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Baldwin Launches Historic Bid For Congress

Madison — Democrat Tammy Baldwin officially entered the race for her party's nomination for the 2nd Congressional District, telling a large crowd of supporters not to be afraid to dream. Standing outside of University Hospital, Baldwin noted that, "a lot of political

"...a lot of political insiders say I am not the candidate from central casting. ...this time the political insiders are right. When I get to Washington, I'm not going to be just another one of the boys."

insiders say I am not the candidate from central casting. They say I'm going to anger too many powerful people and take on those with privilege and access. Well this time the political insiders are right. When I get to Washington, I'm not going to be just another one of the boys."

Baldwin chose University Hospital for the site of her announcement because it means much to the people who work there, area families and the entire community. "The hospital represents on a personal level both the hopes and anxieties that many of us face in our daily lives," she said. "While medical miracles are performed here on a daily basis, many, many people still have no health care security. It's time to take a stand."

The Democrat said that too many politicians are afraid to tackle health care reform. "In this time of economic prosperity, rapidly changing medicine and political opportunity, it is time we renew our commitment to health care and security for all." Baldwin is not promoting added bureaucracy or more paperwork. Instead, she envisions a system where treating a child with leukemia or an uninsured emergency room patient does not rest on insur-

ance company profits. "I want doctors and nurses and other health care professionals making those decisions based on their training and their commitment to saving lives, healing wounds, and treating illnesses," she said.

"We need reform that provides every family with the security and knowledge that a heart attack, a child with a severe disability, diabetes, breast cancer, AIDS, or a car accident will not mean financial ruin and bankruptcy," Baldwin said.

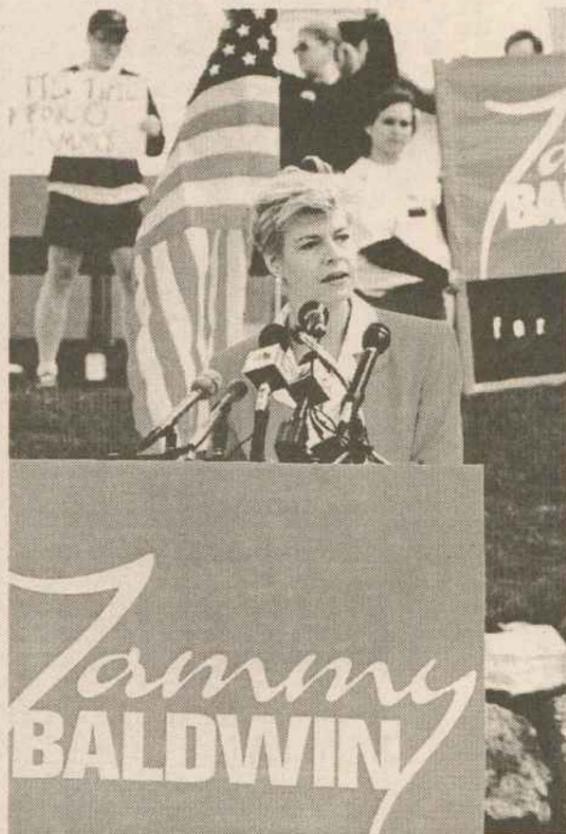
Before outlining her agenda of health care reform, education, environmental protection and fighting for seniors and the disenfranchised, Baldwin was introduced by four area residents from very different walks of life. All four praised Tammy for her courage and urged voters to elect her to Congress.

"We need Tammy Baldwin in Congress," said Cottage Grove farmer Steve Querin-Schultz, who is concerned about the plight of family farmers. "She is willing to listen and is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and tackle tough jobs."

Pam Porter, Executive Director of the Environmental Decade, agreed and added that Baldwin's record fighting for clean air was second to none. She praised Baldwin's effort to cap mercury levels in water to protect both wildlife and the health of Wisconsin families.

Baldwin has always credited her grandmother with being her mentor and role model. "She helped raise me since I was two months old," Baldwin said. "She will turn 92-years old in three weeks. I could not stand before you today if it were not for Social Security and Medicare. It's not just a commitment we made to seniors. It's a commitment we made to families. Who among us would turn our backs on our parents or grandparents?"

Baldwin admitted her agenda is bold, ambitious and visionary. "Many will say that it is not achievable. I disagree. I disagree because I know that it is *our* agenda," she added. "I know that the people can and will prevail even against incredible odds and very powerful interests. We have got to stop listening to those who say we can't achieve our dreams. We are Americans. We decide what's possible," she concluded.



Baldwin announced her run for Congress. Photo: Jorge Cabal

The 36-year old Baldwin is running against two other candidates in the Democratic primary. She is seeking to become the first woman and open lesbian in Wisconsin's 150 year history to be elected to Congress.

PrideFest Announces Award Recipients

Milwaukee — Each year, PrideFest presents awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated leadership, community service, and notable achievements. This year's winners are Jan Uebelherr, Thomas Reed, and Mark Mariucci, Community Service Awards; the Kelly-Jones Family and Scott Gunkel, Stonewall Awards; and J. Robert Moore, Lifetime Achievement Award.

They will be invited to ride in Sunday's parade as honorary marshals, and will be presented with plaques at the Harley Davidson Stage after the parade, about 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Jan Uebelherr is a journalist and assignment writer for the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*. Her coverage of PrideFest has been consistently fair and objective, which has resulted in a more positive image of the festival and the LGBT community overall. Her level of professionalism as a reporter and her desire to work directly with our community representatives has given the LGBT community a stronger voice in Milwaukee through the city's largest daily newspaper.

Thomas Reed, director of strategic planning and programs for Miller Brewing Co. and Philip Morris Management Corp. has been with the company for 15 years. Miller has been a leader in funding LGBT programs and in the fight against AIDS. Reed has testified on behalf of Miller in front of state legislatures in support of gay rights bills. Miller is the only alcohol beverage company to do so.

Reed has helped local organizations such as Cream City Foundation, Saturday Softball League, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, the United of Madison, Holiday Invitational Tournament and AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin obtain corporate funding from Miller. And Miller Brewing Company has been the largest and most loyal corporate sponsor of PrideFest, having provided \$55,000 since 1994.

Mark Mariucci is owner and publisher of *Quest* magazine and one of the founders of Rainbow Over Wisconsin. He has made a conscious decision to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in the Fox Valley area in an effort to keep people from moving to larger urban cities. His goal is to make it possible for LGBT people to live their lives within their hometowns, no matter how small, with a support network of friends and family, and with the acceptance of the community at large. Mariucci was instrumental in the formation of Rainbow Over Wisconsin, a non-profit organization that hosts fund raising events, disbursing the money to other LGBT organizations in the Fox Valley area.

Stonewall Award: This award goes to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated the spirit of the Stonewall Riots by fighting to bring about change for the benefit of others.

Sunshine Jones, Joann Kelly, and their daughter, Sol, of Madison, have been active participants in the quest for

equal rights for gay and lesbian families with children. Sunshine and Joann were both instrumental in the founding of Madison's Lesbian Parents Network in 1989. This group continues to provide much needed support and advocacy to more than 150 Madison-area families.

In the past year, Sunshine, Joann, and Sol offered testimony at four state legislative hearings on bills affecting LGBT family rights. Their most recent testimony was against AB 104, the same-sex marriage prohibition bill. Their testimony, given in Wausau, provided the legislators with specific insights into the joys and problems of two lesbians raising a family. Sunshine and Joann have been in what they describe as "a lesbian marriage relationship based on love, fidelity, commitment, and spiritual faith" for nineteen years. In 1987 Sol was born and both moms have shared the journey of parenting in all aspects of her life. Their own activism and their support of Sol's involvement in LGBT family rights truly exemplifies the spirit of the Stonewall Award, designed to recognize those who fight to bring about change for the benefit of others.

Scott Gunkel's energy and enthusiasm has touched many, many organizations including the Cream City Foundation, Human Rights League, Lambda Rights Network, Cream City Business Association, Community Election Coalition, American Civil Liberties Union's Milwaukee Chapter, Wisconsin Research

Center, Sherman Park Rainbow Association, Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, PrideFest, and ACT-UP. Gunkel has consistently called for equal rights and justice for all people whether they are black, white, male, female, gay, or straight.

Lifetime Achievement Award: This presented to an individual who has demonstrated ongoing leadership and commitment to the LGBT community. Individuals who have received this award in the past have been instrumental in changing the course of the community's history. This year's award goes to J. Robert Moore.

Moore's involvement in Milwaukee's LGBT community goes back more than 25 years. He served as treasurer for the Gay People's Union, hosted the opening reception for the Cream City Business Association, served on the board of the Lambda Rights Network, and currently serves as the sports director for PrideFest.

Moore's contributions to the community is impressive: organizer of the walking component of Frontrunners of Milwaukee; co-founder of the Public Officials' Reception Committee; co-founder of Cream City Squares; founder and officer of the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin; founder, treasurer, president, and editor of Milwaukee's GAMMA; co-chair of the first national assembly in July, 1978, of Lutherans Concerned-Wisconsin. All these organizations are still going strong.

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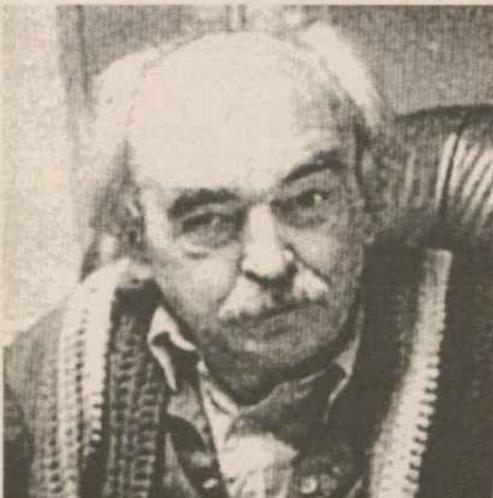
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Gay Activist Jim Kepner's Life Celebrated in L.A.

Los Angeles, CA — On the evening of May 22, 1998 about a thousand persons gathered at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills,



James Kepner. Photo: Giord

California to celebrate the life of the late Jim Kepner, long-time day activist, bibliographer, historian, author and founder of *The International Gay and Lesbian Archives* in Los Angeles. Kepner died last November 15 at 74, and it was fitting that the tribute to him also celebrated the last 50 years of the gay and lesbian rights movement and honored over 30 of the pioneers from all over the country who made significant contributions to the movement.

Among those recognized and introduced from the stage were Steve Ault, Jeanne Barney, Bob Basker, Lisa Ben, Malcom Boyd, Vern Bullough, Rev. Flo Fleishman, Hal Call, Barbara Gittings, Harry Hay and John Burnside, Frank Kameny, Judd Marmor, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Eldon Murray, Jack Nichols, John O'Brien, Ernie Porvin, Jose Sarria, Mark Segal, Adelle Starr, Randy Wickler, Arch Wilson and other movement pioneers.

Emcees for the evening were actor Michael Kearns and comedy star Robin Tyler. John O'Brien, a participant in the Stonewall Riots, and one of the founders of the Gay Liberation Front which sprang up immediately after the riots, introduced each of the pioneers to appreciative applause from the audience. O'Brien is currently chairperson of the Board of the Archives. Such luminaries as Harry Hay, Frank Kameny, and Barbara Gittings remembered Kepner and shared brief remembrances of events in the movement in which they participated.

Several of the younger speakers pointed out that gays and lesbians would not have the freedoms that we know today without the efforts of these pioneers. The women's choral group *Vox Femina* entertained and film actor and nightclub entertainer Michael Greer provided a bit of levity as he introduced a film clip about the movement, which

featured Kepner and some of the pioneers who had just been introduced.

Kepner was last in Milwaukee in 1994 when he brought his gay history boards to PrideFest and accepted PrideFest's Lifetime Achievement award. Milwaukee was represented at the event by long-time gay activist Eldon E. Murray who said, "I am proud to have been included as a pioneer in the company of such gay movement celebrities. I was a good friend of Jim Kepner and I know that he would have been pleased to share an evening that was dedicated to him with others who also worked very hard in the movement."

Activist's White House Funeral Protests Clinton AIDS Policies

Washington, D.C. — The body of a Washington, D.C., AIDS activist who died last week was paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House by protestors critical of President Clinton's AIDS policies. Steve Michael, 42, died of the disease May 25.

According to a statement by ACT UP — the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power — Michael's dying wish was to have his body taken to the White House for a "political funeral" that would dramatize his view that the president has failed to live up to 1992 and 1996 campaign promises on AIDS research and prevention.

As the procession of approximately 200 protestors reached the White House, Michael's partner, Wayne Turner, told march organizers, "I want a good photo-op spot." He then helped Michael's mother, Barbara Michael, open the casket.

The deceased rested with his hands crossed, wearing a "friendship" bracelet and a white ACT UP T-shirt.

Blasting the President for refusing to fund needle exchange programs and universal healthcare, and for failing to appoint an effective "AIDS czar," Turner stood over the casket and called Clinton "a murdering liar."

He said, "Shame on you Bill Clinton. You say you feel my pain? Bill Clinton, you have caused my pain."

Turner had said Michael wanted to use his illness to highlight the pain of AIDS and the need for access to medicinal marijuana.

The two men spent most of the last seven years following Clinton's campaign trails and pressuring him in television advertisements and protests to follow through on promises to establish a large-scale project to find an AIDS cure.

Michael is also remembered for his two symbolic presidential runs and for reviving the Washington, D.C. chapter of ACT UP.

NEWS WIRE

Madison School District Adds Partner Insurance Benefits

MADISON, WI — The Madison school district has agreed to make domestic partners of teachers eligible for health insurance benefits the same as spouses of the district's married teachers are. Mason Sproul, a city resident, has already filed a notice against the new benefit package, won by the district's teachers in recent collective bargaining. Sproul has indicated he intends to challenge the new benefit in an effort to prevent it from taking effect. But school administrators said Sproul's objections would not prevent them from implementing the new benefit package, which includes unmarried same-sex or opposite-sex couples who live together and share expenses.

Calif. Lawmakers Move to Bar Transgender Hate Crimes

SACRAMENTO, CA — California's General Assembly has approved a measure clarifying existing state hate-crimes laws to include crimes aimed at individuals who dress or behave like members of the opposite sex. Hate crimes based on gender can already be prosecuted with an enhanced sentencing, but the state lawmakers wanted to clarify the law to include crimes to include transgendered individuals. The measure now requires both the approval of the state senate and the signature of Gov. Pete Wilson to become law.

Gainesville, Fla., OKs Rights Protections

GAINESVILLE, FL — The Gainesville city commission has voted 3-1 to add sexual orientation to the protected classes in the city's anti-bias ordinance. The expansion means discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, or lending based on sexual orientation is a misdemeanor under city law. Anti-gay conservatives, however, immediately suggested they would mount a legal challenge to the new protections, charging that they are "vague."

Battle Brewing Over Hormel Ambassadorial Nomination

Washington, D.C. — The nomination of Jim Hormel to be the country's ambassador to the tiny European nation of Luxembourg, stalled by Republican senators who don't think an openly gay person should serve such a role, is increasingly becoming the object of efforts to force a Senate vote.

Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) has refused to call the nomination for a vote by the full Senate even though the Foreign Relations Committee approved it by 16-2 late last year. Anti-gay conservatives, led by Sens. James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) and Robert Smith (R-N.H.), have used a parliamentary procedure to virtually derail a vote on Hormel's nomination.

But in an effort to force the nomination to a floor vote, rights leaders, White House officials and senators from both parties met in early June to work out strategies to force a vote. At the same time, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) has promised to kick up an amendment storm in the Senate to force a vote.

Wellstone called the stalled nomination "shameful" and "blatant discrimination" and said that when the Senate ends its current work on tobacco legislation, he would introduce a series of amendments calling for a vote on the nomination to every major bill that come up for a vote in the Senate this session. Hormel, 64, is a gay rights advocate, a major donor to the Democratic Party, the former dean of students at the University of Chicago Law School and heir to the Hormel meatpacking fortune.

Kansas Fundies Bring Protest to San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The Topeka, Kan., anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps was greeted largely with indifference when his band of followers showed up in San Francisco to protest the city's year-old domestic partnership ordinance. Phelps and his small clan of followers, who largely comprise the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, took their hallmark "God Hates Fags" signs to the the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in the city's largely gay Castro

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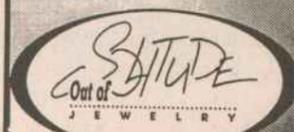
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Washington Gay Paper Folds

Spokane, WA — *Stonewall News Northwest*, a monthly newspaper serving the Spokane area's gay and lesbian community, is closing due to lack of financial support.

Publisher John Deen, who bought the newspaper in 1995, said he no longer has the money or time to keep it afloat.

"It's been devastating," the 64-year-old said. "Stonewall did what it could to give pride to the gay community."

With help from a few volunteers, Deen wrote all the stories and took all the photos. He also sold advertising, did the office work and distributed publication in Spokane and nearby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, each month.

During most months, costs to publish the newspaper came out of Deen's pocket.

News of *Stonewall's* financial problems first appeared in its April issue. In response, local businesses and readers tried to raise money to keep it going.

Milk-n-Mac's, a Coeur d'Alene bar, started the "S.O.S. — Save Our Stonewall" campaign. Advertisers gave more money by increasing the size of their ads, but the additional revenue wasn't enough to save the publication.

"Stonewall served as the glue" uniting the area's gays and lesbians, said Marvin Reguindin, president of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance, an organization of about 100 gay and gay-friendly businesses. "Once a month, they were able to find out what was going on."

Episcopalians Bypass Gay Minister For Bishop Post

Atonement in Tenafly.

He was one of six candidates — all of whom favor ordaining noncelibate gays and blessing same-sex unions — in a field that included the Rev. Canon Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who would have been the first openly gay Episcopal bishop in the nation.

The election of Robinson would probably have touched off a national debate.

"I'm disappointed for myself, but I'm very happy for the Diocese of Newark," the 51-year-old Robinson said in an interview, adding that "Croneberger is a wonderful human being and will be a great bishop."

"It was clear the diocese was not quite ready to take that kind of bold move, especially in light of the controversy it would start though the church," said Jim Solheim, a spokesman for the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Morristown, N.J. (AP) — Averting a looming national controversy, delegates electing the Episcopal Diocese of Newark's next bishop last week chose a Tenafly pastor who supports ordaining noncelibate gays and blessing same-sex unions over a gay candidate who is noncelibate.

On the fourth ballot for the post of bishop coadjutor, who will succeed Bishop John S. Spong when he retires in 2000, delegates chose the Rev. John Croneberger, rector of the Church of the

Election Returns: California and Elsewhere

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Diego, CA — California's primary election produced no real surprises, but it may offer a good preview of battles to come in the general election this November.

Christine Kehoe, a lesbian who serves on the San Diego city council, won the Democratic primary nod to represent San Diego in the House of Representatives. In itself her win is historic since she is now the first open lesbian to win a major party congressional race. But since she ran unopposed, her 40.7 percent vote win wasn't in itself a major victory. She now faces incumbent, Brian Bilbray, a Republican who garnered 53 percent of the vote in the open primary. Bilbray was also running unopposed in his party.

Also in San Diego, Bonnie Dumanis won 72 percent of the unofficial vote to win an unquestioned seat on the judicial bench in California Superior Court.

Sheila Kuehl, the first openly gay or lesbian elected to the state Assembly, ran unopposed in the Democratic primary to represent her Santa Monica district in the state legislature again.

Doubtless one of the state's most colorful — and probably nastiest — races in the general election, of course, will be between the repeat showdown between arch-conservative homophobe Bob Dornan who won the Republican primary and incumbent Democrat Loretta Sanchez in Orange County's congressional race. After 9 unpleasant terms in congress, Dornan was unseated by Sanchez two years ago by less than a thousand-vote margin.

In Los Angeles, Ken Hahn swept to a win as the county assessor with 78 percent of the vote in the race. San Francisco produced no electoral fireworks, and lesbian Carol Yaggy narrowly defeated Ron Albers, a gay man, by a 51-48 margin for a seat on San Francisco Municipal Court. Conceding the race to Yaggy, Albers told reporters his former opponent would make a "stupendous" judge in the court.

In New Mexico, Liz Stefanics, a lesbian and former state lawmaker, appeared to be narrowly winning in her bid as district 1 Public Regulation Commissioner.



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Subtle Movement in the Catholic Church

Analysis by Keith Clark

Despite its current conservative views and top leadership, there are signs — often discreet and subtle — that the Roman Catholic Church in America is in fact slowly struggling to find some sort of “accommodation” that will allow for a greater acceptance of gays and lesbians.

Last month, the San Francisco suburb of Pleasanton ran smack into the kind of controversy that only medieval monks or modern Jesuits might appreciate fully.

Two women — Carol Parker, 50, and Josie Martin, 60 — arranged with Deacon Jim Campbell of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church to perform what they termed a “friendship blessing” in the church’s chapel. The blessing had to be called off after dozens of parishioners learned about it and

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threatened to protest outside the church during the ceremony, saying it amounted to a “gay marriage” (which the Catholic church does not allow) and condoned homosexuality (which the church considers a sin).

No one was surprised when church officials ordered Campbell to cancel the ceremony.

What was somewhat surprising, however, was Deacon Campbell’s response. “When we bless something,” he said, “the intention is to help people in their relationship with God — that’s the sole purpose. There are some people who are very upset at the idea of gays and lesbians in society, and when the church blesses their friendships, they misinterpret that as a gay wedding.”

Deacon Campbell said the friendship blessing the two women had asked for wasn’t even close to a gay wedding, and added that he had performed similar blessings — including one at St. Elizabeth’s.

And even with the hue and cry some parishioners put up, the Rev. Dan Danielson, head of the St. Augustine Parish which includes St. Elizabeth’s, was remarkably mild in his response.

The Rev. Danielson said if the parish blesses the friendships of gay and lesbian couples in the future, it will almost certainly have to be done outside the chapel itself. “Doing it in a church setting leads to confusion,” he said. “It’s too easily misunderstood, even by people of good will.”

Last year, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops submitted a pastoral letter that called for parents to accept their homosexual children with love, saying that sexual orientation is not chosen.

“God loves every person as a unique individual,” the Catholic bishops’ letter says. “Sexual identity helps to define the unique person we are. God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual.” Although the bishops continue to follow the church doctrine that insists homosexuality is “morally wrong,” they distinguish between orientation and behavior and conclude, among other things, that chaste homosexuals should be able to fill leadership roles in the church.

While the pastoral letter is far from a warm embrace, it is at least a mild handshake that many lesbian and gay Catholics have never felt from their church before.

Last year, after San Francisco adopted a sweeping domestic partner benefits law that requires any firm or organization doing business under contract with the city to offer its employees a benefits package comparable to whatever benefits it extends to the spouses of married workers.

The ordinance put the San Francisco Archdiocese on a collision course with the city law because a number of Catholic charity groups operated by the Archdiocese have substantial city contracts.

But rather than challenge the law, as an air transport trade organization did in court, church leaders and city officials brokered a face-saving com-

promise that even Solomon would have been proud of. Since the church didn’t want to condone domestic partnerships, the agreement lets the church offer benefits to a spouse, a relative living with an employee, or any other unmarried person sharing the worker’s home. The dreaded “domestic partner” phrase had been officially avoided by the Archdiocese, but gay and lesbian employees at the city’s Catholic charities could now get the same benefits their married co-workers already got.

Then in March of this year, perhaps the most stunning sign of changing attitudes came when Reginald Cawcutt, the acting assistant bishop of Cape Town called on the South African Catholic Bishops Conference not to oppose legalizing same-sex marriages if the nation’s lawmakers take up the issue — which they are expected to do.

Reaction among the bishops ranged from outright rejection to a mildly cool shoulder, and few expect the clerics to adopt the Rev. Cawcutt’s hands-off recommendation.

What is rather stunning is simply that a serving bishop even voiced such a call in the first place.

None of this, of course, means there’s a sea change going on in the Catholic Church. There is still intense opposition to homosexuality and to homosexuals among much, perhaps even most of the church’s leadership.

In February the bishop of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn., refused to let Catholic parents with gay and lesbian children hold a seminar in any local Catholic churches and they were eventually forced to meet at a more receptive Episcopal church instead. Ironically, the seminar was for the parents to discuss the pastoral letter issued by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops urging parents to accept and love their homosexual children — something the bishop in Nashville apparently didn’t think was a fitting topic for discussion in a Catholic church under his jurisdiction.

Pope John Paul II, of course, has denounced homosexuality as “morally wrong” and on a number of occasions the Vatican has sharply criticized gays and lesbians who have children as undermining the “authentic rights of legitimate families.”

But there are signs — tenuous and halting as they may be — that at least some Catholic clergy are trying to find some sort of working compromise that, like the one reached between city officials and the San Francisco Archdiocese, allows them to do

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what they perhaps know they ultimately must do if we are indeed “all God’s children,” while saving face and not looking as if they have simply crumpled under pressure from a “special interest group.”

At the same time, of course, the church and most Catholics in this country still feel they must avoid an outright break with the Vatican over doctrine.

American Catholic officials over the past few decades have achieved an odd sort of “gentleman’s agreement” that lets them technically condemn birth control while turning a discreetly blind eye to the fact that the majority of Catholics in the U.S. practice birth control and think it’s none of the pope’s business.

What may be going on with much of the recent small accommodations Catholic officials have shown could be an attempt to reach a similar kind of arrangement of convenience concerning gay and lesbian Catholics as well.

If so, it still remains debatable whether the Catholic Church in this country can thrive with the weight of such double standards on its shoulders indefinitely.

neighborhood. They were met by a phalanx of police who kept the half-dozen or so Phelps followers a distance from the church while Sunday night services went on inside as usual. At the end of the block were also several dozen counter-protesters who regularly burst into choruses of “Bigots Go Home” and a hearty rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

On June 1 - the day the city officially celebrated the new measure’s first anniversary - Phelps and his followers also protested outside city hall to the bemusement of politicians and residents alike.

City Supervisor Amos Brown, a Baptist minister himself, stopped only for a moment to look at the protesters before he headed inside city hall to work. “These people don’t have a clue what Jesus was about,” he said, glaring at the Phelps clan. “People like them who engage in violence of the mind and spirit should be dealt with as we would any other criminal.”

Phelps came to San Francisco to protest the city’s domestic partnership measure, which requires firms doing business under contract with the city to offer domestic partnership benefits to their workers comparable to the spousal benefits the company has for its employees, whether they are based in the city or not.

FDA OKs 1st Full-Scale Phase-3 AIDS Vaccine Trials

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Food and Drug Administration has given approval for the first full-scale phase-3 AIDS vaccine trials in this country.

The candidate vaccine, Aidsvax manufactured by VaxGen, is slated to last three years and will involve 5,000 people in the U.S. along with 2,500 people in Thailand. Smaller phase-1 and -2 trials of Aidsvax indicated that it triggered measurable HIV antibodies in at least 90 percent of those who were given the vaccine.

But scientists who are skeptical of the vaccine’s prospects say the initial trials didn’t indicate it induced enough antibody response to warrant moving it to large-scale phase-3 trials. The trials are slated to begin at once in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and St. Louis. As the trials expand, some 40 cities in the U.S. and Canada will be participating along with volunteers in Thailand.

Grand Jury Declines to Indict Gay South Carolina Prosecutor

CHARLESTON, S.C. — It wasn’t an act of God, but it was about as close as you could imagine in South Carolina Republican politics when a grand jury said it would not issue an indictment against Solicitor David Schwacke.

Schwacke had been accused of using his office computer to download male pornography and arranging sexual meetings with other men. He was later accused of mishandling a criminal case of alleged child molestation involving a man he knows.

When the accusations first surface, Schwacke acknowledged that he is in fact gay, but denied the charges or any criminal case mismanagement in his role as the region’s state prosecutor. He insisted that the charges were politically motivated by fellow Republicans who resented the fact that he is homosexual, which he said was known among a number of local GOP leaders even though he hadn’t at the time publicly come out. Schwacke still faces a civil lawsuit, however, by former Asst. Solicitor Kate Schmutz, who has charged that he had a sexual relationship with a male defendant who was charged with sexually assaulting a teenage boy.

Schmutz claims that Schwacke hid his relationship with the man so he could keep the criminal prosecution in his office and under his control. Schwacke insists he never interfered with Schmutz or her prosecution of the accused man.

Lesbian Academic Wins \$290K ‘Genius’ Award

BOSTON, MA — Bernadette Brooten, a 47-year-old religion professor at Brandeis University and open lesbian who has spent a good portion of her academic career studying ancient documents and challenging established beliefs about women’s roles and sexuality in Biblical times, was one of the 29 people named for “genius” awards by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Prof.

Brooten is the author of “Women: Leaders in the Ancient Synagogue” and “Love Between Women”, a scholarly documentation of early Christian hostility to lesbians. Her “genius” award amounts to \$290,000 and carries no obligations or requirements of recipients.

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Town Hall Set for Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Milwaukee — In its continuing effort to keep the community informed about the Center's progress, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center board of directors invites all to the next Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 - 8 p.m., 2nd floor of M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street. The community will have an opportunity to learn about the Center's progress and meet the Board of Directors.

Sheila Zelenski, Center Co-President said, "We have come a long way since the January 24 elections that made the Board of Directors official. People will have the opportunity to learn about where we are and where we are going." Zelenski said that to move ahead, volunteers are needed, and that there are endless opportunities to help the Center grow.

In addition to learning about the Center's progress, membership premiums for those who gave more than \$100 to the Center's "Home of Our Own" campaign will be available.

According to Board Co-President Neil Albrecht "We are proud of all of our members, from the \$15 students to the major donors. We'd like to thank everyone for their generosity and vision to make this Center a reality."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a community-based organization

represented by more than 100 volunteers and over 230 members. The Center's mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in the Milwaukee area. This mission is supported by the vision to provide a home for organizations, businesses, culture and diversity; advocate for and provide programs and services that meet the needs of our communities; and 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. Please note that our address has changed to PO Box 93278, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0278.

Wisconsin's Gay Youth Sought For PrideFest

Milwaukee — The time is now for the LGBT youth of Wisconsin to come on down! PrideFest needs you. As part of the 1998 festival, PrideFest is sponsoring a LGBT youth area, complete with stage and wants the young people of our community to take the initiative to make the stage rock. PrideFest 1998 takes place August 28th, 29th & 30th at the Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Some of the events already planned include face painting, male and female

impersonation, poetry readings, musical talent, dancing, short segments of "this dyke's house" (a takeoff on "this old house"), a spirituality panel, a family panel, a fashion show, a dating game and a play. In addition, the youth area will build a float for the Pride Parade on Sunday.

It's not too late to get involved, the festival runs for three days and much more needs to be done. Talent, ideas and volunteers are always needed and this year's festival is no exception. Here's your chance to strut your stuff and show your pride. Be a part of Wisconsin's largest LGBT Pride celebration.

LGBT youth ages 25 and under are encouraged to contact PrideFest and volunteer to be a part of history in the making. All volunteers will receive free admission to the festival on the day they volunteer.

Call the PrideFest office at (414)272-3378 or e-mail pfyouth@aol.com. Check out the website at www.pridefest.com for the latest information and happenings for your festival.

Boat Cruise to Benefit AIDS

Kenosha — "Cruise Geneva '98" will set sail from the Riviera Docks in downtown Lake Geneva to benefit AIDS services in southeast Wisconsin. The eighth annual twilight cocktail cruise of Geneva Lake will take place Saturday, June 20. The cruise is a fundraising benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Members of the Walworth County HIV/AIDS Task Force who lead the cruise's steering committee invite passengers onto the elegant paddle wheel excursion boat, Lady of the Lake, a replica of the historic boats that sailed Geneva Lake a century ago.

According to Neil Albrecht, ARCW regional director, "The Lake Geneva Cruise presents an excellent opportunity to experience the elegance of a paddle boat, learn the history of Lake Geneva and enjoy exceptional hors d'oeuvres. And this year's raffle prizes are outstanding."

Tickets for the three-hour excursion are \$50 and include entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, an on-board auction, and plenty of time to view the stately and historic mansions that surround the picturesque lake. Raffle tickets are available before the cruise, and tickets will be drawn during the trip.

Historically, the cruise has been a highly successful event for ARCW, last year raising over \$20,000. Funds help ARCW provide aggressive HIV prevention education; access to comprehensive services for people living with HIV and AIDS; clinical research on HIV treatment; and HIV advocacy.

Call Jennifer at (414) 657-6644 or 800-924-6601 for raffle and cruise tickets and information.

PrideFest 1998 Logo Unveiled

Milwaukee — When the PrideFest Council invited ideas for the 1998 festival theme, more than 90 submissions arrived, and more than half contained at least one of the three words, "community," "diversity," and "unity." A Council member suggested the winning slogan, "Many Worlds, One Community."

"This is a very strong statement about who we believe we are as a community," says PrideFest Co-Director Michael Hall.

"We, as a community, have found it important to recognize the differences between various groups, but at the same time, understand that our greatest strengths comes from standing united."

The slogan was handed on to Barb Peterson, a graphic designer with 18 years



of experience who has volunteered for the last five years to design annual logos for PrideFest as well as its new corporate identity logo.

She developed some thoughts as well as some artwork on "Many Worlds, One Community." She says, "I think it is as relevant when put in the context of our local celebration as it is when thought of in a more global reference. The significance of many worlds speaks to the diversity of the many ethnic and cultural ties our community is based on. The beauty of our community is our diversity. The strength of our community is in our unity."

"This year's logo tries to represent that thought through the use of a simple and stylized image of a person, half-man and half-woman, not denoted by any race, holding the world above them. We are of many backgrounds and come from many worlds or walks of life, and yet we create one world together."

Peterson extends an open invitation to view her solo art show, "Below the Surface," at Gallery H2O in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward at 221 N. Water St. Peterson is a partner in the gallery, which is a contemporary showcase of the emerging to the internationally exhibited artist. Her show at Gallery H2O will include contemporary steel sculpture and paintings. It opens Sept. 4 and closes Oct. 2 with an artist's reception Sept. 18.

Be sure to stop by at the PrideFest Merchandise Booth during the festival and pick up an official PrideFest souvenir.

Madison Pride Announces Events

Madison — The Madison Pride Committee is proud to present Madison Pride Weekend — 1998. This summer's festivities feature an array of activities and events geared toward community unity and political achievement. The weekend offers a plethora of social and entertainment opportunities so everyone may participate in, and enjoy, what ever pleases them.

Capping the weekend is Sunday's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered (LGBT) Rights Pride March — a celebration of LGBT pride in community and a demonstration of unity in the continuing battle to defeat the many pieces of anti-gay legislation put forth by religious extremists and their puppets in the Wisconsin State House. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 16

Perfect Harmony, Madison's Gay Men's Chorus, featuring special guest artist Mary Ray Worley, will perform at the first Baptist Church, 518 North Franklin at 8 p.m. Donations accepted at the door.

Friday, July 17

The United, South Central Wisconsin's LGBT social Service Agency, will

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have their 6th Annual Community Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, located on John Nolan Drive at the Beltline. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be obtained by calling (608) 255-8852.

The Ten Percent Society, a UW-Madison LGBT Student Organization, will have their dance in the Grand Ballroom of Monona Terrace Convention and Community Center at Number 1, John Nolan Drive from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be DJ augmented sound and a cash bar. The cost is \$5 per person at the door.

Saturday, July 18

The 25th Annual MAGIC Picnic will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, John Nolan Drive at the Beltline. A \$10 donation earns you a picnic meal with unlimited beer and soda. The event is free without the meal and beverages. All proceeds from the MAGIC Picnic will go to the community organizations who volunteer their time to staff and plan the event.

The GLB Alumni Council of the Wisconsin Alumni Association, will have their 7th GLB Alumni Brunch from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Terrace of Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, Number 1, John Nolan Drive. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations can be made by calling Russell Betts at (608) 262-5895.

Sunday, July 19

GALVANize's 5th Annual LGBT Rights and Pride March. GALVANize is Madison's LGBT Visibility Alliance. All events will be American Sign Language interpreted. The day's events are as follows:

The Pre-March Rally will be held on the State Street steps of the State Capitol at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

The Rights and Pride March starts at 2 p.m. from State Street at the State Capitol and continues to Lake Street. There is no charge for this event.

The Post-March GAYLA will take place at Brittingham Park on Monona Bay from 2:30 to 6 p.m. A \$10 donation earns you a picnic meal with unlimited beer and soda. The event is free without the meal and beverages.

Starbucks Brews Bucks For BESTD

Milwaukee — Starbucks Coffee opened their newest location with a bang and some bucks. The grand opening, which was held on Saturday, May 15, featured free gifts, music and the opportunity to support BESTD. The new east side location at Brady Street and Farwell Avenue, donated a portion of their grand opening receipts to their neighbor, BESTD Clinic.

Sarah Johnson, the Manager of the Brady Street location arranged with Starbucks Corporate Offices to offer this unique gift. She reported that as a result of the excellent turnout, Starbucks was able to send BESTD a check for \$500.

BESTD Clinic is an all-volunteer health care provider which has been located at 1240 East Brady Street for 16 of its 24 years of service. Ross Walker, President of BESTD, offered the gratitude and a tip of the BESTD hat to Starbucks for their gracious and generous gift.

Community Thrift Store Opens

Madison — The new nonprofit Community Thrift Store is now open for business every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. through 7 p.m. The store, located at 1814 South Park Street in Madison, is stocked with clothing, furniture, household goods, toys, books, and other merchandise.

Earnings from the sale of merchandise at the Community Thrift Store, Inc. benefit participating non-profit organizations. To date, fifty-two nonprofit organizations that serve Dane County have signed on as partners in the community-based venture. To maximize the financial benefit to the nonprofit partners, the store is operated by volunteers with a single full-time manager.

A successful thrift store in San Francisco served as the model for the local effort, and Smith anticipates the same kind of success locally. The San Francisco store raises approximately \$500,000 for over 200 nonprofit organizations.

People who contribute goods to be sold by the store can decide which nonprofit partner will receive the proceeds of the sale from their donations. Donations are accepted during regular business hours. The Community Thrift Store, Inc. is the only nonprofit, multi-agency store of its kind in Madison.

"We are actively seeking volunteers to help process the donations and work in the store," said David Smith, president of the Community Thrift Store's Board of Directors. Smith added, "We believe a Madison store is essential at a time when nonprofits are under increasing pressure to find new sources of income as government support decreases." People interested in volunteering their services are asked to call the store at (608) 250-1985.

PFLAG's Billboard Project On Target

Milwaukee — PFLAG-Milwaukee extends a great big thank you to 4F Collective and Woody's for sponsoring the successful Benefit Dance held on May 23rd fulfilling PFLAG's Billboard Dream. Thanks also to all who came to show their support for our billboard project, which is to raise enough money for five billboards which will enhance awareness in the Milwaukee area during the month of August by displaying our PFLAG logo, phone number and the words, "Someone you know and love is gay." This will be a great compliment to PrideFest 1998.

A second fund-raiser will be held on Sunday, June 28 at Plymouth Church on Milwaukee's east side at Hampshire and Hackett. Tim Clausen, a local jazz pianist will present a concert with all proceeds going to the Billboard Fund. With the support of the community we know our dream will come true. For information about PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays), its programs and/or the Billboard Project, please call (414) 299-9198.

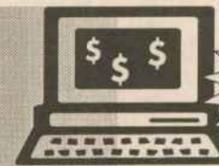
Wisconsin & Northern Illinois' 13th Annual LGBT AA Round-Up

Milwaukee — The recovering communities of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois are pleased to announce Commitment '98, the 13th Annual LGBT AA round-up which will be held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial, 700 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, on Milwaukee's lakefront. Commitment '98 will begin on Friday, September 4 and continue through Sunday, September 6 with a spiritual breakfast.

Commitment '98 encompasses many twelve-step programs, including AA, Alanon, OA, SCA, and others. You can expect to find workshops on a wide variety of recovering topics presented by people from the LGBT recovering community. Also, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of over 100

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Full registration, if received by August 1st is \$35, and includes Friday and Saturday workshops, Saturday's pizza party and dance, and Sunday's spiritual breakfast. If you register after August 1, full registration cost is \$40. Registration by August 1st for Saturday events only is \$20; after August 1, \$25. Registration for The Sunday events only is \$15.

To register, remit checks payable to Commitment '98 to Commitment '98, P.O. Box 92794, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Please include your name, address, telephone number, and 12-step program affiliation on a separate sheet of paper. You may also register or obtain more information by visiting our Website at: <http://www.execpc.com/~reva/html.com.htm> or by e-mail to John B. at: aszcz@cds.uwm.edu or by calling (414) 282-3705.

Rainbow Association Announces June Meeting Date

Milwaukee — The Rainbow Association of Washington Heights next meeting is scheduled for June 23 at 7 p.m. at Divine World Lutheran Church located at the corner of 55th and Lloyd. Organized for over two years, the Washington Heights Rainbow Association has been very active in this historic west-side neighborhood. Not only have monthly social activities been planned, but fundraisers for neighborhood improvements and charitable organizations have been successful.

The RHA raised \$1,000 for the West North Avenue/Uptown Crossing Business Improvement District, between Sherman Blvd. and 60th Street, to help buy curb-side planters that add to the newly installed Harp Lighting and brick sidewalks. Last Christmas a "Toys for Tots" drive was held with Divine Word Lutheran Church and The Milwaukee Coffee Co. Proceeds went to children affected by the HIV virus. This springs annual RHA rummage sale raised enough funds to help maintain the North Avenue planters for the upcoming summer, and to help us create a bigger and better float for the Pride Parade. Upcoming events include a summer picnic, Brewer game and tailgate, and even ideas of a southwestern Wisconsin Brewery tour. The Washington Heights

Neighborhood is located on the west side of the City starting at the western edge of Washington Park to 60th Street, and from North Avenue to Vleit Street. If you cannot attend the RHA meeting or you would like more information, please call (414) 778-1264.

T-Shirts to Help Benefit Victory Fund

Milwaukee — Specially designed Pride T-shirts designed by the national gay and lesbian marketing firm, Landmark Enterprises, will help benefit the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.

The shirts come in several designs which can be ordered by phoning 800-713-4398 or by signing on to the website www.pickyboy.com/pride.html. Prices for the shirts are \$10 with 20% going to the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund. Shirts available are: "AND PROUD OF IT," featuring a colorful rainbow flag with the words in bold type; "PRIDE IS WITHIN OURSELVES," a black and white eye-chart design with the words on bold type; and "A WORLD WITHOUT AIDS," a handsomely colored world design with the statement running around the globe.

The National organization, The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, provides resources, political experience and visibility to support open lesbians and gay men who seek to serve society as elected or appointed officials.

Green Bay to Get Gay Restaurant

Green Bay — This July, Green Bay is slated to enjoy what Madison and Milwaukee have had for years, a gay-owned and operated restaurant catering to the Lesbian community. Cafe Bourbon will be open for dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The kitchen will also serve burgers and such late-night fare from 10 p.m. to bar closing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A Sunday brunch is also planned.

Cafe Bourbon will be located inside Za's Videobar, the nine year old dance club located in downtown Green Bay.

"Za's, Java's and now Cafe Bourbon follows in the footsteps of other well known gay businesses such as Hotel Washington or La Cage," stated Ken Kujava.

Milwaukee Teams Reign at Classic

Milwaukee — Two Milwaukee teams, Balisteri's and M&M Blow Pops are the champions of the 18th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball tournament held over the Memorial Day Weekend. Fifteen teams from Minneapolis, Chicago, Toronto and St. Louis joined six Milwaukee teams.

Each team played two games on Saturday, and then were split into two categories, the top ten playing in the "National" league and the other 11 in the "American" league. The teams then played in a double elimination format. In the National, Balisteri's defeated Dunn Bros. Spurs of Minneapolis to take the crown. The Hitmen of Chicago took third place.

In the American, the M&M team came from the bottom ranking and had to play three double elimination games on Saturday, including a thrilling come from behind 9-8 victory over In Between of Milwaukee, and went undefeated the rest of the way to take the title. The Remington Steelers of Toronto finished in 2nd place, and third place went to Melrose Rockers of Chicago.

The awards banquet and ceremonies were held on Sunday night at the Hilton Hotel following the game. The winning teams' players each receive championship Milwaukee Classic caps, while the 2nd place finishers received medals.

Typical of the weather for the past few years, Sunday was quite cold, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players or fans. Milwaukee once again showed its out of town guests another great tournament.



LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Christopher Krimmer

Bankruptcy Options

Unemployment is at an all time low. The economy continues to be strong. And for the first time in decades, the United States national economy is at a substantial surplus. Yet, ironically, the number of bankruptcies have never been higher in recent history. As a result, many people are asking what exactly is "bankruptcy" and what accounts for its recent popularity?

Bankruptcy takes on several different forms, known as chapters, all of which are designed to give the debtor a "fresh start." Most people utilize either the Chapter 7 or the Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

The chapter 7 bankruptcy is where the debtor gives up all of his non-exempted property in exchange for his consumer debts being released or forgiven. "Exempted property," is the maximum amount of property a person filing for bankruptcy is entitled to keep under federal or state law. For instance, under Wisconsin law a person filing for bankruptcy may keep his household goods so long as the aggregate value does not exceed \$5,000. Under federal law, the debtor may keep up to \$8,000 in household goods. A person in Wisconsin may choose between the federal or state exemptions.

A debtor who would lose a majority of his property under a Chapter 7 may want to consider a Chapter 13. In a Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor keeps all of his assets in exchange for promising to pay off his debts over a period of time (usually three years) out of his future income. However, it should be noted that over 85% of all Chapter 13 payment plans fail and the debtor eventually rolls over the Chapter 13 into a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Hence when a person speaks of bankruptcy, they are most often referring to a Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

There are several theories for the rise in bankruptcy filings. The most obvious reason is the aggressive marketing of credit cards. So aggressive that even several cats and dogs across the country have been solicited to be American Express cardholders.

Another contributing factor has been the costly combination of high interest rates and a desire to live beyond one's means. As a result, many have developed creative financial strategies such as paying the minimum balance of one credit card with another credit card. It is only a matter of time before the person's credit cards

are "maxed out" and those nasty collection letters begin to appear in the mail, of course, right next to that new "pre-approved Visa card."

The inaccessibility of health insurance have also caused many people to file for bankruptcy. A single medical catastrophe not only creates thousands of dollars in medical bills but can cut off that person's income for months. Make no mistake of it, doctors and hospitals are no less aggressive in collecting money from patients than Visa and MasterCard are with their delinquent cardholders. Finally, the stigmatization once associated with

bankruptcy has decreased dramatically in the past decade. It is said that in Roman times creditors would not only take the debtor's property and divide it among them but would also take the debtor and divide him! Whether this is true or false, one thing is certain, people who file for bankruptcy today face far less disdain by society than even a few years ago.

Though bankruptcy no longer has the stigma once associated with it, there are disadvantages associated with it. The most obvious is that the person's credit will be severely tarnished for seven to ten years. The far reaching ramifications of bad credit can extend from being denied a mortgage to not being able to reserve a hotel room or renting an automobile without a credit card?

Despite its disadvantages, bankruptcies continue to soar and financial institutions all across the nation are taking notice. So much notice that it looks like they will be successful in lobbying for new bankruptcy legislation this year. This new legislation would not only make it more difficult for a person to file for bankruptcy but would also take away many of the advantages associated with the debtor's "fresh start."

Does this mean that you should run out and file for bankruptcy today? Certainly not. Bankruptcy should be considered only in desperate financial times and even then only considered. There are several other options available to a person with many bills. Consolidation loans, debt counseling services, personal receiverships and negotiating directly with the creditors are only a few alternatives to bankruptcy. For more information on bankruptcy and these other alternatives, contact a local attorney or a debt counseling service.



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Op-Ed

"What Substance Is Sticky And Keeps Things Together? Infrastructure!"

by Ralph F. Navaro

Have you ever been without electricity for more than an hour? During a flood have sewers backed up into your basement or the flooding was so bad that no drainage was possible? Or, did you ever run out of gasoline on a remote country road (no, not as an excuse to make out with your current special someone) or while driving in a desert? How did you handle these and any number of essential infrastructure challenges?

Or, after a rough winter have you driven down any street or highway and swore up a "Blue Streak" because of pot holes, etc.? Again, Infrastructure! And, you ask what does this have to do with the LGBT Community's growth and development? Ask yourself another simple question, where did you turn for help when you were vacationing or on a business trip to another city where you knew no one and had no idea where LGBT social establishments might be?

You say, "My handy guide, which I carry even into the bath-
room with me (not mentioning which one)." Also ask yourself,
where did you turn for help when making the first moves "com-
ing out" or you needed a counselor, lawyer, insurance agent,
florist, etc.? Online, you answer? But the fact is that most Amer-
icans not only have NO online access, but don't know how to
avoid getting totally lost when accessing the World Wide Web.

Or, you are brand new in town and you wish to find an
organization to join, but don't have any idea how to find them
... what do you do? These and all other answers to the funda-
mental questions of Who, What, When, Where, Why and How
are essentially Infrastructure issues.

And in our world today, where anyone can simply dial 411
to get information on tracking a friend's telephone number, we
just kind of expect access to fundamental information. If you
have dialed 411 from your home phone you know that this ser-
vice is no longer underwritten by the phone company, there is
a direct charge to you for each time you call.

So, where do individuals in Milwaukee's communities (and
throughout Wisconsin, as well as people from all over the U.S.
who are planning to visit Milwaukee and other areas of Wiscon-
sin) call for help and essential information? Easy, for the past 12
years they have been calling *Gay Information & Services* (G.I.S.).
During that time a tiny group of individuals who have endlessly
cared about insuring that all people seeking information neces-
sary for their lives and essential health, receive this special hospi-
tality have contributed money and time to make it work.

Infrastructure can also be referred to as essential quality of
life issues. And, as our communities grow, what happens if a 24-
hour access and return call service is not available? Every other
city of our size has a solid, usually well-funded program from
local LGBT type foundations, etc.

All of that only covers the surface of needs. In the past sev-

eral years G.I.S., in addition to providing fundamental services,
a speakers bureau, the Hate Crimes Reporting Project and the
Intimate Support Services has been receiving more calls from
homeless gay and lesbian people. We have been getting more
and more calls from abused gay and lesbian spouses as well as
very young youth.

Will the United Way campaign support this? NO! Will var-
ious levels of government support this service? NO! (Heck, they
have ever cut horribly back on money to essential services non-
gay human resources, except to any P.R. program to bring
straight tourists and business into our community). Sadly,
Cream City Foundation (CCF), an organization which I found-
ed to do just this sort of thing, refuses to provide necessary
funding to even cover the cost of the monthly phone bill, not
to mention the other services provided.

We have received a few dollars a couple of times over the
years from the Madison-based Wisconsin Community Fund
(WCF), some support funding from ARCW (since well over
10% of our calls deal with HIV/AIDS education) and from
only one social establishment.

However, the time has come for Cream City Foundation
(CCF) and the evolving LGBT Community Center Project to
seriously focus time and essential resources so that ALL of Mil-

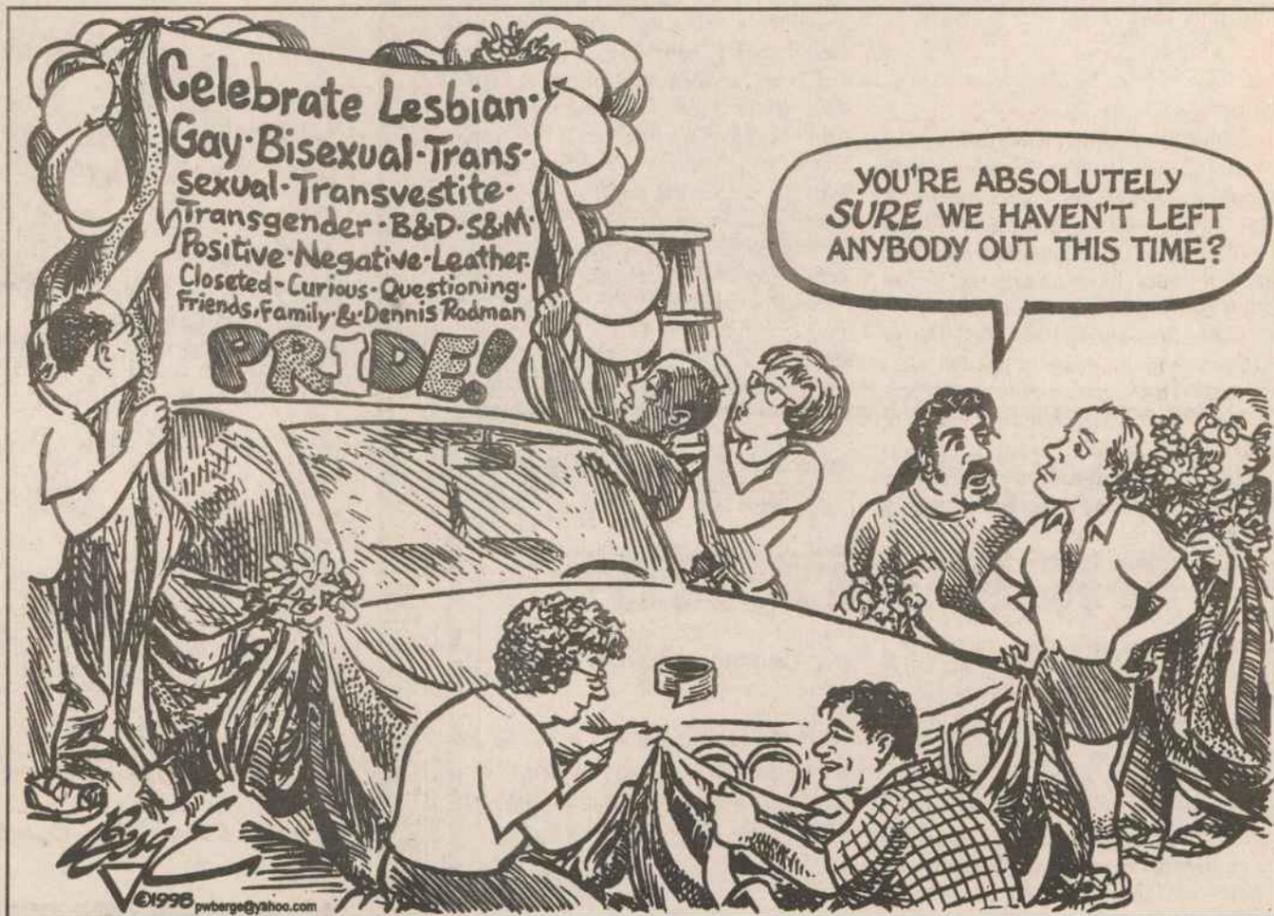
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waukee's LGBT communities can be proud of taking and deal-
ing effectively with ALL of our infrastructure issues. Without
immediate and significant funding tight now, G.I.S. will have
to close its doors. We have offered many ideas to CCF, but they
refuse to even meet to discuss any ideas.

With well over 5,000 calls per year for nearly 12 years,
wouldn't you think that G.I.S. has earned its stripes? Who cares
about a silly concept like Infrastructure? Ask anyone who has
been without electricity or any fundamental utility (the phone?)
and been stranded in a strange new city with no way to find
kindred spirits.

For more information on what you as an individual can do
to insure the future of G.I.S., call us at (414) 444-7331. If no
one answers live, please leave a message on the voice mail. All
calls are returned, from across the country, including those of
many inmates, the homeless, abused and hungry, Where do you
fit in? Where should CCF and the LGBT Community Project?

Writer's Note: Ralph Navaro has volunteered over 20,000 hours in the 18 years while here
in Milwaukee. Organizations that he has been instrumental in either creating or working with
include: Cream City Foundation, Cream City Business Association; publisher and editor of *Our
Horizons*; Milwaukee AIDS Project; Lambda Rights Network; Gay Information & Services among
many others.



Commentary

Ask Mr. Advice Person

by Paul Varnell

From time to time I have toyed with the idea of writing an "advice" column for gay newspapers to make a little extra money. It would be called "Ask Mr. Advice Person."

It has to be easy, I told myself. People write in and tell you their problems and all you have to do is tell them what to do. Simple. And the readers write half the column—plus right there for us busy writers.

I felt well-qualified to do this since people seem to gravitate toward me and tell me their problems when I go out to gay bars. I will stand around, trying to look hostile and faintly menacing, and people I barely know sidle up and start chatting away.

It is as if I were wearing a big sign around my neck that said, "I'm not really cruising that hot man I've been staring at over in the corner. I'd much rather stand here and have you tell me your problems."

So there I am stuck listening to some guy, trying to sound half interested while still trying to make eye contact with the hot guy in the corner.

Generally, I trot out all those old non-committal phrases we all learned from Carl Rogers.

"Uh-huh," I say, or "Yes, go on." "I see" said very slowly and thoughtfully also works. Sometimes I'll ask, "How do you feel about that?" alternating with "What do you hear yourself saying?"

Often people tell me later how helpful it was talking with me, how much better they felt and how I am one of the most empathetic people they know.

So much for hostile and menacing.

So after all this, I tried sketching out a few sample columns to see what they would look like and to have something to show my editor. I made up some letters and then wrote out how I would answer them.

But it became clear fairly quickly that I would not be good at this after all. For almost every type of issue or problem situation I could think of, the same few basic answers kept coming up as the appropriate advice. The answers were (in order of frequency).

1. Get a clue; 2. Stop it; 3. Move out; 4. Keep trying; 5. Get over it; 6. Hire a lawyer; 7. Get into therapy.

In fact, once I discovered the typical answers, the letters almost wrote themselves.

For instance, let us say someone writes in and says, "Dear Mr. Advice Person, 'I go out to the bars and drink too much and at closing time I go home with strangers and sometimes have unsafe sex. What should I do?'"

The obvious answer? "Stop it." That is all. There is nothing else to say. Oh sure, you could provide explanations about "acting out" and destructive or addictive behavior. But the point is that this person is behaving very imprudently and should stop. There is nothing about being gay that requires you to be stupid.

Or a letter might say, "Dear Mr. Advice Person, I have trouble meeting people at bars even though I have many interests, including pre-Columbian pottery and raising hydrangeas. My mother, whom I live with, says I have a nice personality. What do you suggest? P. S. I am 43, weigh 400 pounds, smoke, and have asthma."

And the answer is? "Get a clue." If you thought the correct answer was "Keep trying," you are desperately naive. This person has serious problems and is refusing the recognize them. There is nothing about being gay that prevents accurate self-assessment.

Or this third letter: "Dear Mr Advice Person, My lover and I have a warm and caring relationship, and the sex is great, but several times now he has tied me up, threatened me with a knife and tried to strangle me. I think he is stealing money from me too. Please advise."

And the answer is? That's right: "Move out." Simple. Elegant. Unambiguous. Possibly also "Get a clue." Why did he put up with this behavior. Why does he think this is a warm and nurturing relationship rather than an abusive and exploitative one? Why did someone in this situation even have to ask for advice? There is nothing about being gay that requires you to be paralyzed.

And a last example: "Dear Mr. Advice Person, When I was 15 my parents found out I was gay and my father beat me and threw me out of the house.

Ever since then I've hated my parents and hated being gay. I can't sustain a relationship and keep getting fired from jobs because of homophobia. I am now 36. Please help."

You can do this one yourself. (Hint: It's number 5.) This person was treated badly in the past. It happened; it is not going to unhappen. But it is up to him whether he lets that define and limit his self-understanding, or whether he puts it in perspective and develops a life beyond it, negating its impact. We are not yoked to the past. The chances are that his experience 20 years ago is keeping him from really valuing another gay man and that he is blaming homophobia for what are probably other work-related difficulties (free-floating hostility for one). Just because you are gay does not mean your problems are caused by being gay. They could be caused by you.

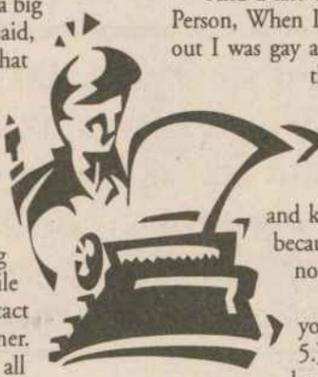
I suppose you could probably justify adding "Get into therapy" to each of these answers. Recommending therapy seems like passing the buck, but some people seem to need someone to help them realize how they got where they are and nudge them to take the most obvious steps to solve their problems. Therapy is like "Rent-a-Friend" for people who have no others.

Advice writers sometimes try to encourage people by saying, "You have already taken the first step by writing this letter." False. People who have to write for advice are clueless about what to do or they wouldn't be writing in the first place. The person who falls into a pit and shouts for help has not taken the first step toward getting out of the pit. He has simply publicized his helplessness.

Sometimes writers offer the reassurance that "You are clearly a warm and sensitive person who has a lot to offer the right person." This too is nonsense. The writer could be quivering mass of psychotic symptoms and unquenchable emotional needs. Failing to tell someone that is no service to them. If they are discernibly a mess, they should be told.

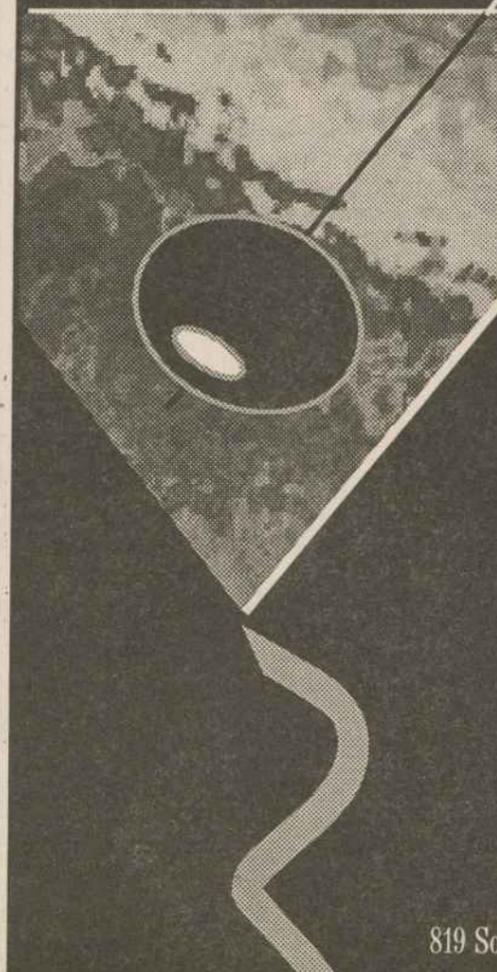
Ultimately we have to assert to everyone that they are responsible for what they do and how they react to things, that they can change, that the future is open rather than inevitable, that things will get better only if and when they act. In an interesting sense we create free will by teaching people the concept.

Well, after all this, my editor said he did not think we had space for "Ask Mr. Advice Person" at the moment. I plan to "Keep trying." Frankly, he needs to "Get a clue."



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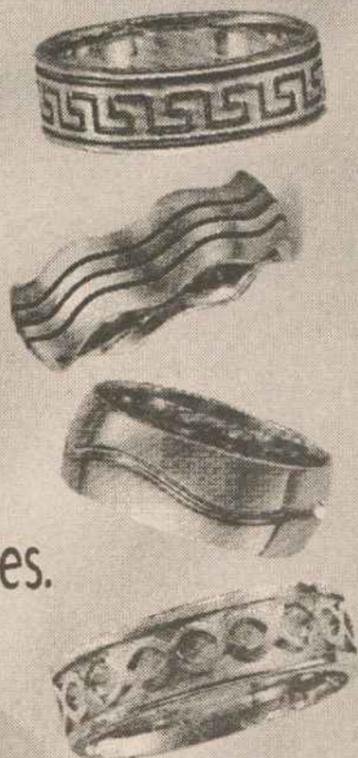
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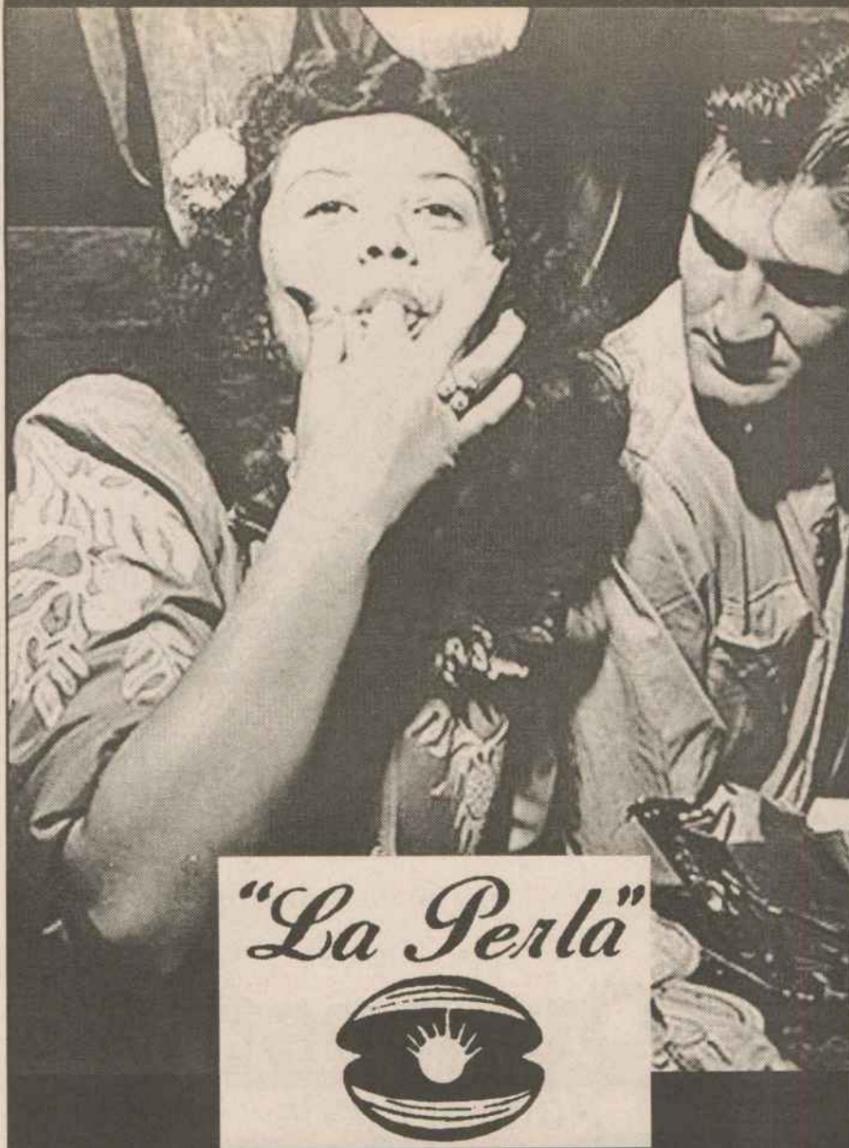


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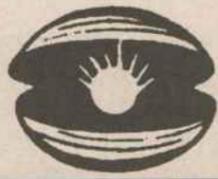
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A Women's Guide to The Windy City

Whether for a Week or Weekend: Summer Makes Chicago More Vibrant Than Ever

by Jean Latz Griffin

Poems have been written about Chicago for good reason. Carl Sandburg's "city of big shoulders" is vibrant, diverse and architecturally stunning, with the best theater scene outside New York, blues clubs that rival New Orleans, miles of bike paths along Lake Michigan and the only truly authentic deep dish pizza in the world.

Great all year long, Chicago is best from the middle of May through September. The weather is warm, the lake is beautiful, the bars are hopping, and women's softball — make that 99 percent lesbian softball — is in full swing every Sunday morning on three fields at Waveland Park at Waveland and Lake Shore Drive.

And of course, there's June. The Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade, which last year drew a quarter of a million people, will be

minutes from O'Hare International Airport.

Either of two women's music festivals would be worth a side trip. The famed women-only Michigan Womyn's (c) Music Festival draws thousands each summer to camp out, attend workshops, shed their shirts and hear great music. This year it's set for Aug. 11 to 16. The nearest airport is Grand Rapids and there is a shuttle. The tamer National Women's Music Festival, which allows men to attend, is an indoor event at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, June 25 to 28.

For general Chicago sight-seeing maps, schedules of boat and trolley rides and architecture tours, theater listings, museum information and special events, go to the Chicago Office of Tourism's Visitor Information Center in the Chicago Cultural Center at Randolph St. and



Michigan Ave. While you are there, check out the inlaid marble staircases, the world's largest Tiffany Dome and the Museum of Broadcasting.

Be sure to walk about four blocks west of Michigan Avenue on Randolph to the all-glass, hollow State of Illinois Building. Ride to the top in glass elevators, look over the railings at the tiny people 24 floors below, and then head for the Illinois Artisans Shop on the second floor. About two-thirds of the original pottery, blown glass, clothing, jewelry and other art on sale is created by women.

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The major lesbigay cultural area is centered around Belmont, Clark, Broadway, Lincoln and Halsted Streets on the North Side. Interesting spots include "Batteries Not Included," 3420 N. Halsted (773-935-9900), a new sex-toys store that has a wide assortment of products geared for lesbians; Gallimaufry Gallery, 3345 N. Halsted (773-348-8090), an eclectic shop with beautiful commitment bands and exotic art; and A Thousand Waves Spa, 1212 W. Belmont (773-549-0700), a women-only health spa with a whirlpool and massage therapy.

Nearby bars are The Closet, 3325 N. Broadway (773-477-8533) and Girlbar, 2625 N. Halsted (773-841-4210). Buddies at 3301 N. Clark (773-477-4066) and Ann Sathers at 929 W. Belmont (773-348-2378) are popular restaurants. Northwest suburban Prairie Moon Feminist Bookstore and Woman-Friendly Space (847-342-9608) has fantastic lesbian and goddess jewelry, great books and Wiccan full moon and solstice celebrations that are open to all women. It is about 45 minutes from downtown Chicago by commuter train or car, and about 20

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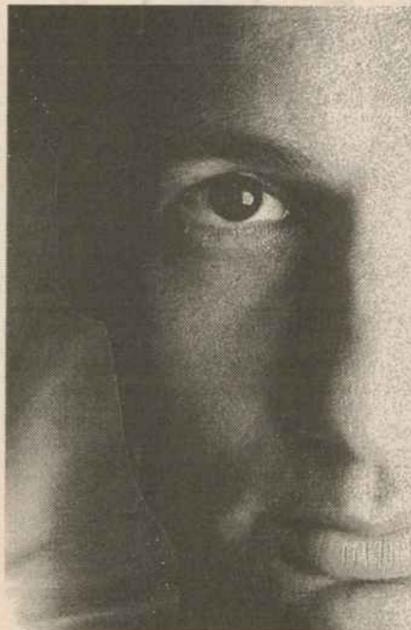
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An Interview with
the X-Files David
Duchovny

by Tim Nasson
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Though still recognized for his role as Dennis/Denise Bryson, the transvestite detective in David Lynch's short lived television series "Twin Peaks", it is his role as Agent Fox Mulder on television's "The X-Files" that catapulted smooth and sexy David Duchovny to instantaneous fame.

For five years, Duchovny has portrayed the FBI agent who is hell-bent on proving the one thing that most people, (sane ones at least), scoff at; the existence of extraterrestrial life and of things paranormal.

The "X-Files" hits a whole new terrain on June 19 when a feature length (first of many?) film based on the television show will be released in movie theaters, as a bridge to a sixth season starting in the fall.

There are many skeptics, as there were when "Star Trek" made it's transition to the big screen; those who don't think there will be an audience other than the one of die hard X-Philes.

"Not to worry," says Duchovny, decked out in black loafers, sans socks, khaki pants and a light blue, buttoned up shirt, with sleeves rolled half way up. "Fans of the television show will be satisfied with the movie and the word will get out very fast to non-fans that this is a movie for everyone."

As I can attest, having seen less than an hour, combined, of the show over the course of five years, the big screen version is something that was made to capture everyone's attention from the first scene and not let go until the last. "The X-Files" movie packs more of a wallop than "Godzilla" and "Deep Impact" combined and doesn't lose the viewer with inane dialogue and third rate acting.

Sipping from a bottle of Evian, in a suite at The Four Seasons in Beverly Hills on a recent Friday morning, Duchovny, thirty-one, seems thrilled to be part of a film that many hope will turn into a franchise.

Five years can take a toll on anyone, after having played the same role, day in and day out, as Duchovny and co-star Gillian Anderson have done on the television show. Therefore a comment about wanting to pursue other roles by both of the actors should not come as a surprise.

"As an actor, you want to play different roles, so it is somewhat stifling to play the same role week in and week out. It is just human nature to feel that way," Duchovny states. "It is not at all a slap to the series. When I am done with the series, I would love to come back and do an "X-Files" movie every couple of years."

Duchovny, whose life is much more public now since his marriage to actress

Tia Leoni ("Deep Impact") and the success of his television show admits that constantly being in the spotlight has changed his life but...

"I wouldn't say that I like being under scrutiny or a public person. I don't think anyone would like to be unless they have an agenda or something to accomplish."

He adds, "Many fans and readers have taken things I have said out of context. It

On the big screen, with the stakes higher and the atmosphere more intense for viewers, the two embrace. But how far does it go?

"I think people will walk away satisfied and very happy, once they leave the theater," says Duchovny as does the show's creator and the film's writer Chris Carter, later in the morning.

Though Duchovny did sit down with

"C'mon Scully. This alien's trying to crawl up my ass."

is unfortunate. Now I will have to just keep my mouth shut and not joke about some things."

One such comment that got him into a bit of trouble involved a comment made in *Details* where he says, "I have 91,000 points [on Canadian Airlines] which I think entitles me to have sex with any employee [of the company]."

Speaking of sex, since it seems to be on his mind a lot (but isn't that the case with most normal people?), Duchovny recalled his motivation for appearing really frightened and scared in one of the many horrifying scenes in the film (which was able to capture a PG-13 rating). He is running for his life from an alien. "I pretended the alien was trying to fuck me."

The line, as he improvised and as it is heard in the film is, "C'mon Scully. This alien's trying to crawl up my ass."

For the five years that Duchovny and Anderson have been on "The X-Files" the motivation for Mulder's determination to chase things extraterrestrial stems from his witnessing the abduction of his sister by aliens as a pre-teen.

Scully seems less willing to believe so freely in the paranormal world, but devotion to her partner keeps her intrigued and always in pursuit.

During the five years, though constantly at each other's side, and at least platonically in love with one another, Mulder and Scully have never embraced in even a kiss.

Carter during the first three seasons to come up with a background for Mulder, he has never really written an episode or anything in one. That will come as a surprise to many because, Duchovny graduated from Princeton with a degree in English and came very close to getting his Ph.D.

"I wanted to become a professor, which would have been my guaranteed income and also to write novels on the side," he says. "How I became an actor of this proportion, I will never know."

Many skeptics/critics, those who have nothing better to do, have alleged that Anderson and Duchovny are bitter enemies on the set and feud constantly. "We are not bosom buddies," says Duchovny, "And because of that, some people have assumed we are enemies. We work together twelve hours a day and have done so for five years. If we were enemies and hated one another, the show would not have lasted as long as it has."

As for working with wife Leoni on a project, Duchovny is leery. "It would be a great experience, yet it would have to be the most perfect material or it would look cheesy."

Getting down to the nitty-gritty Duchovny is blunt when asked what his stance is on aliens. "I think that the odds are that there are aliens out there somewhere. BUT, I don't think this world has ever been contacted. Do you think a secret like that could ever be kept?"

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Armistead Maupin

"More Tales of the City" Arrives Just In Time for Pride Month

by Jeffrey L. Newman
Special to In Step

Armistead Maupin is one of the most important gay writers of the last 20 years. As author of "Tales of the City," one of the first successful gay-themed books, Maupin explained to the masses what it meant to be gay in the 1970s, during a time of sexual freedom, unprotected sex and drugs.

"The columns were loosely based on my experiences in San Francisco. When I moved there in the early-70s, there was an awful lot of busting out going on. There was an enormous proliferation of bathhouses and bars and ways I could explore my sexuality. It was amazing for anyone who could do that liberating experience," he says. "I certainly understood the nature of sexuality and the pleasure it could bring you. I never understood why homophobes don't get that as well. And that was the impetus behind the 'Tales' books."

Five years ago, PBS and the BBC adapted Maupin's "Tales" saga for the small screen, and earned the public broadcasting network its highest rating for an original film. But after an outcry from the religious right after the movie aired, PBS dropped plans to film the follow-up book in the "Tales" series, "More Tales of the City."

The bleak picture quickly got better in 1996, when cable television's ShowTime network jumped into the fray and offered to finance the \$8 million mini-series, which premiered last month and will run throughout the summer on the cable network.

"The last five years bringing this to fruition has been very challenge, with lots

of twists and turns, but well worth all of the trouble," says the 53-year old author, who is single and lives in San Francisco. "I think the work that we put together is magnificent and really captures the essence of my book. I can't predict what response will be. But I'm very happy with the film we've produced."

Most of the original cast has returned for the sequel, including Olympia Dukakis, Laura Linney, Bill Campbell and Barbara Garrick. Only three of the original actors — Chloe Webb, Paul Gross and Marcus D'Amico — opted not to return, due to prior commitments.

Also joining the cast for the second round are Parker Posey (seen in the original film), Swoosie Kurtz, Edward Asner, Sheila McCarthy and Paul Bartel, as well as open-

"It's very important for straight people to see that we cuddle and play in a manner that is not unlike the way they do it."

ly gay actors Scott Thompson ("Kids in the Hall") and Dan Butler ("Frasier").

"Tales of the City" is the story of a very gay San Francisco in the 1970s, during the heyday of gay cruising, bathhouse pick-ups, deep kissing, bawdy humor and sleeping around. The sequel picks up just days after the first one ends and takes place on the Pacific Coast of Mexico and in Nevada, in addition to San Francisco.

There's a fair amount of casual frontal nudity in the new film, as well as lots of profanity and sex between members of the same sex. In one major scene, the main characters of John and Michael are seen naked in bed, while a news broadcast featuring famed anti-gay proponent Anita Bryant airs in the background. In the broadcast, Bryant is railing on about the sins of homosexuality. In the original book version, the Bryant's campaign to repeal a gay rights law in Miami is introduced by way of Michael's mother. But Maupin wanted a more cinematic way to portray the historic event, and used the original 1977 television footage of Bryant for the film.

"The idea of having John and Michael in the midst of love making when Anita Bryant announces her campaign for a network TV movie was too good to pass up," Maupin says of the controversial scene. "I imagine there will be a fair number of bible thumpers who will not be happy with me again."

Also, unlike the first film, "More Tales" features a developing lesbian love story between two of the main characters. "It's very lovely story line. He we clearly have two women who start as friends and end up falling in love with each other, which seems to happen more frequently in lesbian life than in gay male life."

Maupin says his goal with the second movie was to challenge the viewers even more than the first time. For the author, that means lots of sex and blunt language.

"Until society gets used to that imagery, homosexuality will remain demonized," he says. "It sounds like all I'm out to do is shock and scandalize. But there's a moral message at center of it all, which has to do with tolerance and acceptance and a lot of corny things that I believe in."

While Maupin is quick to point out that during the filming of the first movie in 1993, PBS did not put any restrictions on the script or try to censor Maupin's work, he praises the freedom that cable offers for work such as his.

"We had all the freedom we wanted in making the first one, but it's five years later and we wanted to challenge the viewers even more," says Maupin. "This is a much more adventurous story. There's extended masturbation for one thing."

Tackling homosexuality on cable television is also much easier than trying to do it on network television, where it is still risky business and considered controversial. Cable networks are not subjected to the political pressures that are brought to bear on public television.

"We move far beyond the issue. Network television is only able to acknowledge homosexuality. They can't show any active lovemaking. They won't," he says. "But there is some serious smooching that goes on in 'More Tales' between the characters of John and Michael."

And for the author, that display is crucial, not just for the story, but for his own motivation in writing the series. He says the open display and accurate portrayal of sex between two men and is the single greatest contribution of the miniseries on pop culture.

"Until society gets used to that type of imagery, and sees it as normal, homosexuality will remain demonized. My aim from the beginning, long before we started on the film, was to create a story that explained the bare nature of homosexual affection," he says. "It's very important for straight people to see that we cuddle and play in a manner that is not unlike the way they do it. They get so hung up on butt fucking that they forget the rest of it."

Plus, sex sells. "Face it, it makes for a much better miniseries. It's more captivating and much closer to reality," he says. "It sounds like all I'm out to do is shock and



The author on the set of Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City.

scandalize. But there's really a moral message at the center of it all, which has to do with tolerance and acceptance and a lot of the corny things I believe in."

Maupin was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, to a somewhat conservative family. "Liberace was one of few examples of homosexuality in American culture and that was a pretty terrifying prospect," he recalls, adding that he didn't lose his virginity until he was 25. "It was thrilling when, as an adult, I could help eliminate through writing the great pain of my child hood, which was the solitude I felt as a young queer."

In 1971, at age 27, he moved to San Francisco. An unknown writer at the time, Maupin landed a job at the *San Francisco Examiner* where he began to write a fictional column about gay life. "I had a lot of rich material. I had arrived in San Francisco as wide-eyed as the central character in 'Tales,' he says. "It was 1976 and no one was explaining gay life."

Two years later, Harper Collins asked Maupin to adapt the columns into a book called "Tales of the City." A total of six books were published in the series.

"I was part of that post-Stonewall movement. I prided myself with getting some sunshine and fresh air into the scene and showing gay people to the world as they are," he says.

Outside the series, Maupin has only written one novel, 1996's "Maybe the Moon," which he is currently adapting for the big screen.

His next tome, which is still untitled, will be a psychological suspense story published this Christmas. And like "Maybe," the new book will feature various characters that originated in the "Tales" saga. In the novel, the central character who is a gay writer, has a 20-year-old Chinese American bookkeeper, who is the daughter of Didi Halcyon. She is the child conceived in the original "Tales of the City," when Halcyon had a fling with the grocery boy.

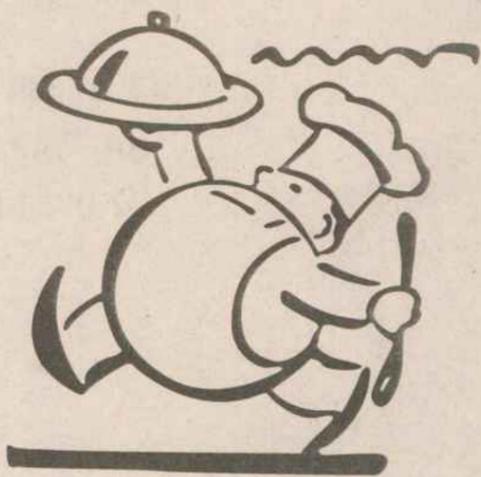
And while the author is often asked when he will write the next book in the "Tales" series, he has no desire to revisit Barbary Lane again. "It's been 10 years since I left those people. I like the notion of them being frozen in time," he says. "I like the nostalgia with the whole thing."

But that doesn't mean he won't be at the writing table to adapt the remaining four books for television. He goal is to convince ShowTime to film the entire series. The president of the network has already indicated publicly that if he gets a positive response from his subscribers, ShowTime would commit the \$8 million for the next installment.

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PrideFest Unveils Headliners for 1998 Festival

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"I think this is the most diverse line-up PrideFest has ever offered," said Entertainment Coordinator, Jill Clark. "With five entertainment stages, visitors may actually have a hard time deciding who to see."

The national acts from 1997 may seem hard to beat, but PrideFest is confident the crowd will be on its feet Saturday night in the Miller Oasis.

JOI CARDWELL: Dance Music and More With more than twenty singles and two albums out, and music in movies and commercials, along with a number of dance songs that hit the top of the charts, Joi Cardwell may surprise you because you've heard more of her music than you think. You can hear her live at in the Dance Tent at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, and on the Miller Stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Cardwell's appearance is being sponsored by Dish, a dance club in Milwaukee.

Her most recent single is "Found Love." Other top songs include "Run To You," "Soul To Bare," "Club Lonely," "Jump For Joy," and "You Got To Pray." She's not just a singer but a songwriter and producer who averages more than 50 live performances per year.

She has toured the world singing at top venues and international jazz festivals. She will perform at pride festivals in San Francisco, Boston, and San Diego as well as Wisconsin this year.

MEN OUT LOUD: Three years ago Men Out Loud were discovered at a



—Men Out Loud

singing contest. Since then they've been the roads to stardom. The four-part harmony of Men Out Loud will grace the Miller Stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Men Out Loud's appearance is being sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

"It's not a very typical group," says Steve Steinberg, sort of the founder of the group. It all started when he and a couple of friends gathered in his Los Angeles living room after the 1995 earthquake to sing and calm their nerves.

Then they entered California's Harmony Sweepstakes singing competition, got the attention of a record producer, and after a little shuffling among labels, released "Sweet Enuf 2 Eat" on Pure/Mercury in 1997. Sales hit the top of the CD chart in *The Advocate* magazine by fall.

They don't hide their gayness. "We're a singing group that's gay, not a gay group that sings. We're still way out there," says Steinberg. "We still sing love songs with the pronoun him, but we're

making it more palatable."

Men Out Loud spent last summer touring pride festivals across the country. They plan to appear in Wisconsin Pride Parade during their visit to PrideFest.

MUSIQUE: The Ultimate 70s Girl Group In the late 1970s, the trio Musique received immediate worldwide recognition as one of the most exciting female vocal groups in disco, dance and pop music. Their infectious show comes to the Miller Stage at 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

Their 1978 debut album on Prelude Records, "Keep on Jumpin'" led them to the top of the charts with the hit "(Push, Push) In the Bush." Sales hit over 25 million internationally and the songs "In the Bush" and "Keep on Jumpin'" both placed on the disco, R&B, and pop charts. Another hit was "Summer Love." In 1980 Musique earned *Billboard* Magazine's Best Female Group Award.

Lead singer and original member Mary Seymour is the force that drives the group. Seymour was also a featured vocalist with Atlantic Record recording group Change, made famous by Luther Vandross. The album "Glow of Love" went gold. Change co-starred with Rick James on his 1981 tour of the United States.

On Broadway, Seymour was a featured singer in the musical "Hair" at the Biltmore Theater, and she starred in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical at the Lunt Fontaine Theater, "Raisin," in the role of Ruth Younger. Off Broadway, she was featured as a surprise guest in the play "Forbidden Planet." The trio has also been featured on MTV's "Rockin' Thru the Week."

Musique's performance has grown to include the "Great Divas of the Seventies Dance Music" tribute and the "Donna Summer Medley." At the Paramount Madison Square Garden WPLJ Seventies Dance Party in New York City, they performed to two sold-out shows and received a standing ovation from 11,000 people. At the Music Midtown Fox 5 TV Main Stage in Atlanta, Georgia, last year, Musique performed for more than 75,000 people and received another standing ovation.

MRS. FUN: Sometimes called "Milwaukee's most unusual duo," Mrs. Fun will play on the Miller Stage after the fireworks Saturday night, Aug. 29. Their fourth CD, "Groove," came out in June on Fun Time Records.

Originally from Waukesha, in the 80's they formed Mrs. Fun in Nashville, and relocated to Milwaukee in 1990. The Wisconsin Area Music Industry has given them multiple awards ever since 1992 for jazz, keyboards, percussion, female vocalist, and best stage entertainer. Their performances and recordings have won accolades.

They have won plenty of friends in the music business, too. They've recorded with k.d. lang, Victor Lorenzo, the Indigo Girls, and Phranc. They also recorded a version of "Janey, Don't You Lose Heart" on the EMI-Capitol tribute to Bruce Springsteen, "One Step Up/Two Steps Back."

They've shared the stage with Bella Fleck and the Flecktones, John Schofield, Billy Cobham, k.d. lang, Arlo Guthrie, Robert Cray, Janis Ian, and the Indigo Girls. Fans say live is the best way to experience Mrs. Fun almost anything can happen when they're on stage.

PrideFest runs August 28-30 at the Henry W. Maeir Festival Park in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$5.00 each day with a 3-day pass available on Friday for \$12. For more entertainment information, visit the PrideFest website at www.pridefest.com.

The 1998 Pride Guide will be distributed a month before the festival throughout Wisconsin and Chicago. Out of state visitors can order their PrideFest brochure and ask about other tourist information by calling the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-554-1448. The Park East Hotel is the official host hotel for PrideFest and is offering special rates when you mention the festival. Call 1-800-328-7275 to reserve your room today.

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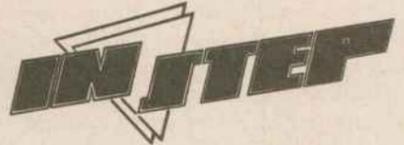
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Milwaukee's Lakefront Festival of the Arts Opens

Milwaukee — Some 60,000 people are expected to attend the Lakefront Festival of the Arts, which will be held on the grounds just north of the Milwaukee Art Museum from Friday, June 19 through Sunday, June 21. The hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The festival, sponsored by Friends of Art, MAM's largest support group, benefits MAM's Art Acquisition Fund.

The festival will feature 189 jury-selected artists from around the country, who will show and sell their fine art and fine crafts. Ten of these artists will receive cash awards, that are to be selected by this year's festival jurors, totaling \$10,000. In addition to the outstanding art, the festival features, among other activities, the Children's Art Center where children can explore their individuality; the College Art Show with artworks of students from 10 area colleges; the sculpture garden designed by Hawks Nursery containing landscape-size sculpture; and a silent auction and raffle where you can submit bids for your favorite art. While you're there you can also fill out a raffle ticket to win a piece of art.

There will be entertainment for all

ages supplied by local and nationally recognized entertainers, installation art, artist demonstrations, and a Harley-Davidson display of art in the East Entrance of the Milwaukee Art Museum. Rebecca Lowber-Collins created "Spirit Map" for the 1998 Lakefront Festival of the Arts. Ms. Collins says, "In this piece, I hope to engage the viewer in a playful hide and seek of events and searches, just as we search for treasures in our lives." This work is reproduced on posters, sweat-shirts, and T-shirts that will be available in a tent on the festival grounds.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$3.50 at the three MAM shops: Downtown in the Art Museum, Galleria West, Brookfield, and at Mitchell Airport. Tickets are also available at other locations throughout the region. Tickets will be \$5 at the gate during the festival and there will be free admission to the Museum throughout the Lakefront Festival of the Arts weekend. For more information, please call the Friends of Art at (414) 224-3852.

Tim Clausen Solo Jazz Concert Benefits PFLAG

Milwaukee — Jazz historian and pianist Tim Clausen will present an evening of solo Jazz piano on Sunday, June 29 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held

at Plymouth Church, 2717 East Hampshire at the intersection of Kenwood and Downer Avenues. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds will benefit PFLAG-Milwaukee.

Clausen is associate editor of *Erroll Garner Gems*, the journal of the international Erroll Garner Club. A 1994 *Milwaukee Magazine* review said of Clausen's self-taught, Garner-influenced piano playing: "This young white guy is the soul of unassuming taste." In addition to working on a biography of jazz pianist Dave Cane, Tim Clausen plays various venues in the Milwaukee area and has recently completed musical engagements in both Houston and Philadelphia.

New Works Co-Commissioned by Berlin Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony

Chicago — The Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) have announced plans to co-commission new music by CSO Composer-in-Residence Augusta Read Thomas, CSO Principal Guest Conductor Pierre Boulez, and German composer Wolfgang Rihm. The first new work, a piano concerto by Wolfgang Rihm to be played and conducted by Daniel Barenboim, will be premiered in May 1999 at the Berlin Staatsoper's new Mozart Festival in Berlin.

Ms. Thomas' commission will be premiered at the festival in June 2000. Music by Mr. Boulez will follow on 2001. Mr. Barenboim took the initiative to bring the BPO and CSO together to collaborate on the commissions, guaranteeing that each new composition will receive both its second performance and American premiere in Chicago. The new Whitsun festival, presented by the Berlin Staatsoper (of which Daniel Barenboim is artistic director) in cooperation with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, will seek to present music by the eighteenth-century composer with a modern perspective.

The newly commission works will be an integral part of the festival's orchestral concerts, programmed alongside music by Mozart. As part of their commissions, each composer has been asked to write a composition for a Mozart-size orchestra, demonstrating that similar instrumentation can lead to a different world of sound. The festival will take place annually on the weekend of Pentecost (Friday through Monday), a national holiday in Germany.

Early Music Now Gets Two Grants

Milwaukee — Early Music Now (EMN) announced that an award of \$10,000 from the Milwaukee Foundation's Gerda A. Debelak Fund was granted for organizational expansion. EMN, previously administered on an all volunteer basis by their 15-member board and their founding director, Thalia Hoyt Drake viewed this as a crucial step to insure the

11-year old organization's continuance and longevity.

The Wisconsin Arts Board notified EMN that their 1998/99 Performing Arts Network grant application ranked ninth out of 35 and has recommended an award of \$3,644. The panel's comments noted that "this group is amazingly wonderful in its focus and narrow niche... with really remarkable attendance. There is an obvious commitment to excellence. ..."

Early Music Now has also announced their Music Calendar for the upcoming 1998/99 season which started June 3 with "Bach Babes" at Villa Terrace in Milwaukee. The season will continue through May 1, 1999 with such diverse performance locations and events as The American Bach Project at All Saints Cathedral in Milwaukee, the Howard Meyer Brown Series at the University of Chicago's Mandel Hall, and Anonymous 4 at St. Josephat Basilica in Milwaukee, among many others.

For more information on subscriptions and single tickets for these performances, please call Early Music Now at (414) 225-3113 or you may E-mail them at emn@execpc.com or visit their homepage on the Internet at <http://www.execpc.com/~emn>. Members receive their quarterly newsletter and calendar.

Broom Street Theater Presents "Walgan: A man And His Sword"

Madison — Broom Street Theater's latest production *Walgan: A Man And His Sword* opens Saturday, June 13 in the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson Street in Madison. The production will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, July 19.

Walgan is a comedy written and directed by Joe Wiener. Wiener is a recent graduate in Theater and Drama at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. *Walgan* is the epic story of a young boy who wants to be king and has amazing adventures meeting warriors, giants and monsters. Wiener found inspiration for *Walgan* when his mother took him to the Highland Movie Theater in St. Paul, Minnesota to see "Star Wars" at the ripe old age of three.

Rob Matsushita takes the lead role as *Walgan*. The cast includes Broom Street veterans Kevin Bosley, Scott Feiner, Buck Hakes, Dan Jacobsen, John Sable, Stephanie Turner, Molly Vanderlin and Tracy Wiczorek. Making their Broom Street debuts are Shannon Fenner, Bill Hagen, Kathy Martin and Lisa Miller.

The original music for the production is by Brian Wild, lighting design is by Christi Schmidt, costume design is by Molly Vanderlin with Lauri Harty, and scenic design is by Betsy McNeely. Light operation is by Jennifer Harding and Steve Carsten who will also play small roles. Tickets are \$7 at the door only (sorry no reservations), and all shows are at 8 p.m.. There will be no show on July 4. For more information call (608) 244-8338.

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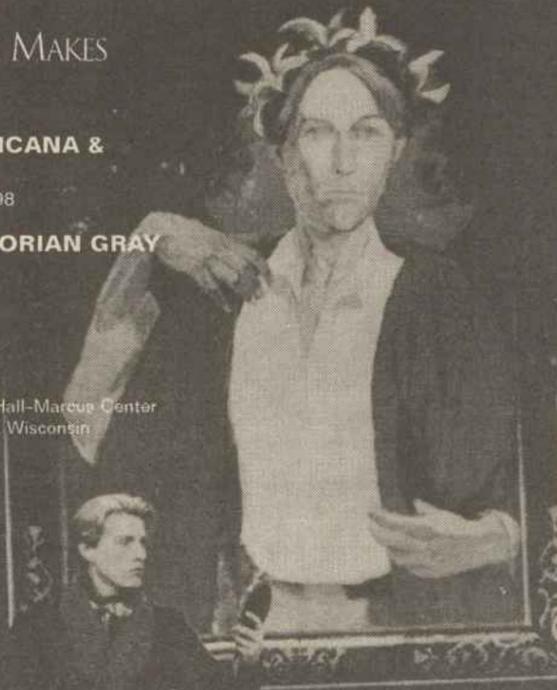
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'Parterre Box'

The 'Zine for Totally Rad Opera Dudes

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

A sort of standing gayish joke is that the only problem with heavy-duty leather bars is that everyone's either talking about their stock portfolio or who's singing the soprano role in an upcoming opera production.

Indeed, opera — and the divas who often make it the colorful and hyper-theatrical experience it is for many — is one of the most peculiar fetishes in the gay



subculture. Gay men may get all sweaty over Brett Favre or Dennis Rodman or Troy Aikman, but many positively quiver when they speak of Maria Callas or Joan Sutherland.

Ironically, while symphony orchestras, ballet troupes and opera companies around the country teetered on the brink of collapse during the past few decades as audiences increasingly found the "stiffness" of many productions a bit much, several have taken steps to make their art more accessible to a wider audience — including special promotions aimed at gays and lesbians by a Texas opera company, and commissioned works like the opera "Harvey Milk."

It's a grudging — and long overdue — acknowledgement that gay men may well be the most rock-ribbed opera fans on the face of the earth, and that without their support many opera companies might well have gone belly up by now.

One of the latest manifestations of this queer state of things is the advent and unexpected success of what's probably the only fanzine devoted to tremolo and vibrato in a big way.

Parterre Box makes no concessions to discretion and carries the in-your-face subtitle "Queer Opera Zine." While a name like that might get a publication dismissed out of hand as less than serious, *Parterre Box* has instead pumped a good deal of energy and interest back into an art form that some felt was on its last (or next-to-last at any rate) legs.

This isn't a staid, anemic periodical aimed at folks who want safe insights that they can discuss knowingly at their next dinner party. Instead, *Parterre Box* is a feisty little 'zine chock full of the kind of enthusiastic writing that's the surest hallmark of the true fanatic. This isn't about entertainment; this is religion.

Only four years old, *Parterre Box* has

simply become opera's most talked about publication. One critic recently called it "the smartest, funniest, and, yes, most knowledgeable writing on the subject." Allan Ulrich, writing in *The Advocate*, called it the "most outrageous, most subversive, and often the most perceptive publication on the performing arts scene today!"

James Jorden, the bimonthly's editor and publisher (not to mention its main writer under a variety of pen-names), is an unrepentant opera fan who manages to bring both a perceptive sense of what's good and what's dreadful to the pages of *Parterre Box* as well as the kind of writing that makes it a joy to read. Arch and punchy at the same time, the magazine dispenses with "luxuries" like snappy graphics, snazzy layouts, and even copy-reading at times, in favor of bright insights and zingy writing. In many ways, it's like listening in on really "smart" talk at a dinner party where everyone has an absolute passion about the art.

A recent review of a production of "Tannhauser" encapsulated what a "serious" music magazine would have taken a thousand words to say about one singer with this: "Wolfgang Schmidt remembered all his words and at no time during the evening did blood actually spurt from his throat." Even if you don't know an aria from astroturf, it's language and slant like this that tell you what Schmidt's performance was like.

In the often rarefied world of opera fandom, passionate views are essentials. But for the true addict, there have to also be a breadth of exposure, an ability to back up your personal ardor with good reasons for it, and, if you're going to opine outloud, a skill at distilling your views down to their most intoxicating essence. *Parterre Box* generally manages to achieve all this — and then some.

A wicked sense of humor helps too. Where else could you find a feature article entitled "Ten Questions You'll Never Hear on the Texaco Opera Quiz" or "18 Beefcake Operas"?

The net result is a fervent and very adult 'zine that's blunt, funny, bright and even insightful. No other publications delivers such prodigious, inspired delight in what's truly magnificent in opera — or such brazen scorn for the certifiably dreadful.

And in spite of the minimal production values put into it, *Parterre Box* has begun to get the kind of recognition few fanzines accomplish. Earlier this year the magazine broke through a glass ceiling with a cover interview with soprano Deborah Voigt. And the current issue features an intriguing interview with David Daniels, a countertenor who is also one of the few openly gay stars in opera.

The magazine is published six times a year, and a subscription (\$18 for one year or \$30 for two) would make a nifty birthday or Christmas gift for anyone you know who's smitten by a serious case of diva worship — including possibly yourself, of course. You can subscribe by writing to: James Jorden, 174 W. 76th Street, #12-G, New York, NY 10023.

It also has a WorldWide Web site at: <http://www.anaserve.com/~parterre> where you can find a few of its published features online as well as any "hot" short news items.

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the calendar

June 11 through June 24, 1998

Activities, Festivals:

Saturday, June 13

Harley-Davidson 95th Anniversary Reunion (Milwaukee): The Harley-Davidson parade will start at 8 a.m. on I-94, and roar through downtown Milwaukee to the lakefront. Riders from around the world will meet at Henry Maier Festival Park for the Reunion (tickets required). The fun will continue at a free event at Veterans Park from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. There will be entertainment, motorcycle displays, auctions, raffles, fantastic food and more. FMI call (800) 843-95th (9584).

LAMM - Run-Walk (Milwaukee): Join members of LAMM & FrontRunners every Saturday, rain or shine. Meet at the North Avenue Water-tower 9 a.m. for a run-walk. FMI call Joanne at (414) 359-3608.

Friday, June 19

Lakefront Festival of the Arts - Kick-off (Milwaukee): This annual arts festival on Milwaukee's lakefront is a place to by art and especially see and be seen—especially on a nice day. The festival will run through 6/21 and opens at noon on Friday, and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Closing is 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$3, \$5 at the gate. FMI call Friends of Art at (414) 224-3852.

Polish Fest (Milwaukee): A non-stop polka stage, classical area and folk-dance stage. There will be old-world crafts and the signature foods of Poland, all at the Summerfest grounds on Milwaukee's lakefront through 6/21. FMI call (414) 529-2140.

Saturday, June 20

LAMM - Walk Against Family Violence (Milwaukee): Join LAMM members and the Milwaukee Women's Center for the 5th Annual Walk. Party down at the Summerfest grounds before, during and after. To register or FMI call (800) 771-WALK (9255).

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Hiking (Madison): Hike Governor Nelson State Park at 2 p.m. If interested, call Jim at (608) 588-3073. Outing may be canceled if there is not sufficient interest.

Bar Specials:

Sundays:

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

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$4.25 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 ant 11 a.m. Bloody Marys \$1.50 Old Fashioned & Screw Drivers.

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Join Duane from KC's Mobile Music, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. for karaoke. Qualify for a cruise for 2 on the Big Red Boat. two qualifiers per evening. Grand Prize drawing on 7/21.

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.

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. Bloody Marys are \$2 all night.

Manoeuvres (Madison): \$5 Sunday Beer Bash 3 to 8 p.m. All you can drink of LITE. All other drinks \$1 off 3 to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. to close all taps are 50¢ off. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, tap beer 80¢ (until 6 p.m.) \$1.75 rail drinks - 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday 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): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on micro-brews.

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 - 5 to 8 p.m.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

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

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

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1's and the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close: rails, taps of Lite & domestic bottles of beer are \$1.75. Shorties of Lite are \$1. Shots of hot Sex are \$1.50. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢) \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

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): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games.

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): \$2 Tuesdays! Live DJ at 9 p.m. \$2 beers and \$2 drinks.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 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.

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

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

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

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. Customers can spin the Manoeuvres Wheel to win free drinks, shots, pizza, beer bash etc. during Happy Hour. From 8 p.m. to close all taps are 75¢ off, shorties of Lite are \$1. Shots of Pucker or Hot sex ate \$1.50. DJ & Dancing at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 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 Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 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.

La Cage (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.

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

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda /8 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 (tap, wine and soda).

Woody's (Milwaukee): Happy-Happy Hour 4 to 5 p.m. (50¢ off tappers & \$1 off rail drinks). \$1 off drinks from 5 to 9 p.m. 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): Big Buck Thursdays! \$1 well, wine, domestic beer.

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. Amy entertains!

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): In-house Pool Tournament. \$100 in cash prizes. Singles. Double elimination. \$1.75 MGD bottles. Live DJ/band at 9 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 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.

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

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

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

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

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. with the Manoeuvres Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close Jim Beam drinks are \$2, Ex and Ex Lite \$2, shorties of Lite \$1. Shots of Cuervo and Doctors are \$2. DJ & Dancing at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): ShowBiz Thursdays are back! Always a great mix of comedy, show tunes & more. \$6 rail bust!

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

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Friday Night Dance party with DJ Bonge. Free & anonymous HIV testing by Lake Co. Health Dept. from 8 to 10 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 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.

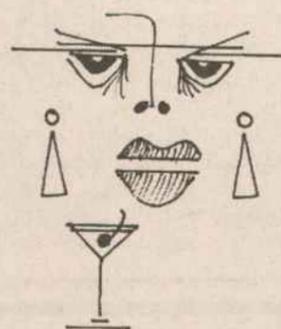
M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

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.

Life's a Drag

©by Bob Arnold



"Dear, your right to be heard, doesn't include the right to be taken seriously..."

The Last Days of Disco

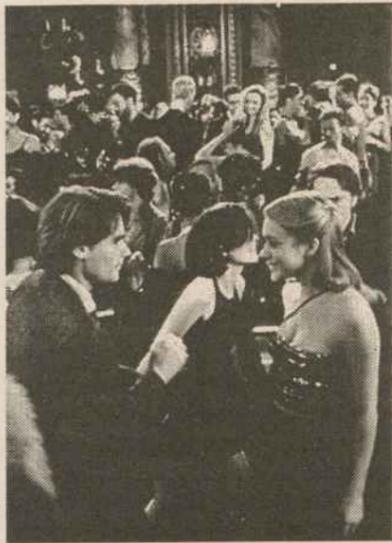
Film Review by Kevin John

The Last Days of Disco, Whit Stillman's latest confused étude, starts out deliciously. Two upwardly mobile disco denizens, Alice (Chloe Sevigny) and Charlotte (Kate Beckinsale), get past the velvet rope at an ersatz Studio 54 in "the very early 80's" and the energy of that initial giddy thrill is sustained through delirious long takes of boogieing and a snooty repartee with a group of Harvard grads that suitably demonstrates an above average cultural aptitude.

Soon, though, all the cultural references evaporate clearing the path for a distilled study of, what's this?, Alice and Charlotte's romantic foibles. All sartorial codes grow increasingly less time specific (as a friend remarked upon seeing the trailer, you cannot tell if it's set in the 70's or the 90's) and not even star power can taint such a pure exploration into, huh?, girl problems. The cast becomes this amorphous blob with the Harvard clan particularly indistinguishable from one another so as to better focus on relationships gone awry, one assumes. Who should Alice choose — wiry adman Jimmy or eccentric young buck lawyer Josh? And is Josh played by Matt Keeslar or Robert Sean Leonard? And isn't that Neve Campbell as Charlotte? And why does Charlotte cast her web over Alice's wonderland just because she's so clearly unhappy in her own relationship with ... er ...? Ugh, for those answers and more, tune in to next week's episode of *Friends*.

Stillman followed this identical trajectory in his 1990 feature *Metropolitan* where a group of *Town and Country* hopefuls sit around and discuss Jane Austen for a hypnotic hour or so and then spiral out into incongruous he said-she said parlour games. So maybe he's trying to tell us something about how much our quotidian reality is ideologically determined by the music we listen to or the books we read. Or maybe he just doesn't know where to take the urbane banter of his characters story-wise (nowhere sounds pretty good to me) but in and out of each other's beds is not it.

Since these links between story and cultural milieu are so weak, your mind is



left to wander. If this film is indeed set in "the very early 80's," why doesn't the DJ play early 80's disco like *Tantra* or "D" *Train* instead of the same tired Andrea True and Sister Sledge classics you can hear on any given disco night at Mad Planet to prove that disco never died out for the subcultural Madonnas-to-be if it did for the young urban professionals that dominate the film. As such, does it all have to revolve around disco? I mean, couldn't it have just as easily been called *The Last Days of Pac Man* with a switch to video game obsessives? It probably couldn't focus on Ivy Leaguers or aspiring publishing house editors but there's definitely an exploration of class to be found in the arcades of the very early 80's.

It's not out of a quest for anthropological realism but rather boredom that we ask these questions and long to follow the lives of the tangential "grotesqueries" at the club (including Flashdancer Jennifer Beals in a thankless role as a wronged girlfriend). The only main character who warrants closer inspection is Josh whom everyone thinks is a weirdo cuz he sings hymns out loud and pontificates on the meaning of disco. Okay so he's a little flaky. But he's the sole source of passion in the film (passion for something other than himself, that is). It's no accident that he is the one that gets the non-diegetic dance started in the subway at film's end — a terrific cinematic sigh of relief which seems to voice a dissatisfaction with Stillman's own preoccupations: "Whew! That's over. Now let's boogie!"

For the Ears Extra!

Linda Ronstadt

"We Ran"

Review by Jorge Cabal



Like the late Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt is one of music preeminent song interpreters of this century.

She is not afraid to tackle any stylistic avenue: rock & roll, country, pop, big band, jazz standards, opera, Broadway, Mexican and even Afro-Cuban music have all brought her world-wide appeal and album sales in excess of \$50 million. Ronstadt has countless of gold, platinum and mutiplatinum albums as well as eight Grammy awards.

"We Ran" is Ronstadt's return to familiar rock-pop terrain with eleven tracks written by such elite songwriters as Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, John Hiatt and many more. Produced by legendary rock producer and engineer Glyn Johns (Eric Clapton, Stevie Nicks, the Clash, Rolling Stones, among others); and joined by old friends and players Eagles's Bernie Leadon and guitarist Waddy Wachtel. The CD also includes Tom Petty

Band's lead guitarist, Mike Campbell; piano/organist, Benmont Tench; and bassist, Howie Epstein.

Linda Ronstadt points out that the major difference between "We Ran" and previous efforts was her willingness to "let go of the wheel!" "I wanted someone whom I could trust, because with two small children at home I didn't have the focus or energy to make all the decisions that there are to make when putting a record together. For example on the song 'If I Should Fall Behind' written by Bruce Springsteen, all I did was show up and sing. It's Glyn's arrangement from top to bottom. I usually control my records down to the very last detail, for better or for worse, and am involved in every stage of the production. So this was a very interesting way for me to work. The only song I hijacked was 'Give Me A Reason.'"

Ronstadt continues to excel as a vocalist. Her voice has never been better or stronger with an impeccable vocal range. Ronstadt singing is effortless, and she brings a level of maturity and eeriness to such songs as "When We Ran," "Tom Thumb's Blues," and "Icy Blue Heart." There is a sexy tone to her interpretation of "Ruler Of My Heart," and a ting of sadness to "Cry 'Till My Tears Run Dry." When Ronstadt sings, she gives you a piece of herself.

"We Ran" is a must for the ears. Available in stores June 23rd.

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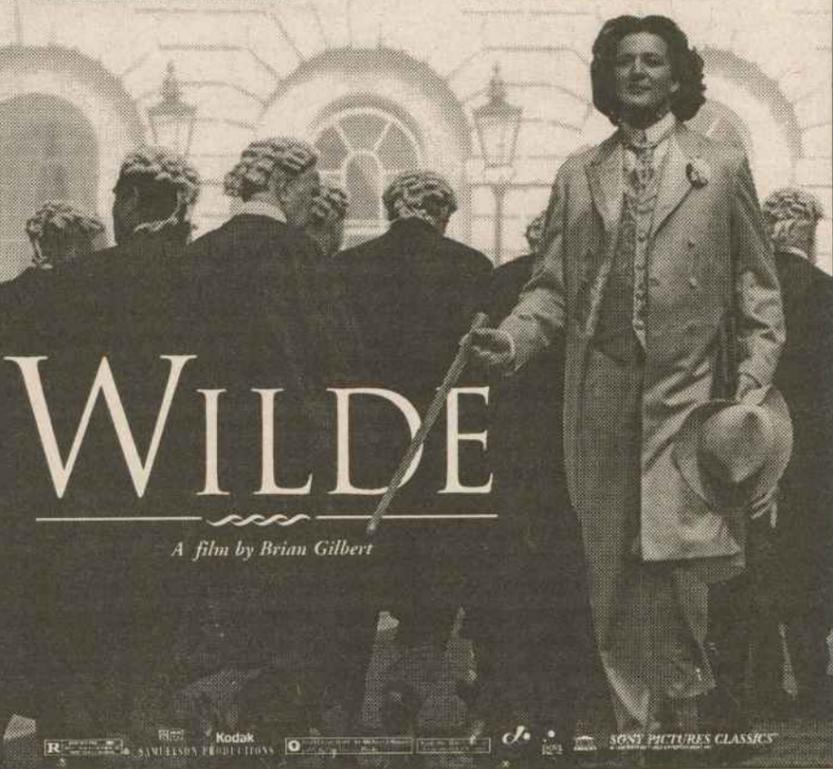
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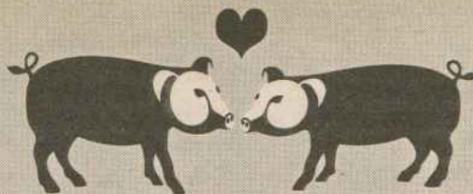
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Cell Block (Chicago): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bar Events:

Saturday, June 13

The Boot Camp Saloon - Club Night (Milwaukee): The Brew City Bears will be holding club night and a party starting at 10 p.m. FMI call the Firebirds Hotline at (414) 299-9707

1100 Club - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Tuesday, June 16

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Smut Tuesday every Tuesday! XXX Videos & Cheap Drinks. \$2 Skyy Vodka, pints of Lemies Creamy Draft. Free games.

Wednesday, June 17

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): No Hair Club for Men. Free Buzz Cuts. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Emerald City NightClub - Drag-O-Rama (Antioch, IL): Join some of the area's hottest drag queens, plus DJ Bange spinning your favorite JAMS. \$1 shot specials. Enter to win a 3-day, 2-night vacation at Disneyland (includes round trip and hotel).

Friday, June 19

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

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Every Friday is Fetish Night! Check your monthly Planner. Tonight: Leather Daddies & Papa Bears. Drawing for \$100 Male Hide Gift Certificate. Earl Pleasure, DJ. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Join LAMM members for Milwaukee Chicks, DJ from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. This is AIDS Day of Compassion. Wear a red ribbon to show your support.

Saturday, June 20

Emerald City NightClub - Boxer Shorts Contest (Antioch, IL): Join host Xavier Temple (from Chicago's Circuit) for the biggest & best boxer

shorts contest. 1st prize is a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica (includes air & hotel) 2nd prize is \$75. They supply the boxers, you bring the rest!

Magnolia's Grill at the Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI): Located at 333 Blue Star Highway in Douglas, MI. Mardi Gras in June is tonight's theme. Prizes for best costumes. Also tonight: Cabaret entertainment by Beckie Menze. FMI call (616) 857-1401 or http://www.douglas-dunes.com.

Sunday, June 21

Magnolia's Grill at the Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI): Located at 333 Blue Star Highway in Douglas, MI. T-Dances every Sunday from 5 p.m. until ????? Anyone in underwear gets half-price drinks. Burgers, Drinks & Hot Music. Male Strippers every Friday. The Pool Bar is open seven days a week. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Thursday, June 25

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Every Thursday is Big Buck Thursday. \$1 well/wine & domestic beer. Tonight is the kick-off of Chicago's Gay Pride Weekend and there's a PORNFEET benefiting the Reimer Foundation at 9 p.m. Shop & browse through 100s of new & used books, magazines & videos!

Book Clubs, Classes, Readings:

Friday, June 12

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Menomonee Falls native, Mike Magnuson will read from his second novel, The Fire Gospels, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Sunday, June 14

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee): Locust Street Day used book sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Over 100 cartons of all kinds of new & used books. Member preview on 6/13 from noon to 5 p.m. FMI call 263-5001.

Monday, June 15

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Barry Lopez will read from his new book, About This Life: Journeys on the Threshold of Memory, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, June 16

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Sherwin B. Nuland will discuss his book, How We Live, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Double Author Appearance (Brookfield): Writers Anita Shreve, author of The Pilot's Wife, and Elinor Lipman, author of The Inn at Lake Devine, will share their new novels at a tag-team reading at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

GLBTQ Book Discussion Group (Madison) This group for men & women will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Borders Book Store East to discuss two books, one fiction and one nonfiction. FMI call (608) 240-0080.

Wednesday, June 17

SAGE/Dane - Women's Chat (Madison): This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at A Room of One's Own Coffee Shop at 10 a.m. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Saturday, June 20

A Room of One's Own Bookstore & Coffee House (Madison): Classical Jazz in the Coffee House by local musicians Tara Ayres and Barb Cheron between 8 & 10 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Thursday, June 25

A Room of One's Own Bookstore & Coffee House (Madison): Author Hannah Nyala will read from her latest novel, Point Last Seen: A Woman Tracker's Story, at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Community Meetings & Events:

Friday, June 12

Democratic State Convention (Madison): Speakers at Monona Terrace will include Russ Feingold, Herb Kohl, Ed Garvey and Barbara Lawton. Free food a drink. at hospitality suites. FMI call (608) 258-9800.

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 long 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 wheel chair 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.

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, June 13

East Town Farmer's Market - Fresh Produce (Milwaukee): The Farmer's Market opened at Cathedral Square on June 6 and will run every Saturday through October 17. The hours are from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Fresh produce, poultry, flowers and more. There is entertainment by area musicians starting at 8:15 a.m. And, if you still haven't had enough, you can go to the Farmer's Market in West Allis, located just two blocks south of 65th and Greenfield.

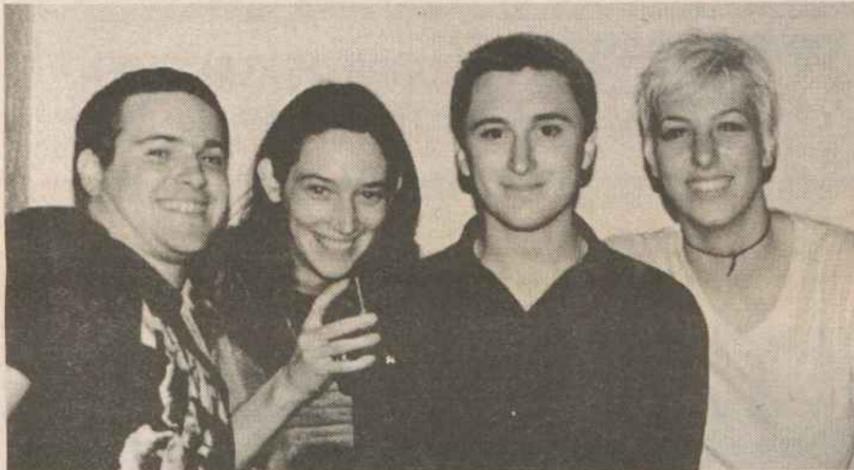
Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Sunday, June 14

Perfect Harmony - Rehearsal (Madison): Meet & sing at Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square from 7 to 9 p.m. every Sunday. FMI call (608) 232-0582.

Monday, June 15

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.



Finishing School Graduation Party. Photo by Jamie @ Dish



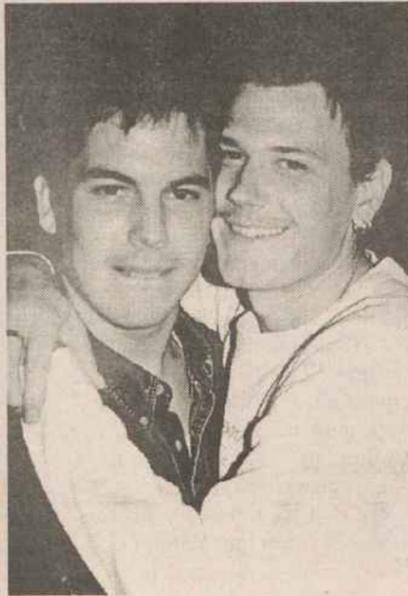
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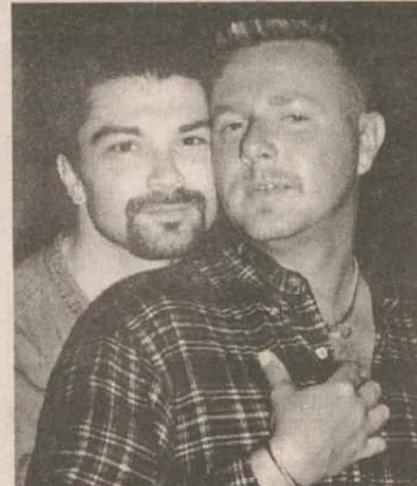
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PLEEEZE Mom... can I keep him?. Photo by Jamie @ 219



Remember last issue? Well here's my secret. Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

SAGE-Milwaukee - Tapes of NYC Conference on Aging (Milwaukee): Audio tapes of the keynote address and Plenary Session of the Recent SAGE Conference on Aging will be presented by Eldon Murray at 7 p.m. in the SAGE Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, June 16

Bi Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): Topic: The Dynamics of Privilege. The group meets at BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street at 7 p.m.

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap Session (Madison): The group meets at The United, 14 W. Wiffittin St. at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, June 17

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, June 18

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): Basic Research and Community Collaboration: Two Key Ingredients for Successful Family HIV Prevention, will be discussed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the conference room at 1249 N. Franklin St. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Dining Out (Madison): Join the group at SAZ, 588 State St. (near Concrete Park on the lower end of State St.) at 7:30 p.m.

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, June 19

St. Camillus - Circus Weekend (Milwaukee): Fathers Day weekend there will be a live circus at St. Camillus. The Jr. Chamber Mission Inn Foundation is raising money to help children affected with HIV/AIDS. FMI & tickets call 1-877-494-7469.

UJIMA & LOC/Women of Color - Performance (Milwaukee): To celebrate Juneteenth Day, the show by Chicago's African-American LGBT Performance Ensemble is at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall in the Milwaukee Public Library. The show will be repeated on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. FMI call UJIMA at (414) 263-5330.

Saturday, June 20

Silver Space - Discussion Group for Older Lesbians (Milwaukee): This group meets the third Saturday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. FMI call (414) 271-2555.

Wednesday, June 24

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Concerts on the Square (Madison): Every Wednesday for 6 consecutive evenings, join other Frontiers members at this series of concerts. Meet before 7 p.m. on the Main St. side near MLK Jr. Blvd. Bring your own picnic dinner. Frontiers will provide some wine. FMI call Randy at (608) 278-9708.

Thursday, June 25

LAMM - Membership Meeting (Milwaukee): Meets at the M&M Club (upstairs) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Film, TV, Video & Radio:

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

Wisconsin Public TV - The Castro (Statewide): Shows at 8 p.m. Combining interviews with archival material and contemporary footage, the program captures the spirit and vitality of the Castro district that has become a symbol of gay liberation.

Wednesday, June 17

Nothing To Hide - WYOU-TV (Madison): This Public Access station presents Part 3 of Madison Institute's Tax Reform, plus In The Trenches with Rita: AARP panel fro 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 8This Way Out a nationally produced show for GLBT folks at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 18

Wisconsin Public TV - Signature: George C. Wolfe (Statewide): This program, shown at 10 p.m. introduces Wolfe, an African-American playwright and director who also heads New York's legendary Joseph Papp Public Theater.

Wisconsin Public TV - In The Life (Statewide): American as Apple Pie, 1998, Gay Pride special, shown at 11 p.m., presents seven new stories that look at the participation of gay men and lesbians in places that typically define the American Experience.

Monday, June 22

SAGE-Milwaukee - Movie Night (Milwaukee): A screening of Stonewall, a fictional account of the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, will be held in the SAGE Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24

Nothing To Hide - WYOU-TV (Madison): This Public Access station presents Part 4 of the Madison Institute Tax Reform, followed by Walt Whitman and Setting the Record Straight from 9 to 11 p.m.

Museums & Galleries

Friday, June 12

H2O Gallery - Waswo Photographs (Milwaukee): Currently showing through June 28, an exhibit of Waswo's photographs titled, Requiem: A Song For the Dead. FMI call (414) 271-8031.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Making Marks: 100 Years of Works On Paper Opening (Milwaukee): This exhibit opens at 6:15 p.m. with a lecture by Mark Pascale, assistant curator of prints & drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago. Works on paper by Picasso, Kandinsky, O'Keefe, de Kooning and other artists will be on view in the Journal/Lubar Galleries through 8/23. Regular Museum admission. Free to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee Public Museum - Harley-Davidson Exhibit (Milwaukee): 95 years of motorcycles will be on display in the second-floor Steigleder Gallery through August 9. Admission to the museum is \$5.50 for adults; \$4.50 for Seniors (60+); students and children (4 to 17) \$3.50. Museum members are free. Milwaukee County Residents are free on Mondays. FMI call (414) 278-2700.

Tuesday, June 16

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Talk for Making Marks (Milwaukee): An informal exhibition tour of Making Marks: 100 Years of Works On Paper, will be led by Russell Bowman, MAM director and exhibition curator at 1:30 p.m. Regular Museum admission. Free to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Wednesday, June 17

Milwaukee Art Museum - Free Day for 50s+ (Milwaukee): Those people 50 or older will receive free admission to the museum. Enjoy complimentary coffee and morning refreshments. Discounts available at the Museum Shop or deli. All this happens between 10 a.m. and noon. FMI call Sarah Gartner at (414) 224-3843.

Theater Arts:

Friday, June 12

Tribe Theater - Rock Opera (Milwaukee): Enjoy the stage adaptation of Pink Floyd's rock opera, The Wall, at Thai Joe's at the Bangkok Orchid in the Prospect Mall. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Show at 8:30 p.m. Diner & show \$15. Show only \$10. FMI call the Tribe Hotline at (414) 264-4058 or Thai Joe's at (41

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ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

There seems to be changes afoot in regards to something which seems almost like an institution. The results of such a change will only benefit you — be ready to say yes. There will also be changes on a personal level, so learn acceptance.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

New ideas need to be shared with others and improved during the week. Your plans may upset a few established folks, but the whole shakeup is long overdue. It may be time to give your primary love relationship a breather, love may not always overcome boredom.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

If you feel the need for quiet and solitude, make a few compromises to meet your responsibilities, but try to stay out of the limelight. You may have the tendency to be over generous when money is concerned, and this may end up leaving you shorthanded.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Use all available resources in the most economic way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the end result will be well worth it. Others just may be amazed at how much you've done with so little. Reorganization is a key.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Diplomacy will no doubt be necessary later on this week if you want to preserve old friendships and support. If you assume a "better than you" attitude, it will definitely aggravate those around you. Even though perfection is required, it will be impossible.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Try to resist any type of manipulation or suggestion that will try to get you to give more time or money than you have. If you stand up for yourself it will give you a feeling of success which will have great impact on your confidence. Stay on equal footing with a loved one.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

You have lots to give and share with those you love. And this giving will create a sudden appreciation for family members and good friends. Doing your work this week because it is your duty and your job will bring about some marvellous results for you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Another's loss will definitely be your gain. Use your good fortune on substance and not fluff. Someone of authority can help you build a strong foundation for successful future plans. Wise management is going to be absolutely essential to accomplish what you want.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

A love relationship may seem to be on the rocks during the week. Temporary separation may be needed to bring this coupling a happy ending. Your trust needs to be renewed, because old slights are very hard to forget. Share your ideas and problems with a close friend.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Any investments, especially in the area of real estate or health will probably provide you with excellent returns. Make sure to communicate clearly with experts in these fields before making any decisions. Don't blame yourself for any financial difficulties.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

If you feel like you are sitting on top of the world, it is all thanks to your own efforts. Don't forget the hard work which has gotten you to this point. You need to remain diligent in order to stay in step with any future developments.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Memories may set you off during the week. Use what you have learned from them to help you with any present difficulties. Unrealistic expectations on your part may be to blame for feeling that someone close to you has let you down — give in a little.



At the HarleyFest Rehearsal. Photo by Jamie @ Eagle



Daddy and Boys, past and present. Photo by Jamie @ Eagle



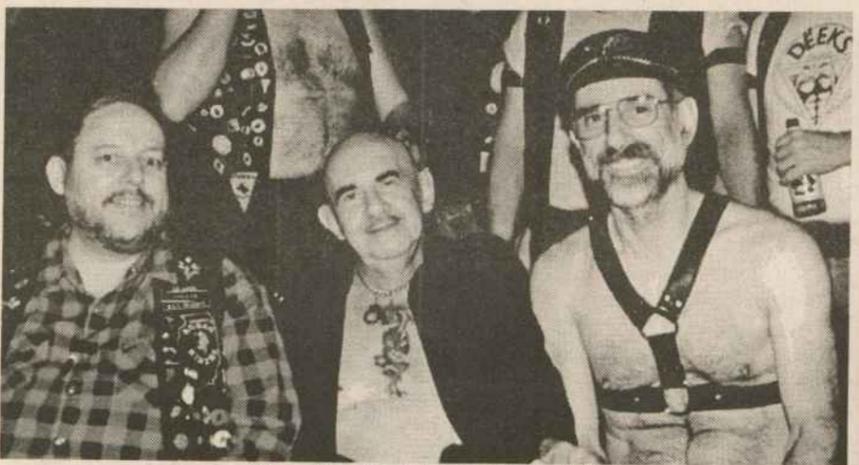
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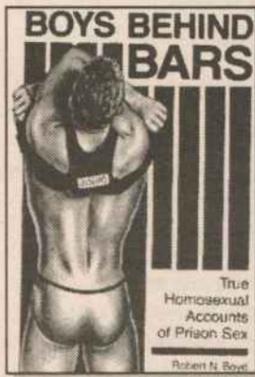
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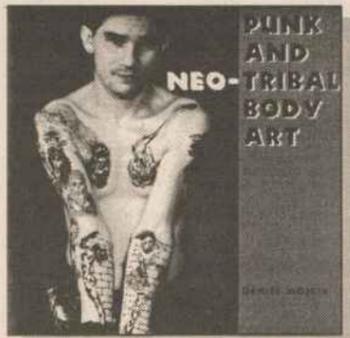
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BOOK REVIEW

by Ed Grover



Guided Tours

Here are three guides and one quiz book that is "the definitive challenge that puts every pop culture fan and trivia buff to the test." Two of the guides are travel guides by Fodor's, one of the best travel guide publishers around. The *San Francisco Chronicle* says, "Fodor's recognizes that gay travelers are not a homogenous bunch, so to speak ... but take an interest in sights beyond the gay ghettos." The next is a gay man's guide to heterosexuality, that offers a humorous look at the strange habits of heterosexuals. Finally there's that quiz book to keep us on our toes about who's "In" and who's "Out" in show Biz."

Fodor's Gay Guide to the USA

by Andrew Collins

This 600 page soft cover book contains several sections for each city discussed. Collins gives us a rundown of the

more than a dozen lesbian and gay newspapers. He knows gay travel inside out and has compiled this all-in-one guide for anyone who is planning on visiting Europe, especially for the Fifth Gay Games, that will be hosted by Amsterdam between August 1 and 8, 1998. So if you plan to go and cheer on your favorite team, or just join in the fun, this is a book you could use. (Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc. ISBN 0-679-03379-3, \$12).

The Gay Man's Guide to Heterosexuality

by C.E. Crimmins and Tom O'Leary

The press release that accompanied the book gives an idea of what the book is about when they ask the question: "You no doubt are asking why we need a book like this? The answer is simple: Because heterosexuals are everywhere. Your next door neighbor could be one, or even one of your teachers, or your priest (insert gratuitous joke here). The important thing to remember is that heterosexuals are not just a passing phase — they quite clearly are here to stay," according to the authors.

This attitude should be familiar to all of us in the way the heterosexual community has treated the lesbian community in their not-so-subtle way. Every joke situation in the book has its counterpoint in the way they think about us and the jokes they make about us. Some of the questions that are answered are: "What are they carrying around in all those minivans?; Why are they afraid of bright colors?; Why are their dogs so big?; and, Why do show tunes scare them?"

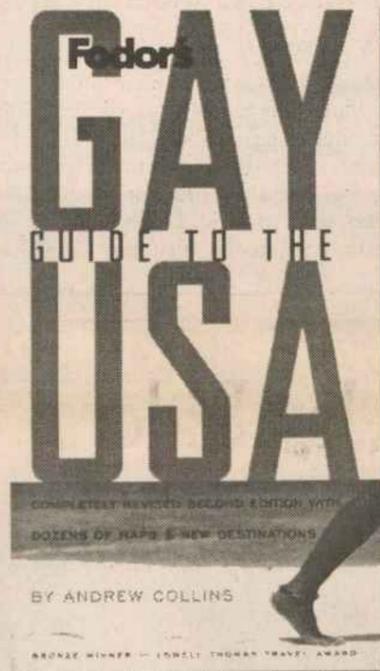
Cathy Crimmins, of Philadelphia, is the author of the best-selling *Newt Gingrich's Bedtime Stories for Orphans*. Tom O'Leary is an award-winning playwright who currently lives in Los Angeles. (Griffin Trade Paperback, ISBN 0-312-18102-7, \$10.95)

What's Your Gay & Lesbian Entertainment I.Q.?

by Ed Karvoski, Jr.

There's a quote from *Entertainment Weekly* in the introduction that goes like this: "The world of entertainment is undergoing a revolution as homosexual culture enters the mainstream." What follows is a series of questions (and answers — at the back) for you to circle. When you have filled in your responses, you add up the number of correct answers and (maybe) you will qualify for "The Victor/Victoria Victory Award" (400 or more correct answers), or on a more reasonable scale, "The Ellen DeGeneres 'Yep, I'm Gay' Award" (300 to 399 correct answers). It goes down from there to the "Bad Drag Show Award" at 0 to 99 correct answers.

Ed Karvoski, Jr. asks us to "Learn for [ourselves] exactly how much [we] know about gay/lesbian/bi-related films, television, theater, and music." He asks us to grab a pen and charge up our gaydar. It might be fun to test your gay I.Q. at the beach or at a party. And then again ... maybe not! (Kensington Books, ISBN 1-57566-205-7, \$13).



categories in his introduction. There's "The Lay of the Land," which gives you a quick summation of each destination's geography, its neighborhoods, major attractions and more. At the end of each section are tips on getting around.

In "Eats" Collins says he stopped by almost every restaurant (and ate at as many as he could) so he could check out the ambiance and observe the crowd. In "Scenes," he checked out nearly every bar in the book. The most popular spots are listed under "Prime Suspects." Last is "The Little Black Book," which gives you contacts to get the latest scoop in case one of those bars or restaurants has folded. He says, "local tourist boards can be helpful, and lesbian bookstores and community centers are tremendous resources, as are gay press publications. (Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc. ISBN 0-679-03374-2, \$20).

Fodor's Gay Guide to Amsterdam

by Andrew Collins

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Collins is a syndicated columnist for

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

These past couple of weeks have been a blast! Starting with Memorial day right after I finished the last column. We (Chris, Carlos, Tim, Garth and I) decided to take Chris's boat (also known as the barnacle barge) out on lake Michigan. By the time we got our shit together it was already reaching 4:00 p.m. but hey, no problem, the weather was nice and we had nothing better to do so we launched the ship. Our destination was the nude beach in Cudahy (not that it's really worth going there). On the way there we were havin' lots of fun, laughing, joking and trying our best to remember the words to the Gilligan's Island theme song. Never actually got all the way through the song but it was fun tryin'.

We got to the beach about 20 minutes later and wouldn't ya know it, other than 1 cute guy wondering around, there was nobody there. We sat on the beach for a beer and decided to head back. We got about 30 yards away from the shore, throttle wide open when there was a thunderous, very scary crashing noise. The engine was revving at very high r.p.m.'s and we were going nowhere, we had just hit something. I crawled to the back of the boat to see what on earth had happened and discovered that every blade on the prop was gone. After the initial panic we were doin' just fine, even Chris (who has been known to fly off the handle at almost nothing) was level headed and even laughing with us. The boat wasn't going anywhere but at least it was still floating. Between the 5 of us we had 2 phones and plenty of beer, no problem. Fortunately a guy on a jet ski stopped to see if we needed help, even trying to tow us. Realizing

almost right away that the jet ski wasn't going to cut it, the guy went for help. Shortly after that he came back with another guy and a boat, hooked up the tow line and we were once again, on our way.

Then there was the road trip to St. Louis with my friends Brad, Tony and Darin. We started our trip right after work on Friday afternoon. Six hours later we were at the Hyatt in Union Station on Market Street. We checked into our rooms (2 of them with a connecting door), ordered a case of beer and a bottle of Absolut. \$97.00 later we had our refreshments. (We learned right away that if we were going to have refreshments, we sure as hell weren't going to order them from the hotel.) We had a couple of cocktails and called a cab. The cabby pulled up and asked us where we were headed and we told him to take us to any gay bar that was fun. Obviously this cabby knew nothing about the gay scene 'cause he took us to this really bizarre place that none of us liked. We had a drink and hailed another cab. This time we got a really cool guy that took us to the Complex. (We stuck with that same cabby the whole weekend.)

The Complex was pretty cool, had lots of cute boys, great bartenders and volleyball court. It didn't take me long to find a boy that I thought was cute. He was playing volleyball and it didn't take much to convince him to take his shirt off. It also didn't take much to convince him to party with us at the hotel. We stayed up almost all night long drinking tea and sharing recipes (yea right). By the time I was ready for bed I was too tired for anything but sleep, so sleep I did. I woke up a couple hours later to find that my "date" had

crawled out of bed and was gone. Oh well, not the end of the world.

The whole point of the trip was to see the Dave Matthews concert Sunday night. To be honest, I hadn't been a fan of Dave Matthews until that night, he was great! We had 4th row seats that Darin had paid a huge amount of money for (thanks sweetie).

After the concert Brad and I went back to the Complex for more refreshments and met some really cool people. Before we knew it they were calling last call so once again we called our cab and headed back to the hotel. All in all it was a great past couple of weeks, I got to see Dave Matthews, got to sleep with Tony and Darin (no sex, those 2 are boyfriends but it was sure nice to cuddle with them) and also got to see the famous Arch.

Here in Milwaukee, the big news is in the leather community. **Eagle** is once again open after a fire in the building damaged the club. **Gus** got the club open just in time for the **Wisconsin Daddy/Boy Contest**. The weekend long event started at **South Water Street Docks** with a Friday night spaghetti dinner. A \$5 donation got you all the spaghetti you could eat.

Saturday night was the actual contest, held at **Milwaukee Eagle**. With the **River Splash** festival, it wasn't easy finding a place to park but a little sweet talking to the parking attendant, and I had a spot. Eagle was packed with members of the **Argonauts** and the **Castaways**, all dressed up in their best leather outfits waiting to see who the next Daddy/Boy would be. It was pretty obvious by the

Too Much Fun

audience applause that out of the 4 Daddy and 6 Boy contestants that **Gene** would win the Daddy title and **Clayton** would be his Boy.

The next day there was an auction at **1100 Club**. Just under \$550 was raised with the largest bid going for a chain harness. Hmmm, I wonder what you do with one of those?

I had a great time talking to some of the guys and learned a lot about Milwaukee leather history. As I have said in past columns, the guys from the leather community are a great group of people. (Oops, I almost forgot to mention, thanks to **Bob Pfeifer**, I am now a member of the "Condo Association." You'll have to ask me about the details in person.)

The **Firebirds** held their **Club Night** at the **Boot Camp** on June 8th. From what I hear, **Si's** new cocktail hours are doing just fine.

If your lookin' for good food, good drink and bitchy waiters, then you must stop in at **M&M** for **Sunday Brunch**. If you want a nice waiter ask for anyone but Dave. He keeps treating me like trailer trash, and I don't even own a trailer! XXXOOO

The **Possum Queen** fundraising events continue to raise badly needed funds for the fight against AIDS. When you see contestants/participants reach in your wallet and GIVE.

That's about it for this issue. You would think that with the summer months that there would be a lot going on, but this year with PrideFest in August, it just seems like not much going on. Until next issue, have fun and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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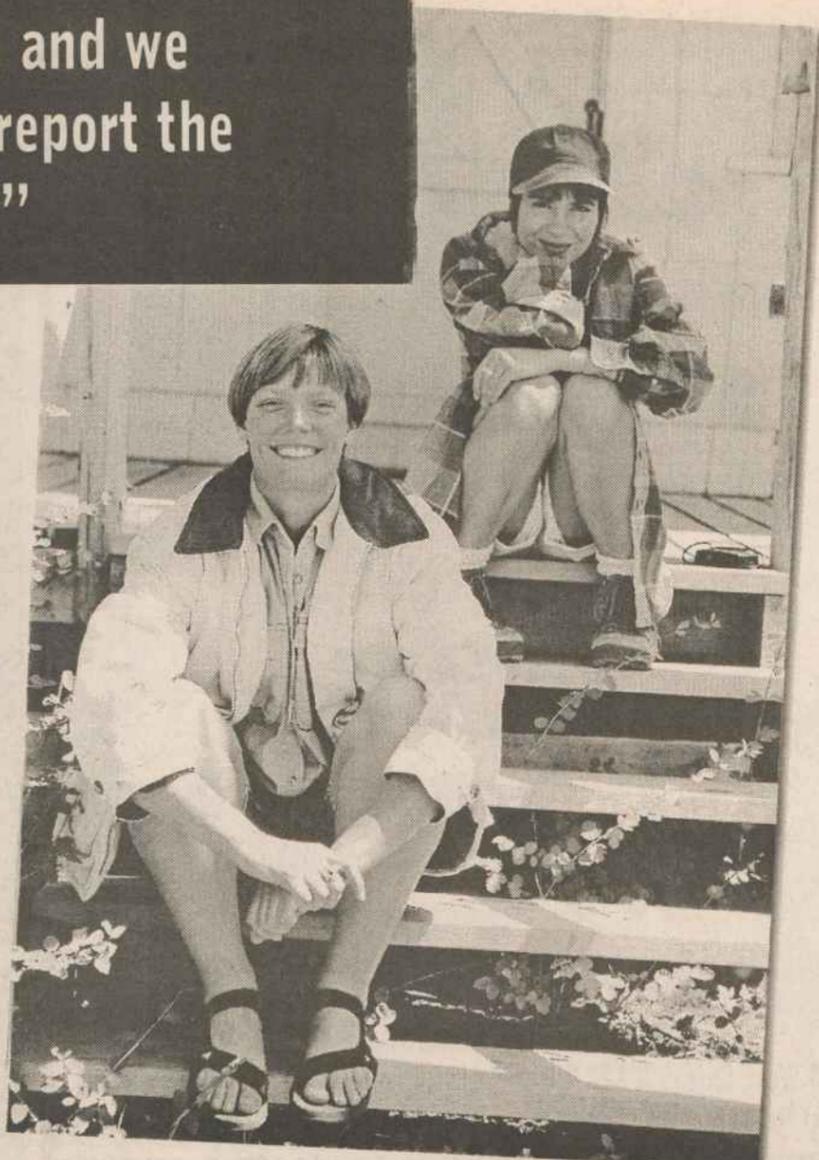
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TEACH ME THE TRICKS I'm a White Male, 5'6", 125 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. Sadly, I'm very inexperienced. I'm looking for a Male, 18-mid-20's, who can teach me the tricks of the trade. (Kenosha) ☎16554

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

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

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

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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THRILL SEEKER This attractive, masculine, well built, White male, 27, 6ft, 180lbs, with light, Brown hair and Blue eyes, is looking for friendship and hot fun, with other good looking, muscular guys, 21 to 35, who, like me, are well educated and adventurous. I enjoy working out, the outdoors, dining out, dancing, the beach, and road trips to Chicago, among many other things. (Milwaukee) ☎13032

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

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FEELS GOOD ALL UNDER This attractive, Gay, Black male, 28, 5'11, 163lbs, with curly, Black hair, light, Brown eyes, a medium build and a goatee, seeks another masculine, Gay, Black males, over 30, for fun times and bodily pleasure. (Milwaukee) ☎13663

FILL MY VOID This is attractive Gay 21-year-old White Male with lots of interests inside the bedroom, and out. I am very attractive and well-hung, so please give me a call. (Milwaukee) ☎17597

TAKE ME OUT I'm a 55 year old, 5'5", 140 lbs, Man who has brown hair, blue eyes and a little on the husky side. I'm a home body looking to go out with a Hispanic or Black Males, 18-30 years old, around my height. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs and I am interested in a monogamous relationship. (Milwaukee) ☎18501

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

WAYWARD IN HAYWARD I'm a nice looking, romantic, White male, 22, 5'9, 180lbs, with short, light Brown hair and glasses. I hope to meet some other guys, around my age, with interests similar to mine. I enjoy horseback riding, moonlit walks, hiking, camping, fishing, road trips, and lots of other fun. I'm a submissive bottom, especially interested in hot tops. (Hayward) ☎44165

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-complexed 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

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

ALL ABOUT FEET I have a very strong foot fetish and I'd like to have the opportunity to service your feet. So call me soon and let me take care of your feet, maybe more. (Milwaukee) ☎20023

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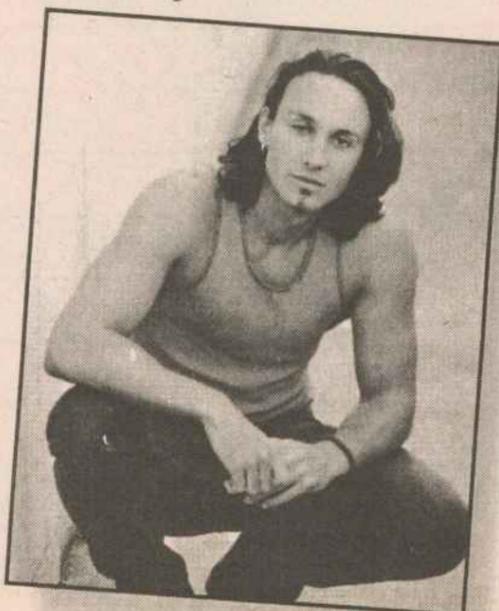
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AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND This attractive, 20 year old, White male, 5'8, 165lbs, with Blond hair and Brown eyes, into alternative and techno music, seeks a companion to have fun with. I love dancing, weekend getaways, and the casinos. I also play guitar. ☎13899

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LET'S KICK IT Yo, what's up? I'm a 18 year old Gay Black Male who is looking for other Males between the ages of 18-30. I'm ready to kick it and have a really fun time. (Milwaukee) ☎18137

LICK MY TOES Hello. I'm a Black top Man in my 40's. I want someone who is very submissive and likes to worship feet. Let me know if that's you. (Milwaukee) ☎18056

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

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

LET'S COOL DOWN Yo, what's up? I'm a 20 year old, 5'11", 175 lbs Gay Black Male. I am really cool, down to earth, very discreet and I love to have fun. If you like the way this sounds, give me a call. (Milwaukee) ☎17842

STICKY - STICKY This Gay White, 46 year old, 5'7", 145 lbs, in-shape Male is looking for other White Gay Men who are into nipples and jacking off. (Milwaukee) ☎17692

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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

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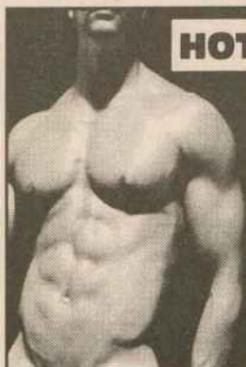
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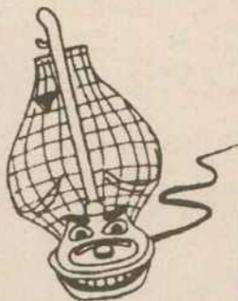
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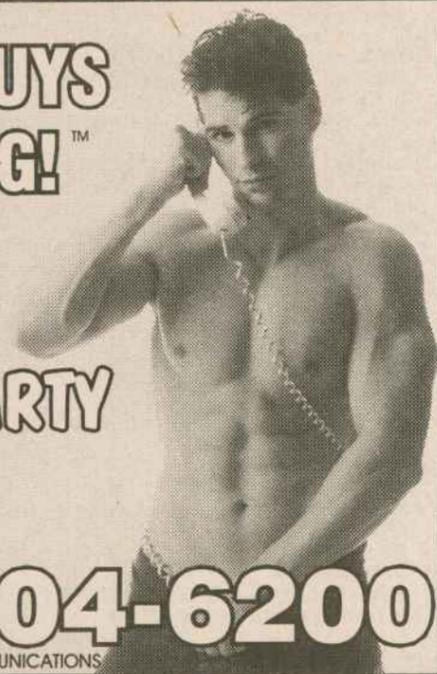
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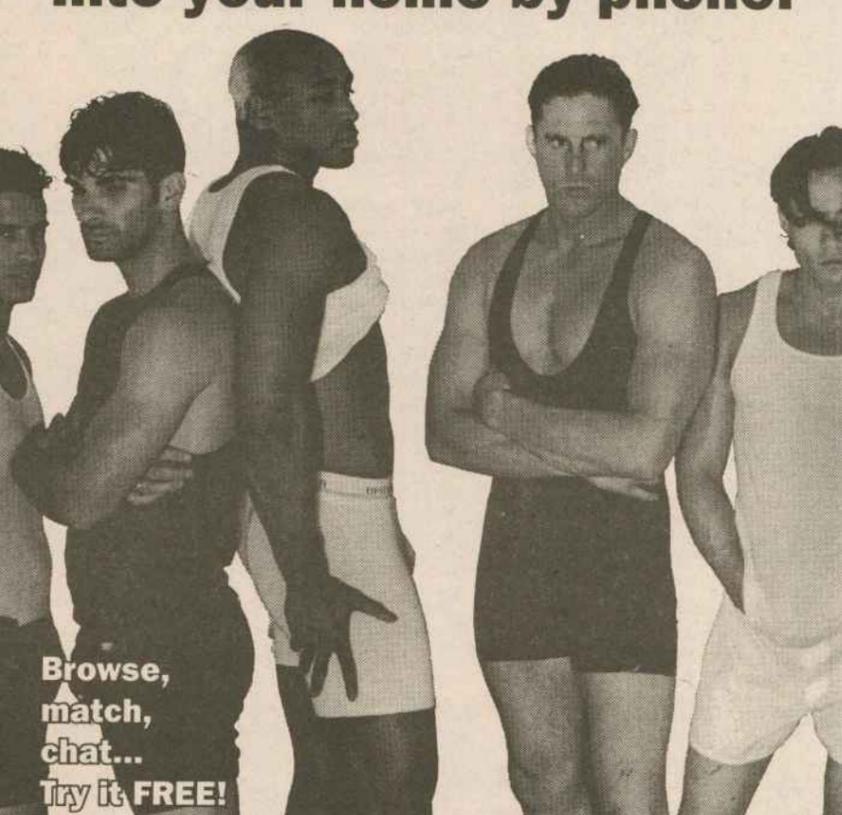


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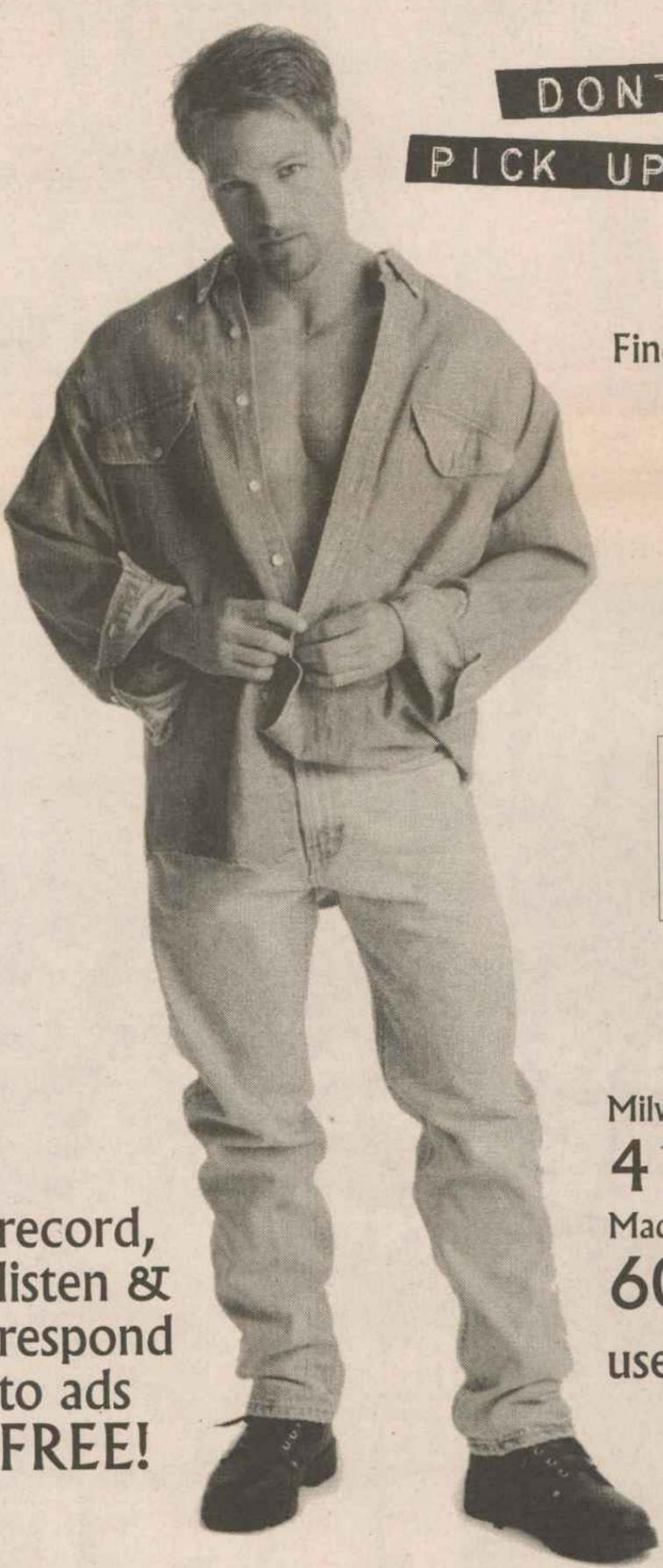
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 Box 131, Platteville, 53818
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 c/o Campus Ministry Center ... 784-7600
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