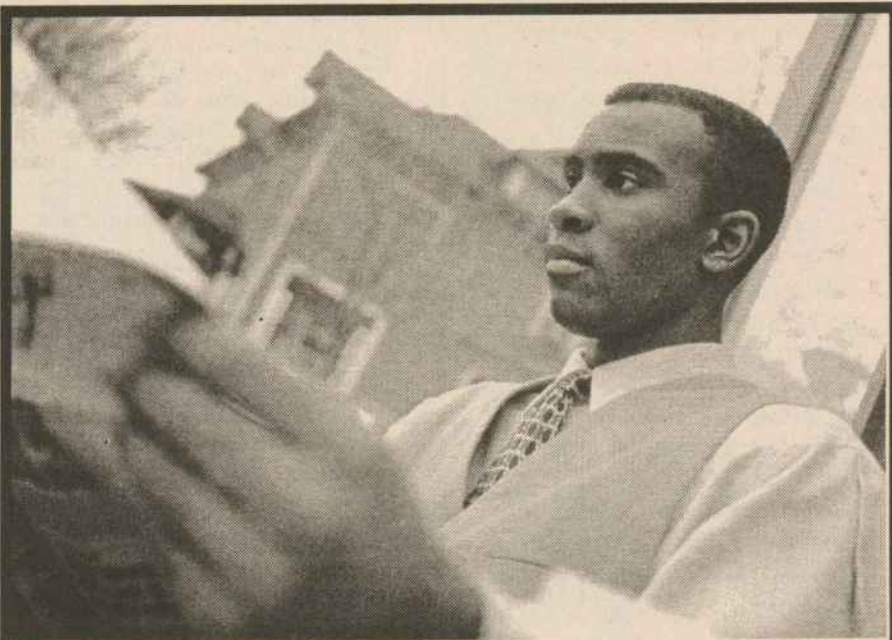
"One thing," he says in an aside to a reporter, "The choreographer didn't show, so I'm going to do it (the choreography) myself. It will be simpler, but it will work."

In front of the line of ten dancers, he demonstrates the "step two three kick, stork, stork," and then watches them do it, over and over as he calls the directions, until he is satisfied, and the dancers are moving with the music and each other.

The total effect, it must be said, is quite wonderful.

To each of the student actors, to the director and the musicians and the stage crew, the musical play may have a different meaning, one which they have helped to create. And indeed those in the audience will find the meaning they wish.

But all, it seems to one viewer who saw the musical in snatches, and had bits of conversations here and there with participants in the ambitious effort, it seems that "La Cage" in this version can send all in the audience and on the stage, out into the spring night with a lighter heart. Perhaps humming songs, celebrating life, and enjoying this glimpse of the talent, vitality and energy of the young assembled on stage for the stirring finale, "The Best of Times is Now."



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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

This should be an exasperating column... I'm in the middle of my first day not smoking. My official Quit Day on the Zyban program. Zyban is supposed to suppress your desire to smoke, but contains no nicotine, so I have nicotine withdrawal to look forward to for the next several weeks. I'll be happy to get through the first day!

One day at a time is the old saying, and I guess that will prove true with quitting a nasty habit I started when in was 16 years old. I'm 46, so that's 30 years of tar and nicotine. I just had a chest x-ray done last week because of an upper respiratory infection and nasty cough I had, and luckily it came out good and clear... no pneumonia, anyway. I'm sure if a little camera was lowered into those old lungs, it would need an awfully powerful light to cut through the tar!

I started taking the Zyban 11 days ago, and the company presents an entire program and system for quitting. You continue to smoke up until your 11-12th day and make that your pre-ordained Quit Day. As I was taking the Zyban for those first 11 days, I gradually noticed I was smoking a little less often, except in "trigger" situations. Triggers being the times you smoke the most out of habitual behavior or circumstances.

Wish me luck!

I guess AIDS activists can stop placing the burden of more HIV infections on the back of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala for not allowing needle exchanges. Up until just hours before announcing that there was now enough scientific evidence in place to make state and local governments feel confident in spending *their own* money on needle exchange programs; Shalala had planned to announce that *federal* money could be used for such programs.

HHS had arranged for a big press conference on April 20, and had hinted to activists to expect good news. Shalala had planned to defend the administration's hesitancy in approving the program as being solely about science and *not* about politics.

In a matter of a few hours time, and last minute political maneuvering, politics won out. Once again, Clinton caved into conservatives who fear approval of such programs saying they appear to condone IV drug use.

Three days after that announcement stunned the AIDS community, the Centers for Disease Control cautioned that despite a historic drop in AIDS cases and deaths in the last two years, the rate at which people are becoming infected with HIV had held relatively steady. Government AIDS numbers do not include people infected with HIV, just those with fully diagnosed AIDS.

People just aren't heeding the warnings about unsafe sex and IV drug use. That underlines the need for continued prevention programs, with new ones designed to reach each new generation. People are living longer with HIV thanks to Highly Active Anti Retroviral Treatments (HAART), and are getting less deadly opportunistic infections. HAART delays the onset on AIDS, prolongs the lives of PWAs, and reduces the number of AIDS deaths; even while there is little change in the rate of new infections.

Reggie White's appearance at a UW Madison sports fund-

raiser last weekend drew a steady throng of protesters who condemned White for his remarks about gays and minorities last month in the State Assembly.

The National "W" Club, UW's sports alumni club, had invited White to speak at the event prior to his speech to the Assembly. They refused numerous student groups efforts to rescind the invitation and a club representative stood by White's right to freedom of speech.

A student newspaper reported that White received \$60,000 for his appearance, which his wife strongly denied. The day after the fund-raiser, White and his wife were in Milwaukee for another appearance, and she harshly rebuffed the media for sensationalizing her husband's appearance, and downplayed the appearance of protesters the night before.

I'm going to be a shill for the cable network, Showtime, and urge you to sign up for it by June if you don't already do so.

Why? Because Showtime had the courage and the insight to step in and produce "Armisted Maupin's More Tales of the City" after the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) backed down to religious pressure over the initial airing of the first series in 1993. Britain's Channel 4, Propaganda Films and Montreal's Production La Fete joined with Showtime to bring this second mini series of the highly acclaimed and delightful series of books by gay writer Armisted Maupin.

If you remember back to that first mini series, or if like me, purchased a video of the first "Tales of the City" you too probably can't wait to set your VCR's come June. The original series earned PBS some of its highest numbers ever, but riled opposition against funding such a "decadent" series.

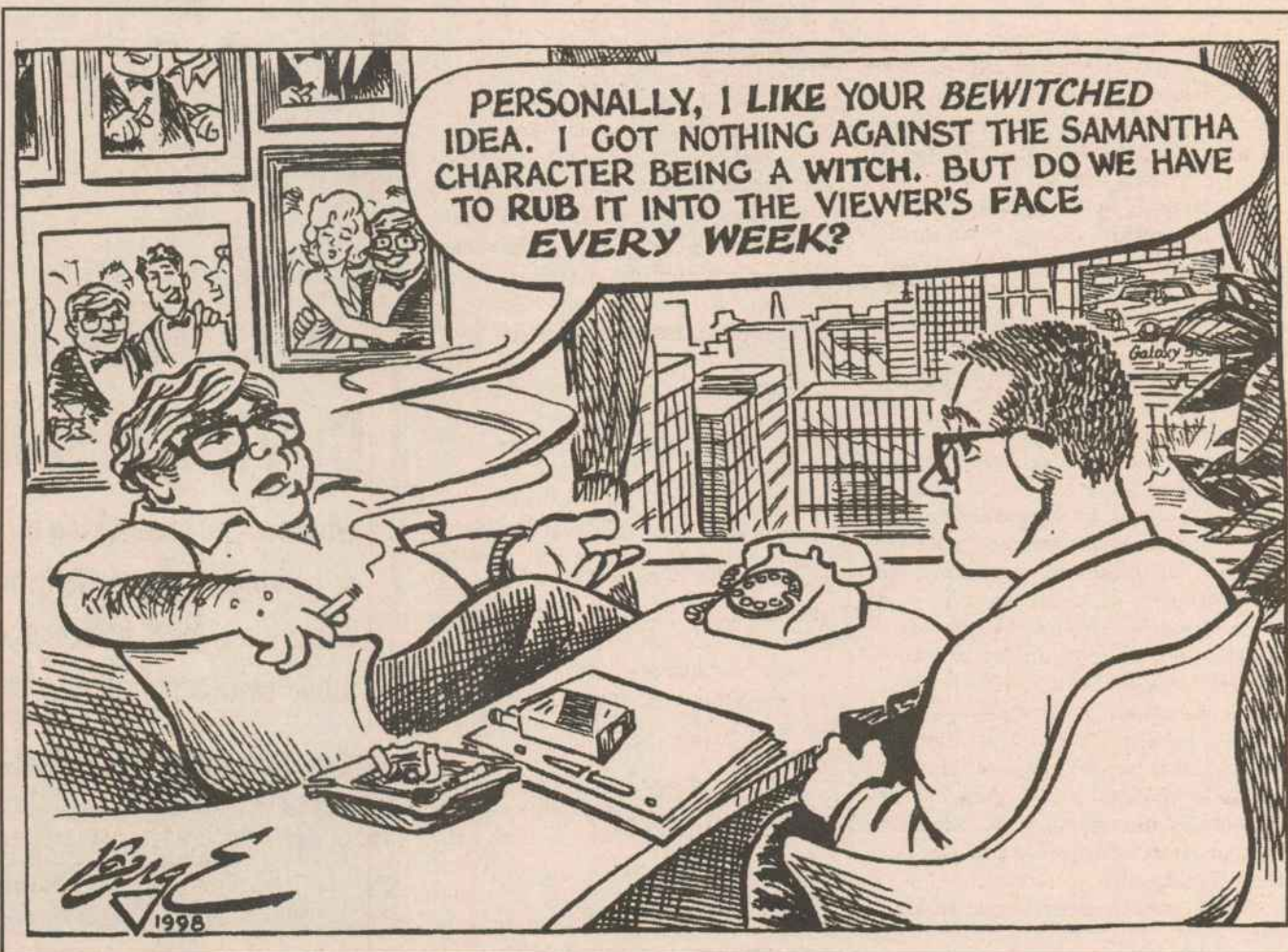
Maupin's "Tales" started out as a series of columns in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, that eventually were compiled into a zany series of books depicting gay life in San Francisco in the heady 70's. You'll fondly remember the story teller, "Mouse" (who everyone fell in love with) and all the other whimsical characters that inhabited Barberry Lane. You'll revel in the aura of the 70's when gay people seemed friendlier and had less attitude, when being gay gave you something in common. A time of heady exuberance and celebration of gay lib with love, sex, pot and music.

The original series was set in the mid 70's and the June series is set in the late 70's, still prior to the awareness of the lurking evils of the AIDS pandemic.

Years after the publication of the books, and the first miniseries, gay people still can thank Maupin for helping us reminisce about the era, and giving us such wonderful characters that so many of us grew attached to.

After the June series, I'll probably feel the same as I did in '93... "Please, give us more!"... Well, there IS always "Further Tales of the City"!

Damn, I could use a cigarette! But I've made it, and it's now the second day as I'm proof reading this before sending it off via e-mail to be typeset. Enjoy the Spring, for once we are actually having one!



Editorial

Keeping Milwaukee Community Center On Track

"Above all, this [community center] project is to be designed as a vehicle to bring the LesBiGay community together; to organize it; to foster harmonious relations among its various parts; to allow individual parts to maintain integrity and uniqueness while cooperating with mutual respect and dignity; to encourage the community in civil, social and economic matters to speak with a unified, powerful and effective voice."

—Erv Uecker and Ross Walker
February 1996

As spirited as those words were when Erv Uecker and Ross Walker first announced their pledge challenge to the community, they remain today as the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center endeavors to move past last year's fire which devastated a previous proposed site, and the recent bumpy transition from an Interim Board of Directors to an elected Board.

As reported in the last issue of *In Step*, the shift from an interim board to an elected board was not as smooth as anticipated with Uecker and Walker "temporarily suspending" their monthly \$1,000 donation.

Some have claimed this has all been the proverbial "tempest in a teapot" and is a private matter between Uecker and Walker and the Board, while others contend it was an appropriate "wake-up call" for the new Community Center leaders. Either way, I believe it has only helped to refocus attention on the important issues of surrounding the selection of an appropriate site for the center.

The newly-elected, volunteer Community Center Board clearly has much hard work and many challenges ahead. I believe the Board now understands the need to improve its communication with the community, and with the center's major supporters. It also understands the necessity to move forward with the entire process of finding a home for the center.

We live in a goal orientated world. Clearly, nothing short of officially naming

a site for a Milwaukee community center will quiet all current anxieties. Despite concerns leveled by some, I believe the site selection process is moving forward, albeit slowly. And while it is easy to become impatient and restless with the process, it is just as easy to forget that answers will come simply by waiting.

Clearly, the generous "founding gift" pledge of \$1,000 per month by Erv Uecker and Ross Walker was the catalyst which refocused Milwaukee's LesBiGay community on the goal of opening and successfully maintaining a community center, and there are strong indications that Uecker and Walker will eventually resume their donations. Their courage and personal sacrifice is to be acknowledged and respected.

However, for any community center to successfully sustain itself in the long haul, it must not be dependent upon only a few large income sources. To paraphrase a simple business principle; it is usually better to receive \$1 from 1,000 people, than \$1,000 from a single source.

That concept applies not only to money, but to personal commitment as well. It is especially apt in this case since a community center will hopefully reflect the wide range of faces that make up our multi-faceted community.

I believe patience is the buzzword of the moment as we all wait for the process of selecting a site to unfold. For those who remain anxious and can't bear to sit on their hands any longer, I encourage you to pick up the phone and invest your services as a volunteer, or write a check. If you have not yet pledged membership to the Community Center, do so now.

Hopefully, all good things will come to a community which waits.

—William Attewell

Letters

Dear Editor—

I just read your article, "Singer George Michael Charged/Comes Out" (Vol. 15, #8) and I'll say this for Michael: it takes a real man to publicly admit his mistakes and apologize to his family and followers. This is more than I can say about some other public figures in our country!

Patrick Farrell
Milwaukee

Dear Editor—

Firstly, we want to congratulate you and your staff on such a fine publication. *In Step* is a wonderful resource for your readers.

Secondly, we want to congratulate Jamie (Keepin' In Step) on his column "Pssst, I'm Gay" (Vol. 15, #8). Thank you for sharing this experience — and others — with people who can identify with you, but also for helping to inform and educate those of us non-gay people, who need to understand how difficult those early years of discovery and acceptance must be.

We also want to thank Jamie and his

many wonderful friends for allowing us to be part of their lives. If this letter seems a little "pro-Jamie", its probably because my husband and I are the proud uncle and aunt of Jamie from Austin, Texas. Thank you again Jamie for bringing such joy to our lives.

Cheryl and Rick Duchenshea
Austin, TX

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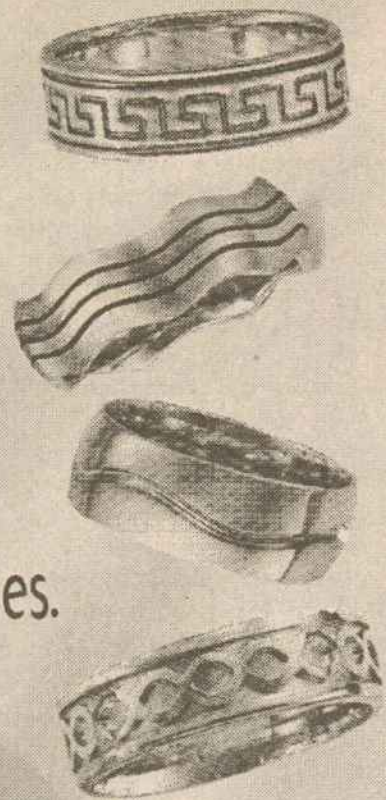
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the arts

'Ghost Stories' at Theatre X

Milwaukee — *The Ghosts' Stories: Just The Good Parts*, a new theater piece by John Schneider, will open at Theater X on Friday, May 8 and run through May 31 in the Studio Theater at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway. This is Theater X's production in celebration of the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial. This production is sponsored by the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Helen Bader Foundation and Miller Brewing Company.

The ghosts of Milwaukee rise up and tell their stories. The history of our city is played before your eyes: re-live the Native American lifestyle before the arrival of the white man, polka at the Pabst Beer Garden at the turn of the century, experience the Yiddish theater, hear all the jazz greats at the Moonglow Nightclub; encounter mad poets, anarchists, freethinkers, and socialists; and enjoy our greatest achievements and confront our darkest hours. This is the story of Walnut Street and its environs.

John Schneider directs the production. The cast includes Theater X company members Deborah Clifton, Flora Coker, John Kishline and Marcie Hoffman. Returning to Theater X are Rodd Walker and Adekola Adedapo. Ms. Adedapo is joined by her son Asabi Ifanji (aged 9) and her daughter Naima Adedapo (aged 13). Hugh Danforth, an Oneida Native American elder and actor joins Theater X for the first time. Elliot Lipchik, a local poet makes his Theater X stage debut, and Melvin Rhyne, internationally renowned Midwest jazz musician, rounds out the cast.

The set and lighting design are by R. H. Graham. Costume design is by Amy Horst. The Production Stage Manager is David Oldberg, and the Producing Direc-

tor of Theater X is Michael Ramach.

Thursday evenings are "Pay What You Can" (suggested donation is \$5 and tickets are available at the door only). Tickets can be reserved for Thursday evenings, however, at \$16. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$18. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are available. For ticket information and times, please call the Broadway Theater Center Box office at (414) 291-7800.

Present Music Holds Fundraiser At Zoofari Center

Milwaukee — Present Music, Milwaukee's world-class new music group, will hold their third annual fund-raising event on Friday, May 8 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Zoofari Center, 9715 W. Blue Mound Road. The event will feature wines and refreshments from area restaurants.

An art auction of prints, all magnificently framed, from the works of famous artists will begin at 8 p.m. The auctioneer, from State of the Art, will conduct an informative, entertaining pre-auction talk. The auction collection includes works of artists such as Chagall, Dali, Lautrec, Miro and Picasso. Admission to the event is \$20, or \$25 at the door. All proceeds go to Present Music. For more information and tickets call, (414) 271-0711.

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Milwaukee — Discover your talents this summer at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD). The Continuing Education Program presents fine art, design and desktop publishing sessions for adult students of all levels, including a new course, "In the Garden." Join artist Fujie Moses in her colorful garden of wild flowers, fruit trees and vines to develop your artistic abilities in drawing or watercolor painting. This visual and spiritual experience will be offered in eight sessions from May 23 through July 25.

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Thursdays, May 19 through June 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Fiber Workshop: A Non-Traditional Approach, Saturday, June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Alternative Photographic Processes: Mondays and Wednesdays, July 5 through August 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Continuing Education summer session will also offer painting, photography, printmaking and drawing courses. Courses are held at various times, beginning in May and ending in August, with registration about ten days in advance. Most courses are held at MIAD on 273 East Erie Street on the Historic Third Ward. For a catalog and information, contact Continuing Education at (414) 291-3273.

UWM's PTPP & Ten Chimneys Foundation Present "The Celestials"

Milwaukee — The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Professional Theater Training Program will present a public performance of *The Celestials: Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontaine*, a new play by Robert Kornfeld. Commissioned by Ten Chimneys Foundation Inc. and partially underwritten by the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission, the play will be presented Friday, May 1 at 8 p.m. at Carrol College's Otteson Theater located at the intersection of East Avenue and McCall Street in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Among the greatest actors the American stage has ever produced, Alfred Lunt and his wife Lynne Fontaine spent many summers and the last years of their lives at their beloved Ten Chimneys estate in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin. *The Celestials* takes the audience to Ten Chimneys for a visit with Lynne and Alfred; their charming and talented guests, Helen Hayes, Noel Coward and others. In spirited and witty conversation, Kornfeld recreates the warmth, friendship and passion for the theater that were central to the lives of the Lunts and their contemporaries. The work combines extensive research along with oral histories.

The Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission's grant program was set up to help communities and local organizations participate in the state's 150th anniversary celebration, either by creating a special event for the occasion or by giving a

Sesquicentennial focus to an existing activity. The grant program is funded through corporate contributions, proceeds from the sale of the Sesquicentennial license plate, and the State of Wisconsin.

Other activities being planned for the Sesquicentennial include an official anniversary celebration at the state Capitol on May 29; Wisconsin's participation as the exclusive state spotlighted at the annual Smithsonian Institution Festival of American Folklife in Washington DC on June 24 to 28 and July 1 to 5; a re-staging of the Folklife Festival in Madison August 20 to 23; and production of a CD-ROM highlighting state history and geography entitled "Wisconsin: Celebrating People, Place and Past."

Direction of *The Celestials* is by PTPP Director James DePaul. Tickets for this one-time event are \$10 for adults and \$4 students and are available by calling the box office at (414) 524-7633. A talk-back and reception will follow the performance.

Boulevard Ensemble To Host Benefit Reading For MHSA

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble continues its pursuit of community outreach by welcoming the Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHSA) Theater Department for a staged reading of Euripides' tragedy "Medea" on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 South Kinnickinnic Ave. The reading will benefit the schools' performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer.

Last year the High School of the Arts Theater Department was selected to perform in the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival. MHSA will be the first school from Wisconsin to ever attend the Fringe Festival, and is one of 16 high schools chosen to represent the United States this August in Edinburgh.

MHSA was nominated for this honor by regional and national theater associations, and its participation in the Fringe Festival will provide MHSA students with the educational and artistic experience of a lifetime in an international forum. Both performances are at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 and tickets will be available at the door. For more information about MHSA's benefit performance, call (414) 672-6019 or (414) 933-1500.

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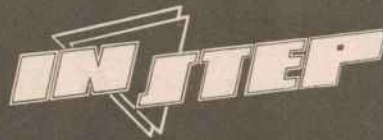
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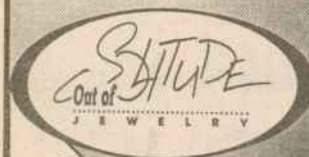
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the calendar

April 30 through May 14, 1998

Activities:

Sunday, May 3

Shake It Up! - Bike Ride (Madison): Cycle around Lake Wingra starting at noon from Michael's Frozen Custard on Monroe Street.

Friday, May 8

Madison Civic Center - Drag King Show (Madison): Lesbians in DRAG! Direct from New York's Club Casanova at 8 p.m. Free & open to the public. Sponsored by Campus Women's Center, LGBT Campus Center, 10% Society, Sex Out Loud and LGBT Housing Liaisons.

Saturday, May 9

H.I.T. - Casino Run (Milwaukee, WI/Joliet, IL): The bus will leave the M&M Club for the Empress Casino in Joliet at 9 a.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers available at the bar prior to leaving. FMI call Peter at (414) 963-4037 or (414) 332-7142.

Sunday, May 10

Shake It Up! - Bike Ride (Madison): Cycle around Lake Monona starting at noon from Michael's Frozen Custard on Monroe Street.

Tuesday, May 12

H.I.T. Bowling - Meeting (Milwaukee): Summer Bowlers! There will be an organizational meeting at Landmark Lanes at 7:30 p.m.

Bar Specials:

Sundays:

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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

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

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

Diversions (Neenah): Open at 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 1:30 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.

LaCage (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.

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.

Naples 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.

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$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 at 8:30 p.m. \$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! No Cover! Free Pool! 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!

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.

Naples 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.

Roy'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.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Monday. \$1.50 Doctors, 75¢ Tappers.

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 Technival 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.

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

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

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.

Naples 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.

Roy'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'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 Man 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.

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¢, shorties of Lite are \$1, shots of Jack Daniels are \$2. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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

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

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 (top, 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. Dart Tournament!

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.

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

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. \$100 in cash prizes. Singles. Double elimination. \$1.75 MGD bottles. Performer Ernie Garner live on stage from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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.

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

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

Naples 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 tap-

pers & \$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.

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

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

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.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1 glass of tap beer. Dr.'s \$1.50 all night.

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

Life's a Drag

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"My back goes out more than I do."

MDT Celebrates 10th Anniversary With Decade Of Dance

Milwaukee — Isabelle Kralj's Milwaukee Dance Theater (MDT) is ten years old and that's pretty good for a performing arts organization. MDT will celebrate this landmark accomplishment with a special performance of dance, theater and music titles, *A Decade of Dance* at the Pabst Theater on May 2 at 8 p.m.

Kralj is bringing back artists from different disciplines who have contributed to this dance theater, making it the richly eclectic company it is today. Kralj will be joined by dances Ed Burgess, James Sutton and Tadej Brdnik, among others, and by performance artist Mark Anderson, singer/actor Leslie Fitzwater, actor Jim Butchart, and composer/accordionist Guy Klucvsek.

The program will bring back old favorites such as New York-based choreographer Allyson Green's intensely dramatic duet *Between*, which will be performed by Kralj and Ed Burgess, and David Parson's charming light-hearted *Sleep Study*.

New works on the program will include a comedic solo titles, *Prelude and Prelude*, choreographed and performed by James Sutton to music by Frederic Chopin. The evening will also feature Tadej Brdnik, who has been performing with MDT for the past three years and is also a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company. He will perform the world premiere of his new solo, as yet untitled.

Well-known to Milwaukee audiences, Mark Anderson will be back to delight with his brand new *Paradise*,

which recently had its premiere at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Leslie Fitzwater, who is collaborating on a new Edith Piaf work for the 1998/99 season will give a preview by performing songs of this beloved French chanson singer. Guy Klucvsek will round out the evening with his music.

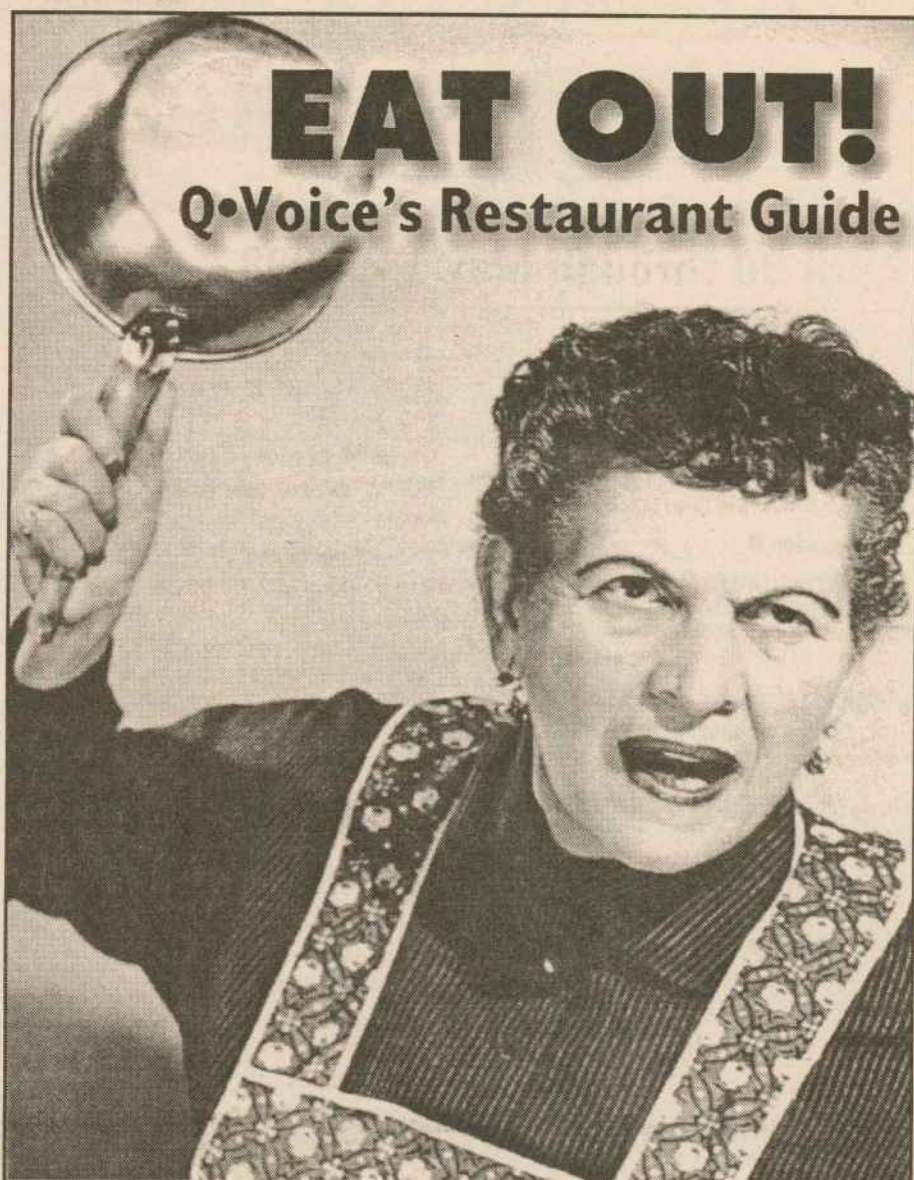
Ticket prices are \$15 general admission, \$13 for seniors and students. Group rates are available. Tickets are available by calling the Pabst Theater Box Office at (414) 286-3663.

Next Act Theater Announces Auditions

Milwaukee — Audition interviews for students interested in participating in *The Next Actors: Summer Theater For Youth* will be held May 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Next Act Theater Offices, 342 N. Water Street, 8th floor.

This program is a summer playwrighting and performance workshop free-of-charge to Milwaukee area teenagers. It will take place over a period of six weeks from June 15 through July 25. The purpose of the program is to provide youth of diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds [with] a safe and fun environment for exploring the performing arts.

A company of teenagers from Milwaukee County will dedicate four hours a day, five days a week, under the supervision of a staff of professional artists and teachers. The first five weeks are dedicated to improvising, writing and rehearsing a complete original musical theater piece. The final week is spent touring Milwaukee with free performances followed by talkbacks. All interested teens should call Ray Jivoff at (414) 347-0404 to make an interview appointment.



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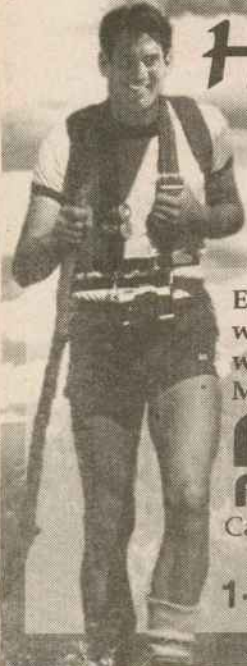
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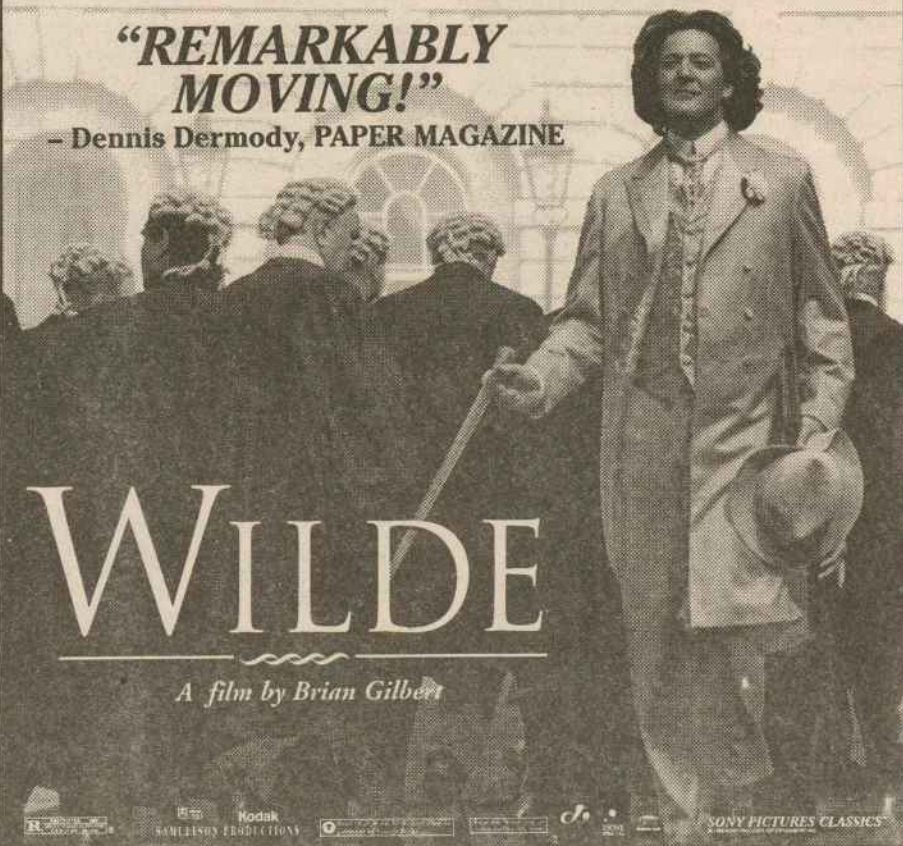
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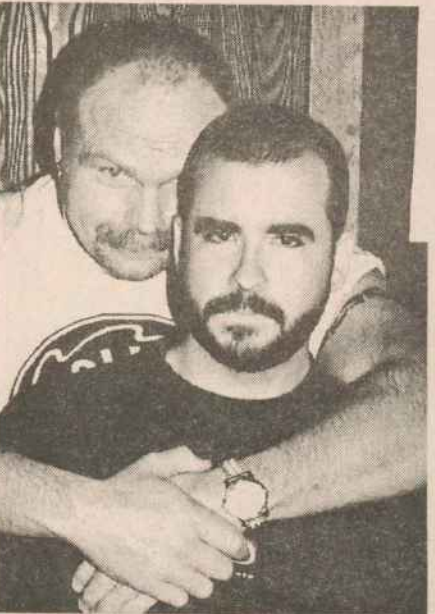
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Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Miller Lite & LesBiGay Radio present "I Never..." with hostess Honey West. Play I never at 9 p.m. No cover before 9 p.m. Qualify for a trip to LA.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): May Day Celebration.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Meat Your Beat: The 4F Collective hosts another monthly dance party from 9 p.m. to close. DJ John Murges, light show, drink specials. \$3 cover.

Saturday, May 2

Woody's (Milwaukee): Mr. SSBL Contest starts at 5 p.m. FMI call (414) 672-0806.

Sunday, May 3

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 8 until 10 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144. The Shaft Club presents a Salute to IML.

Thursday, May 7

Fluid (Milwaukee): HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 8 until 11 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, May 8

Milwaukee Eagle - Black Party (Milwaukee): Donations at the door to benefit ARCW. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. DJ, dancing, champagne at midnight. Special prize for most outrageous all black attire.

Saturday, May 9

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Emerald City Presents... Similar Features (an all-female rock band) with a tribute to Melissa Etheridge. Show starts at 10:30 p.m. No cover before 9 p.m.

M&M Club - Lambda Car Club (Milwaukee): Come see these great cars! The Lambda Car Club's Annual Spring Driving Tour will be at the Club from noon until 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

The Office (Rockford, IL): Mother's Day specials for all the "Mothers".

Wednesday, May 13

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

Book Clubs, Classes, Readings:

Friday, May 1

State Historical Society - Book Signing & Reception (Madison): "Civil War '96," a two-day event at the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum. 3/2 features a full day of programming designed for the general public and includes presentations and tours. FMI call (608) 264-6400.

Saturday, May 2

A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore - Performance (Madison): Finger Rhythm Good, drum music by Kira Fobbs & Dana Beilke in the Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Woodland Pattern - Poetry Reading (Milwaukee): Robert Creeley will give a reading at 8 p.m. \$6 general, \$5 advance tickets and members. FMI call (414) 263-5001.

Monday, May 4

Gerber/Hart Men's Book Group - Discussion (Chicago, IL): The group will discuss James Baldwin's Giovanni's Room at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (773) 883-3003.

Tuesday, May 5

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Lesbian Author Dorothy Allison will read from her second novel, Cavedweller, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Thursday, May 7

A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore - Author Appearance (Madison): UW professor Emeritus Gerda Lerner will read from The Feminist Thought of Sarah Gimke & Why History Matters at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Journalist Jon Lee Anderson will discuss his book Che Guevara: A Revolutionary Life, now out in paperback at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Friday, May 8

A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore - Poetry Jam (Madison): An open-mic night of pets, petting & Pet Peeves. Bring and perform your pet poems at 8 p.m. in the Coffeehouse. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Saturday, May 9

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Mystery writer Sue Grafton will sign copies of N is For Noose at 2 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Sunday, May 10

A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore - All Day Celebration (Madison): Celebrate your mother! Mother's Day High Tea in the Coffeehouse. Tea, cakes and live classical music by local flutist Joy Redmon. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Monday, May 11

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Mequon): Mary Willis will read from her book, All the Dead Lie Down, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Community Meetings and Events:

Friday, May 1

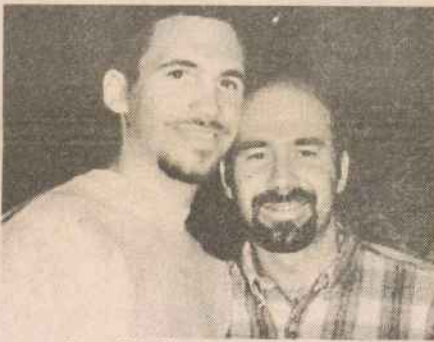
G/L/B/T Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no longer associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for senior men and their friends who enjoy the company of other men to gather on Friday afternoons. The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

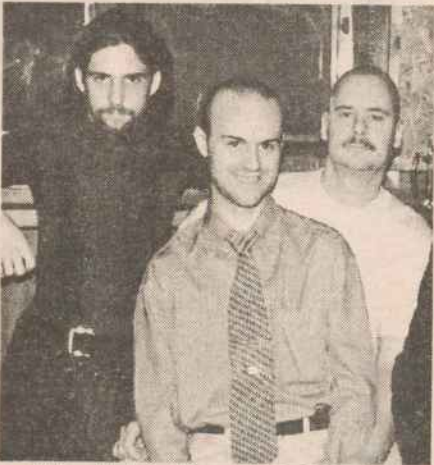
Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Saturday, May 2

Bi Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): Topic: Bi's and Polyamory. The group meets at BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street



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Rainbow Heights - Rummage Sale (Milwaukee): Household items, art, green plants and baked goods & other stuff. All at 1722 N. 52nd St. (corner of Washington Blvd. From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 778-1269.

Sunday, May 3

University of Chicago - International House Chicago: The Annual Festival of Nations showcasing food, films, music, dance and displays from over 25 nations starts at noon at 1414 E. 59th St. FMI call (773) 753-2274.

Monday, May 4

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.

Tuesday, May 5

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): Partners for Progress, will be discussed from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 1249 N. Franklin. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

Wednesday, May 6

Gay Men - Workshop & Discussion (Milwaukee): You Can Throw Away Those Condoms If You Come To This Discussion! This is a workshop for gay men in relationships who want to learn how to stop using condoms safely. It's from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Just Us, 807 S. 5th St. It's free & includes food & refreshments. FMI call Andy Bagnal at (414) 225-1502.

MAGIC/GALVANIZE - Monthly Meeting (Madison): The meeting is at Fyfe's Corner Bistro at 5 p.m., and is located at 1344 E. Washington.

Thursday, May 7

Block Pride Celebration - Planning Meeting (Chicago, IL): Discussion & planning of the 1998 Block 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): Prenatal HIV Counseling & Testing: Determinants & Consequences, will be discussed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at 1249 N. Franklin. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

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.

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

Gemini Gender Group - Meeting (Brookfield): The group meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 297-9328.

Tuesday, May 12

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. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. 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 weekly 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.

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.

Thursday, May 14

Boyzfriends - 4-Week Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Topics include communication, trust, outside temptations and keeping your sex life interesting. Thursday nights at the North Avenue Library, 1910 E. North Ave. It's free & includes food & refreshments. FMI call Andy Bagnal at (414) 225-1502.

Film, TV, Video, Radio:

Friday, May 1

UWM Student Film & Video Festival (Milwaukee): An opportunity to see a selection of undergraduate and graduate student film and videos. FMI call (414) 229-4070.

Monday, May 4

Dyke TV - WYOU, Cable 4 (Madison): A 30-minute show produced in New York City at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

Boyz Nite - ARCW - Movie Night (Milwaukee): Movies are shown on the first Tuesday of the month & later there is a discussion. All ages wel-

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Wednesday, May 6

Nothing to Hide - Public Access TV, Cable 4 (Madison): The Made Theater with Jinx Davis: Sripitase of the Soul (part 1) & Straight From the Heart. from 9 to 11 p.m.

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

Museums & Galleries

Friday, May 1

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Performance (Sheboygan, WI): Jazz with Leonard Eta & Kazutoki Umezu at 7:30 p.m. \$19 public, \$12.50 members. FMI call (920) 458-6144.

Michael H. Lord Gallery - Current Show (Milwaukee) Steven Foster's show of small format photography will run through 5/23. FMI call (414) 272-1007.

Sunday, May 3

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Main Gallery Exhibition (Sheboygan, WI): Labyrinth in the Main Gallery is an installation that begins with two artists constructing a labyrinth. This is the first part of three major installations. The exhibition will run through 8/9 and is free to the public. FMI call (920) 458-6144.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Artspace Exhibition (Sheboygan, WI): Indulgences: The Works of Sarah Peters, will be on view in Artspace, 724 G Woodlake Rd. through 6/21. The exhibit is free to the public. FMI call (920) 452-8602.

Wednesday, May 6

University of Chicago - Renaissance Society (Chicago, IL): An exhibit of new works from Chicago-based African-American painter Kerry James Marshall will be shown through 6/28 at Cobb Hall's Bergman Gallery, 5811 S. Ellis Ave. FMI call (773) 702-8670.

Friday, May 8

Milwaukee Art Museum - Photography (Milwaukee): Nearly a century of the open road will be recounted in this show of photographs from the Harley Davidson archives, shown in connection with the company's 95th anniversary. The show will run through August 9. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

UWM Fine Arts - Gallery One (Milwaukee): An opening reception for the works of Jim Isermann from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery One is located at 3253 N. Downer Ave. The show will run through 8/2. There is no charge to the public. FMI call (414)229-5070.

UWM Fine Arts - Gallery Two (Milwaukee): An opening reception for the works of Nestor Quinones from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery Two is located at 3203 N. Downer Ave. Room 154. The show will run through 8/2. There is no charge to the public. FMI call (414)229-5070.

UWM Fine Arts - Gallery Three (Milwaukee): An opening reception for the works of Philippe Parreno from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery Three is located at 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. in the Fine Arts Center. The show will run through 8/2. There is no charge to the public. FMI call (414)229-5070.

Thursday, May 14

University of Chicago - Smart Museum (Chicago, IL): A Sense of Wonder: African Art from the Faletti Family Collection, will open today and run through 6/28 at 5550 S. Greenwood Ave. FMI call (773) 702-0200.

Theater Arts:

Friday, May 1

Alverno College - Japanese Drum Ensemble (Milwaukee): Alverno Presents San Jose Taiko, a Japanese-American drumming ensemble will perform in the College's Pitman Theater at 8 p.m. There is also a student matinee from 10 to 11 a.m. FMI call (414) 382-6044.

Broom Street Theater - Current Show (Madison): Miracle Play or Lives of the Saints opened 4/24 and will play Fridays & Saturdays through 5/31. All tickets are \$7 at the door only. FMI & times call (608) 244-8338.

Danceworks - Dance Concert (Milwaukee): The 12-member company will perform several large works. Solos will be performed by guest dancers. It all starts at 8 p.m. at the Center for Arts & Performance of Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8815 W. Wisconsin Ave. There will be a reception and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer. Another performance is scheduled for 5/2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for students. FMI & tickets call (414) 443-8802.

UWM Fine Arts & Ten Chimneys Foundation - Theater (Waukesha, WI): The Celestials: Alfred Lunt & Lynne Fontaine, a new play by Robert Kornfeld, will be presented at Carrol College's Otteson Theater for one night only at 8 p.m. FMI & Tickets call (414) 524-7633.

The Winter Theater Project - Current Show (Madison): WTP is a new theater company based in Madison. The production of Federico Garcia Lorca's Once Five Years Pass celebrates his 100th birthday and opened 4/17. It will run through 5/2 at 7:30 p.m. at the UW-Madison Hensley Theater, 821 University Ave. Space limited to 60 seats. FMI & tickets call (608) 259-8441.

Saturday, May 2

Milwaukee Dance Theater - 10th Anniversary Performance (Milwaukee): A Decade of Dance will be held at the Pabst Theater at 8 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 286-3663. The Rave - Concert (Milwaukee): SKA against Racism featuring Less than Jake, MU 330, Mustard Plug, Tem Toasters, Kemuir, Five Iron Frenzy & more (\$15). At the Milwaukee Eagles Club, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI & tickets call (414) 342-RAVE.

Tuesday, May 5

The Rave - Concert (Milwaukee):Propane with NEA & Kook (\$9). At the Milwaukee Eagles Club, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI & tickets call (414) 342-RAVE.

Wednesday, May 6

The Rave - Concert (Milwaukee): King Diamond with Pitbull Daycare & Midian (\$15). At the Milwaukee Eagles Club, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI & tickets call (414) 342-RAVE.

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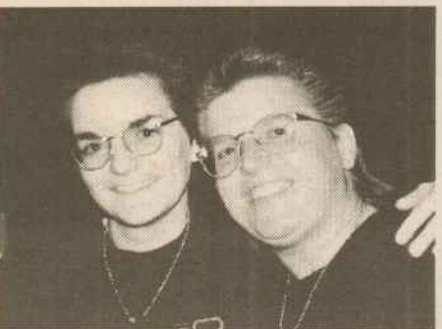
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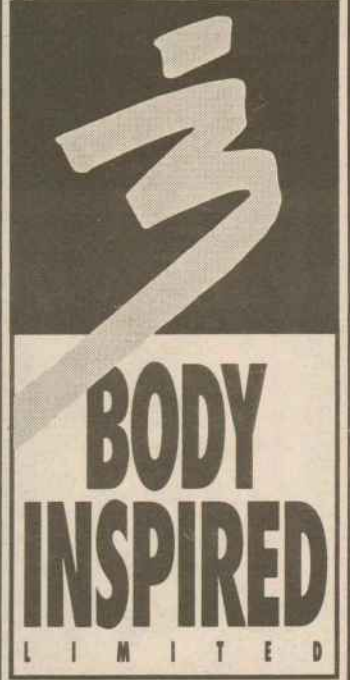
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BOOK REVIEW

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A Flame For The Touch That Matters

Poems By Michael Lassell

These are poems to read while you think of someone you love, have loved, or wanted to love--or even if you want to think about yourself and your life. When you pick up this book and open it you'll find poems; no introduction, no forward, just poems. And, they are poems of gay male love: desire, yearning, heartbreak, and the pleasures of the body.

On the back cover, James Manrique says, "... I know of no other poet since [P.F.] Cafavy who has written so insistently and so eloquently about homosexual desire." Richard Labonté adds, "...Each poem, every line, is a look at an honest man's heart, a wise man's soul."

There are poems on love and lust such as *There aren't enough poems about fucking and I want my dick sucked* that are highly charged pieces of erotic writing. There are poems that describe places such as the garden of the Museum of Modern Art and other areas of the city ... I particularly liked the following ones.

End of summer: Christopher Street Pier

Something's in flames in New Jersey, as it so often is (last night it was fireworks for Labor Day), and now black billows of smoke head across the Hudson with the weather (as fine as any this summer). The men and boys are here (in various states of exposure), and I am wanting this one or that in familiar degrees of futility. I do not harbor delusions of reciprocity. My flawed admiration is my exposure to indifference, ridicule ... disgust. Yet I am tanned by it. My frozen heart still knows to seek this necessary thaw.

That boy on the pier

I want to kiss that boy on the pier, but he stares at the olive river, peacock sky, anywhere but in my direction. (He is angling for fresher game than me.) Below us, inch-long fish, invisible except for enormous eyes, swim upstream and leap each drifting stick in sport, it seems--or is it desperation multiplied by years of pursuing the baited prize? And what's that floating by--that bag of pale gray blots? the gas-filled torso of a poet past his prime, perhaps, who wanted to kiss a boy's sweet lips one last time, but fell in love with a river that did not say no?

Each poem, creates a mental picture for the reader. Some are pages long, and some are very short. There are poems that reflect on loved ones lost to AIDS. All of them are beautiful to read and heartbreaking to think about.

Dressing for work

Today I put on loose-fit, button-fly jeans from the Gap, a jungle-green shirt from Eddie Bauer on Third, and scuffed-up loafers from L.L. Bean (by catalog from Main). I topped it off with a safari jacket that's equators too big, but served me well in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the tropics of L.A.

Saying good-bye to myself in the mirror, I saw I'd pulled on Robert's face like a mask--who I dreamed last night was alive again, and gray--and over that slipped Clark's sweet face, who came the night before and curled into my arms, his nipples harder than ever, and I wore them heavily down.

No one on the Broadway local seemed to care, or on the cross-town shuttle. No one said a word on a rush-hour diagonal through Grand Central station. No one on Lex was the least bit concerned to see a three-faced man on his way to cubicle hell, and two of his faces, at least, already stiff with death.

Michael Lassell, whose previous books of poetry include *Poems for Lost and Un-Lost Boys* (Winner of the first Amelia Chapbook award, 1985) and *Decade Dance* (Alyson 1990), a finalist in the Gregory Kolovakos Award Competition for writing about AIDS, and winner of a Lambda Literary Award, was born in 1947. He lives and writes in Greenwich Village. (Painted Leaf Press, ISBN: 0-9651558-9-7, \$12)

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

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As I write this column, I am still not "on-line." I don't have an e-mail address, and obviously, can't browse those chat rooms. Not that I don't have any experience with any of that. Some of my friends are on-line, so I've had a little experience. I just don't think chat rooms are for me, too much bullshit, too much deceit. If I'm going to spend hours talking to a person or decide to "hook up", I wanna have an idea what this person looks like and get a general "feel" for what the person is like. That way at least they can't give you this 23 year-old, 5'11", 170lb, swimmers build, blond hair, brown eyes, ex-International Male model line... Then you meet him and he's really a 33 year old, 300lb ex-sumo wrestler. Nope, too much of the unknown when your chatting on line for me

Case in point: I have a friend, we'll call him Stan. He decided to browse the chat rooms to see what was out there. After awhile Stan told me that he had indeed, found a great guy that was gorgeous. Stan showed me the pic the guy sent him, and let me tell ya, the guy in the pic was gorgeous! Stan hadn't actually met the guy in person, but they had spent countless hours chatting on line. Chatting about the other guy's fears of coming out of the closet (Stan was to be his first gay experience, can you say red flag?), chatting about love and a bazillion other things.

After a couple of weeks they decided to actually meet in person at one of the local clubs. Turns out that the guy stood him up. After Stan got back to his computer the guy gave him some lame excuse as to why he didn't show. Stan thought OK, I'll give him another chance, after all, the guy was stunning. After a week or so they set up another meeting at Stan's house. Just before the guy

was to show up, Stan's phone rang. Apparently the guy was so excited about finally meeting Stan that he fell down the stairs and broke his foot... just as he was running out the door. Had to go to the hospital to have it put in a cast and so on.

By this time all of Stan's friends — including me — are getting suspicious. Stan, on the other hand still had his head in the clouds. He kept making excuses for "on-line boyfriend". He can't make it this weekend, he's going up north to see his cousin, he's just afraid to come out of the closet, broke a nail, had to wash his hair, whatever.

Stan is no dummy and finally found out that the guy he had spent so much time on line with was a much older, much heavier, fucked-up-in-the-head freak.

I learned my lesson with the "Unknown" about five years ago when I answered a personal ad. The guy was probably 19 or 20 but when I met him, he was 20 pounds more than what his ad said and not at all attractive. Five minutes into the date I was looking for a way out. I stopped at a gas station, went inside (leaving the date in the car), called Stan on my cellular, and told him to call me right back. I got back in the car and sure enough my phone rang. I said, "Hello, Dad? Your kidding, your stuck on the freeway with a flat? Give me 10 minutes I'll be right there." Whew, I apologized for my silly father and dropped him off at home. I called Stan right back and thanked him over and over again, while he kept laughing at me throughout the whole phone call. No thanks, I'd rather know up front who I'm dealing with.

Moving on... It's been a pretty cool past couple of weeks here in the lovely state of Wisconsin. **The Possum Queen Campaign** is underway which means there will

be lots of campy drag shows to attend. The first show was held at **M&M** starring **Sage La Rue**, **Fondle Udaily**, **Lizzy Bordeaux** and **Charolette Rae**. I was in Austin so I don't have any pictures (hello, still looking for a back-up photographer) but I heard the show was a huge success.

South Water Street Docks also started their Possum Queen Campaign. The 2 contestants there were **Topaz** and **Miss Aqua Marie**. Sources tell me that this was also a great show.

Survival Revival put on the Survival Revival Fashion Show/Review Friday the 17th. This show is a must see. There are all sorts of different fashions with just a bit of camp (OK Lots of camp). This year's show included **Sister Cashbox**, **B.J. Daniels**, comedian **Bill Flinn** with live music by **Gladrags**. Miss Gay Wisconsin, **Sage La Rue** also performed and we all know she's good for great performance.

The Office in Rockford brought in the fabulously funny puppeteer **Jerry Halliday** Friday the 16th. From what I hear he's pretty funny, how 'bout a stop in Milwaukee?

The Boot Camp has been working with **BESTD Clinic** with Fund-raisers and of course hosting the **BESTD Traveling HIV Testing Clinic**. I made a stop there, stuck that little foam type toothbrushy thing in my mouth while I chatted with Erv and Ross. It just takes a minute, and there are no needles, so keep an eye on the calendar for where the traveling clinic's next stop will be and get tested!

There's been lot's going on at **Emerald City** these past couple of weeks. Along with the regular fun you can always find there, the **Hoosier Honeys** performed there a couple Fridays' ago. The next night Emerald City hosted the **Spectrum Pride Week**

Dance Party that boasted a great turnout.

This past weekend I made the trip to Green Bay to hook up with some friends and had a great time. I met up with **Chris** and **Bobby Joe** at **Za's** for a starter cocktail and then headed over to **Brandy's II** for **Kelli Jo Klein's** 30th birthday. The show was hilarious and included a popular leather title holder (not mentioning any names, but his initials are Stacey!) in drag. It was too funny.

Our next stop was the newest addition to gay Green Bay, **Buddies**. It's a pretty nice place, more of a place to be able to hold a conversation. The jukebox is not too loud and a pool table if I remember correctly.

At around midnight it was back over to **Za's** where the bar tenders hassled me and Bobby Joe and Chris were able to dance. This club is still the best dance club gay or straight in Green Bay. Thanks to **Za** for taking time out for photographs (the ones I took turned out).

The next morning I had to head down to Madison for the **Milmaids XIII** Milwaukee and Madison Against AIDS 9 Pin Tap Tournament. There were bowlers from all over the state helping to raise money for the fight against AIDS. As I write this column I have not heard what the final numbers are.

After the banquet I went over to **Shamrock**, **Kirbys Klub** and finally over to **Ray's** All 3 clubs were a blast but I was starting to wear thin so by 9:00 p.m. it was time to head back to Milwaukee so I could crawl into bed.

Which brings me to now. It's been a long weekend and I gotta go out to help celebrate **Chris Hammerbeck's 30th birthday**. Your finally over the hill so no more old jokes from you girl! So... I'm gonna close this column with thoughts of spring and as always slower traffic keep right.

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CAGE THIS BEAR I'm a 29 year old Bi - Male with long blonde hair. I stand about 5'11", 255 lbs, I'm into music, parties and messing around. I want a younger Man who is no older than 35, must have facial hair like I do. If you're a young stud, and like a big bear type, give me a call. (Chicago) ☎5511

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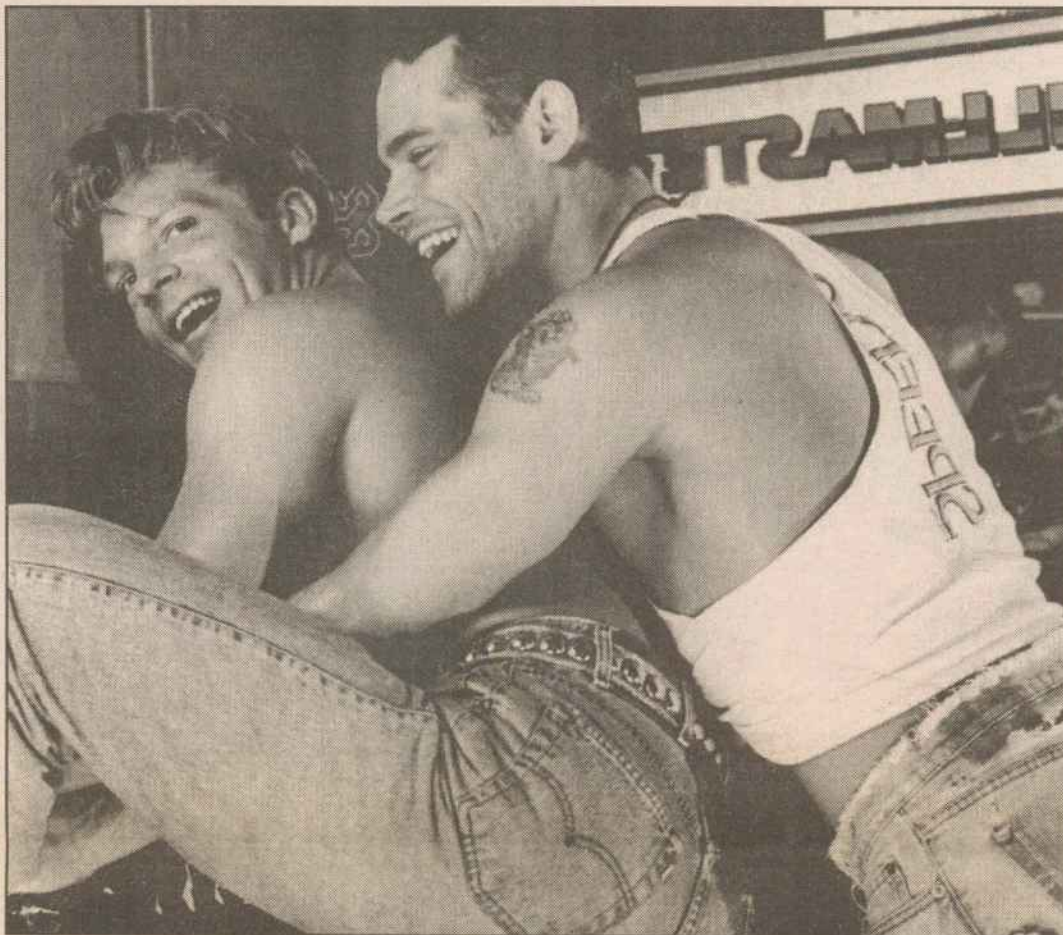
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BACK TO THE BOYS Newly Divorced, White male, 5'11, 240lbs and losing weight, seeks guys to have fun with. I smoke, am a social drinker, and can't wait to catch up on what I've been missing. (Milwaukee) ☎8973

LET'S MESS AROUND I'm a Single Male, 29, 6'5", 250 lbs., moderately hairy, uncut, with long black hair, mustache, and a beard. I'm looking for other big, hairy guys under 35 to meet up with and mess around with. I'm definitely into younger Guys. (Chicago) ☎5511

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

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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

LET'S GO I'm looking for a Man with a beard, maybe a motorcycle, but you don't have to be a Hell's Angel or anything. I'm a Gay White Male, 5'2", 160 lbs, you should be loving and caring. (Spring Green) ☎17982

I LOOK LIKE A BOY This very young looking, 21 year old, Bi, White male, wants to meet men, of any age and race, who will treat me like the submissive I am. I'm willing to travel and do anything for you. This is all pretty new to me and I can't wait to get started. (Eau Claire) ☎14380

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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

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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

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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

LET'S PLAY! These two in-shape Gay White Males in their early 30's, good-looking, would like to meet a third Male or another couple for fun times and adventure. Let's try some new things. (Milwaukee) ☎17313

I WANT TO STRIP FOR YOU I want you to be my french mate. I am a 30 year old submissive Single White Male. I want you to tell me what to do, humiliate me and do what ever you want me to do for or to you. (Milwaukee) ☎17484

LET'S WORK OUT Hi Guys. I need an exercise partner who is around 180 lbs and in good shape. I like judo and wrestling, so if you want a really hot work-out, call me. (Milwaukee) ☎15592

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

BEAT ME, WHIP ME This Gay Male is into really hot, steamy phone talk. If you're into physical pleasure, please leave an evening message and I'll give you a call back. (Milwaukee) ☎18025

HOW BI AM I? I'm a Married White Male, very, very, very Bi, looking for a Guy to get together with on a regular basis. I'm 48, 5'9", 180 lbs., with a good build. I enjoy the outdoors and watching videos, and thong underwear really turns me on. Let's meet. ☎25097

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

GREEN BAY BOY I'm hot to meet someone for good times. Let's get together and make our fantasies come true. (Green Bay) ☎12744

GOODBYE GREEN BAY Good looking, rugged, White male, 34, 6'2, 168lbs, into snowskiing, water-skiing, motorcycles, and other fun stuff, seeks a guy to enjoy life with. I'm moving to Texas in a few months. (Green Bay) ☎14092

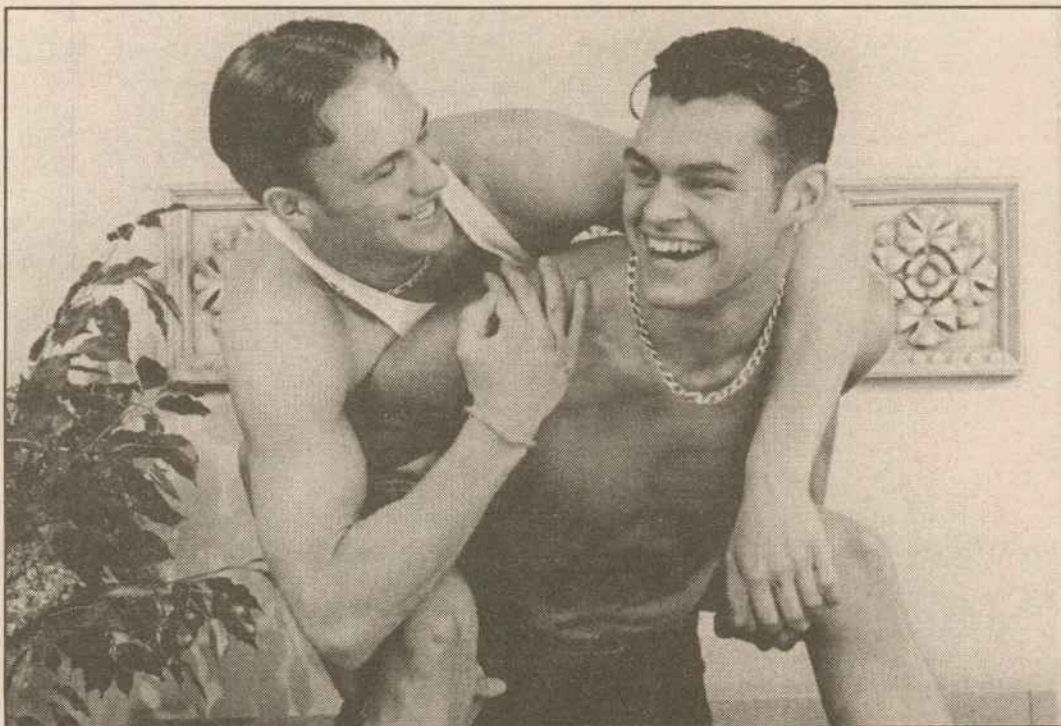
RIDING THE TRAILS Fun loving, White male, 5'11, 220lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, wants to meet someone to spend time with. I like camping, long walks, mountain biking, and hanging out at home. (Appleton) ☎11582

A NEW BEGINNING This 30 year old, White male, just coming out of a rocky relationship, seeks new friends to pal around with. I live about 30 miles out of Appleton. (Appleton) ☎11492

SHOW ME A GOOD TIME I'm a 21 year old, very good looking Gay White Male, 6'1", with blonde hair and green eyes. I'm looking for other Gay White Males who are 20-24 years old and would like to meet and maybe do something later. (Madison) ☎18039

SEASON TO TASTE This attractive Gay White Male, 25, 5'11", 180 lbs, seeks someone to hang out with. I like alternative music, techno, cooking, and going to farmer's markets. Let's get together. (Madison) ☎17401

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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

PLEASURE WITH YOU This very versatile Black Male, 38, 5'7", 190 lbs., dark complected, with a shaved head, beard, and mustache, seeks a well-endowed Man of any race, preferably a top, for mutual pleasure. I'm stocky and very talented orally, and I'm waiting to meet you. (Milwaukee) ☎15624

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

ARE YOU BEING SERVED? This submissive Male, 40's, seeks an overweight White Male master into foot worship, humiliation, and oral servitude. Make me a slave. ☎15306

RISE AND SHINE This masculine, dominant, White top Man, 37, 165 lbs, seeks a masculine, hairy-chested bottom. I work third shift, so mornings are preferred. (Racine) ☎16825

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-complected 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

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

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

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

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

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

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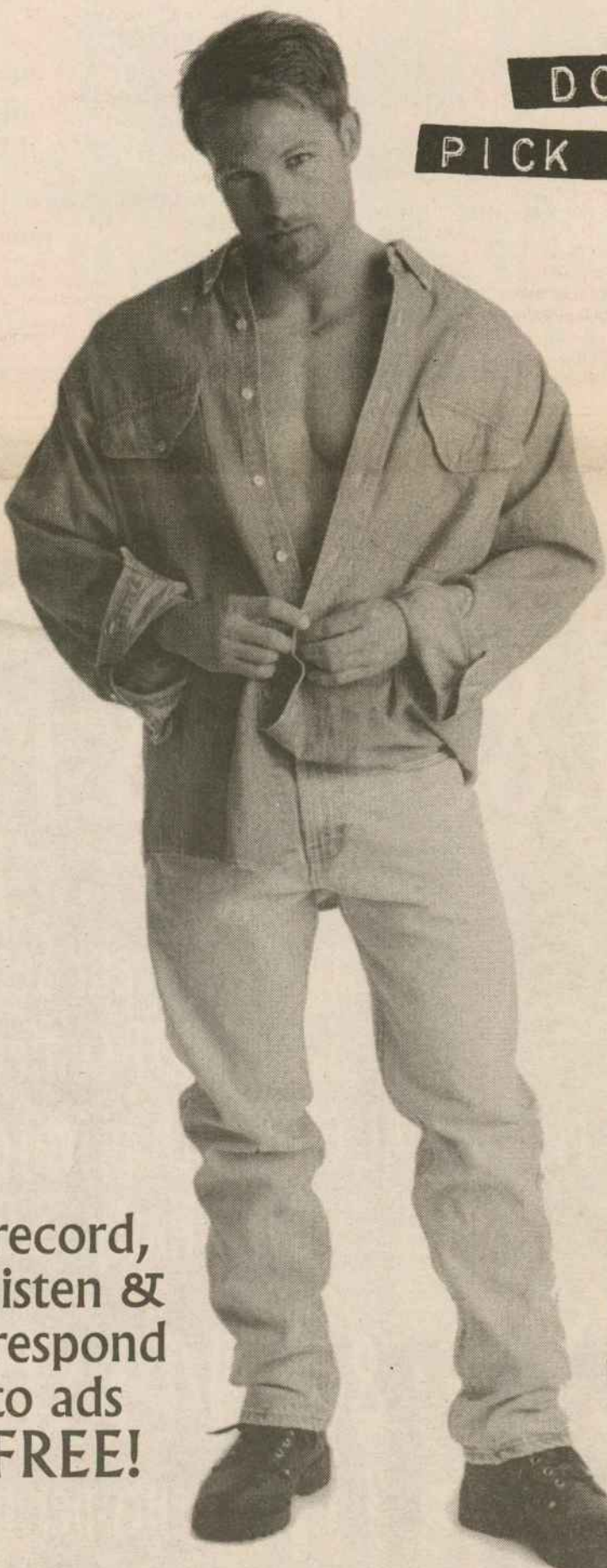
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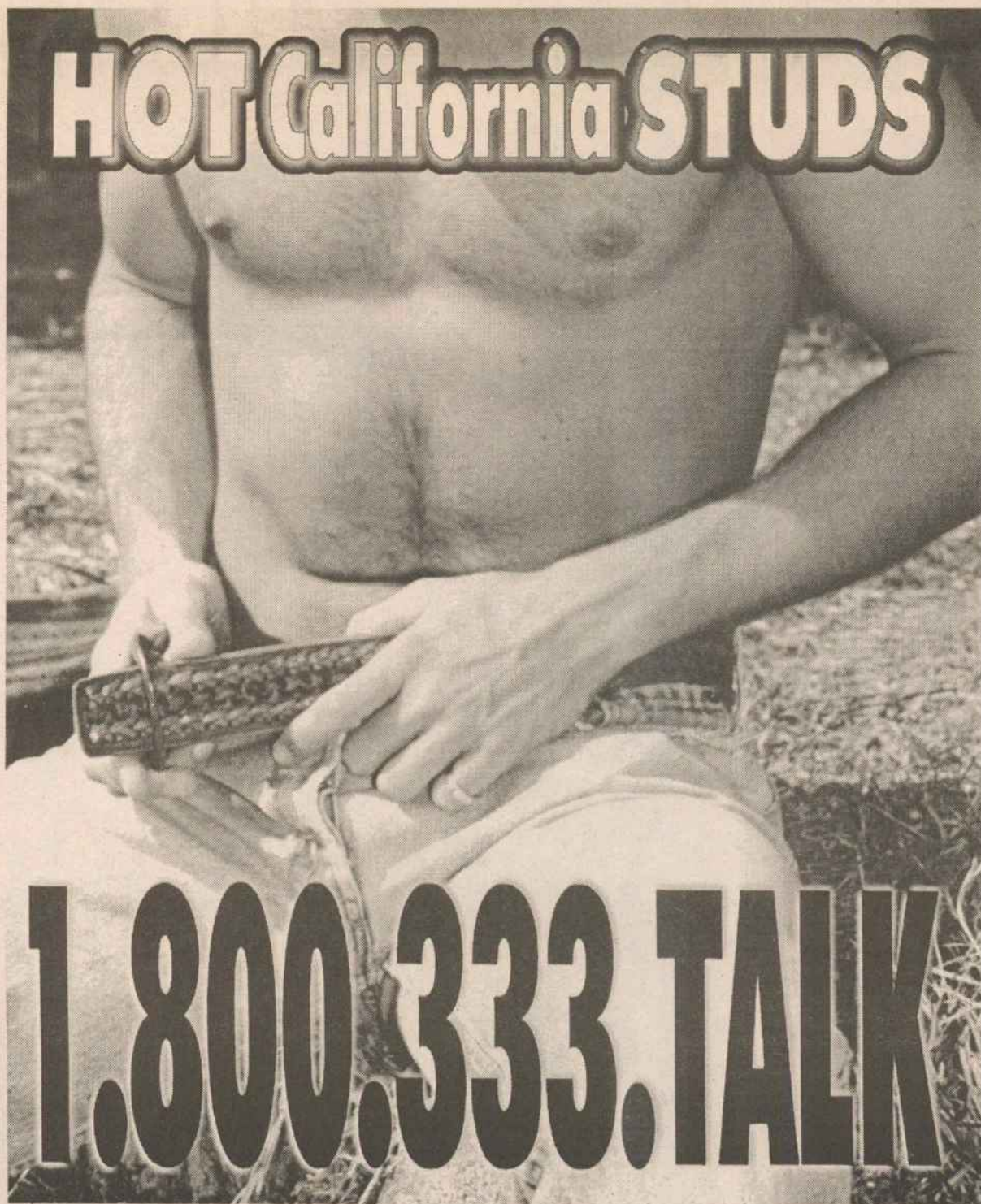
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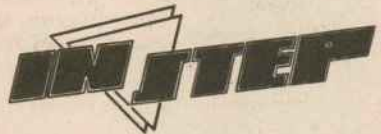
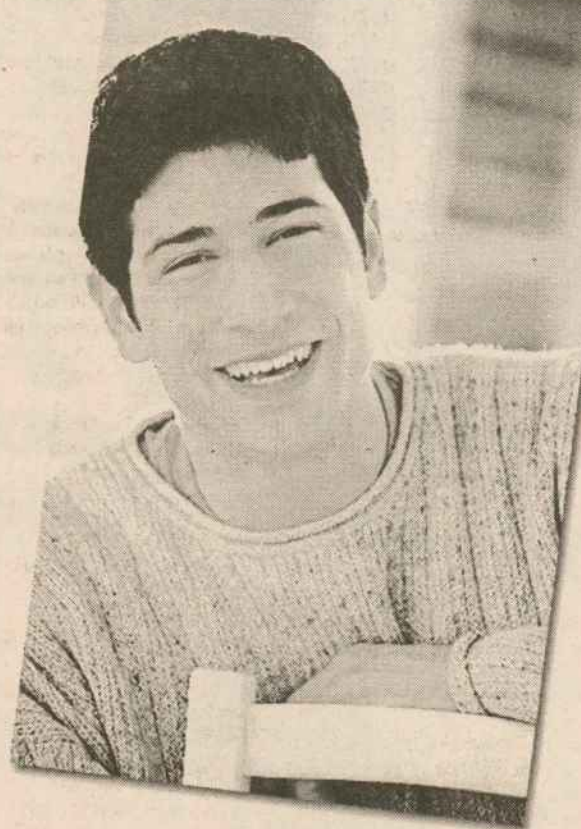
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