

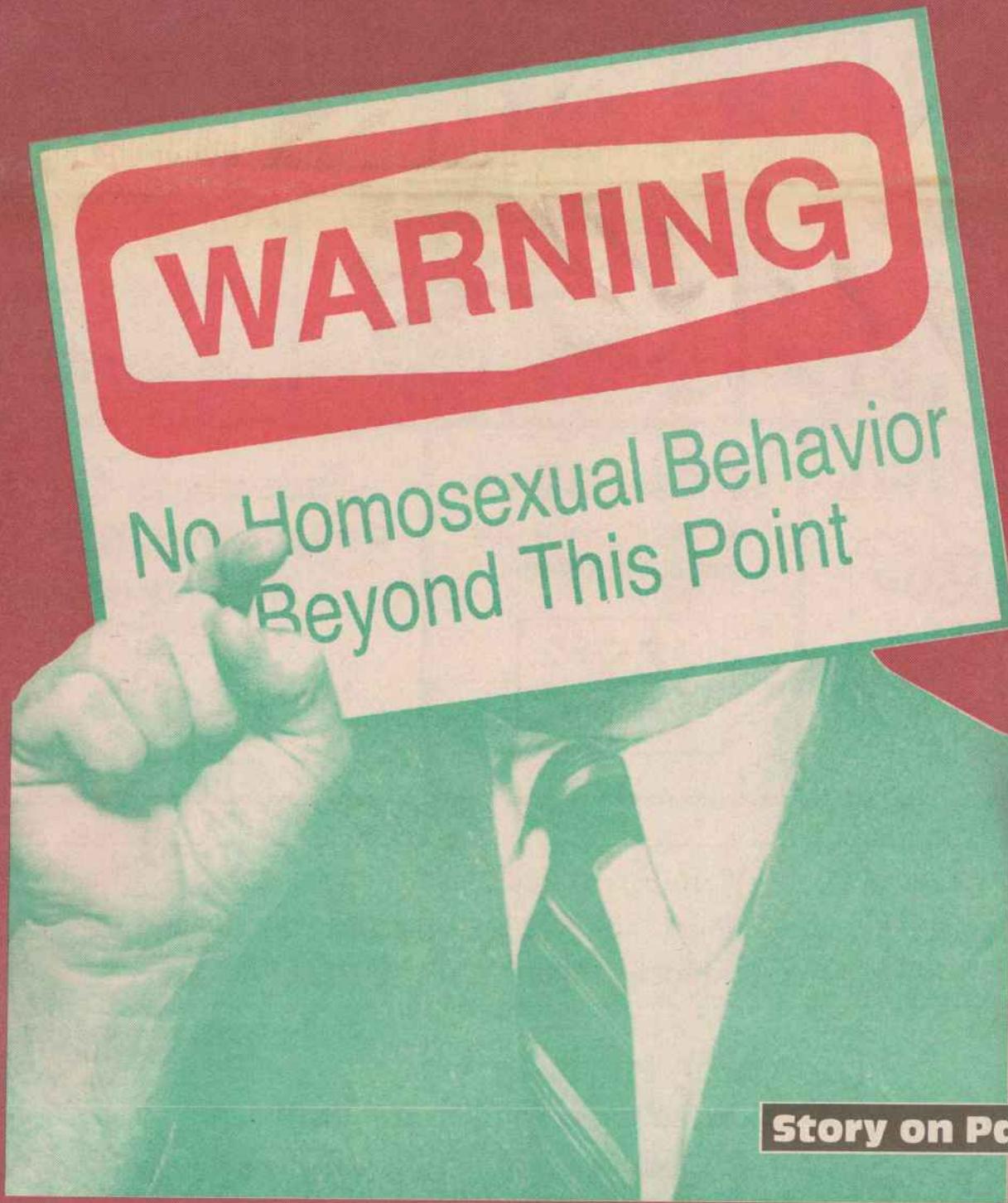


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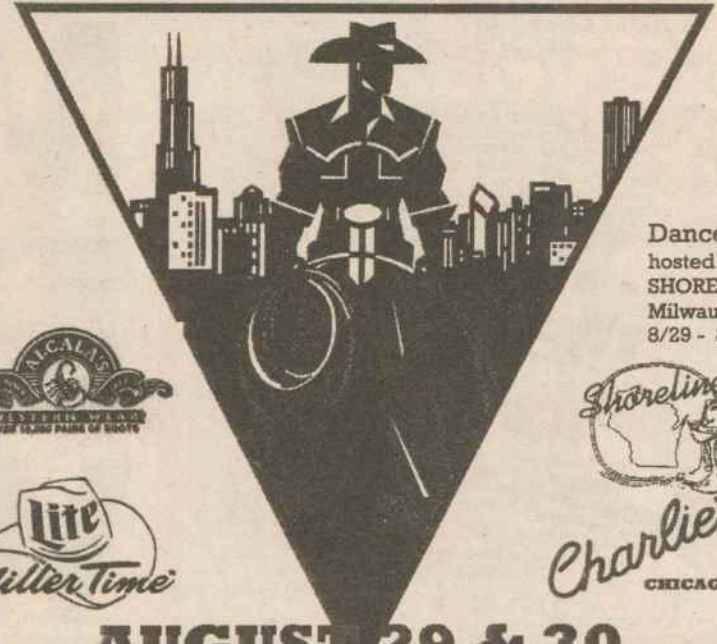


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news

Anti-Gay Billboard Campaign Launched in Dane County

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff with Associated Press Reports

Madison, WI — A billboard campaign condemning homosexuality could backfire on those organizing it by angering people of all sexual preferences, the head of Madison's The United says. The billboards, which feature a rainbow stripe and red and black block letters, state,



Madison Alderman Mike Verveer

"Homosexuality is not a family value. Homosexuality is a sin." The billboards are located at 851 E. Washington Ave., near the Beltline at Rimrock Road and on Wisconsin 113 in Westport and one each in Monroe and Beloit. They are to be up for four weeks.

"The response has been one of outrage," Madison Alderman Mike Verveer told *In Step*. "I've talked to dozens of folks — gay and non-gay — who are outraged and saddened by the actions of Wisconsin Christians United.

"When [people] see a billboard that has a bigoted point of view, I think a lot of people react with outrage," said DeEtte Tomlinson, director of The United. "They say wait, this isn't what my community stands for — it ends up being beneficial for the community being targeted."

Ralph Ovadal, who describes himself as director of the Monroe-based Wisconsin Christians United, said the billboard campaign's goal was to "share (God's) message with millions of Wisconsin citizens whom the homosexuals are busily attempting to deceive with the 'doctrines of demons,' which say that God accepts homosexuality and therefore society should, too."

Tomlinson said the billboards will likely be painful for some area residents to see.

"When someone already is feeling isolated or vulnerable, to drive along the road and see a sign that proclaims some portion of society is not supportive of them — that can be a scary thing," she said.

"Some people feel a sense of helplessness in response to this hatefulness," says Verveer. "I have encouraged people to call the billboard company (Vivid) in Janesville who put up the signs."

"I do not encourage or condone acts of vandalism against the billboards, and I think Ovadal and his folks are hoping the billboards will be vandalized. Personally don't think we should play into their agenda."

"Although he [Ovadal] works statewide against gays, lesbians and bisexuals... he has tended to concentrate in the Madison area. I think that is sad because Madison does have a well-deserved reputation for diversity and has a longstanding reputation for being a wonderfully open com-



Madison Mayor Sue Baumann

munity for gays and lesbians."

Ryan Mulcahy, Assistant to Madison Mayor Sue Baumann told *In Step* that while the Mayor has spoken in opposition

to the billboards she has not specifically suggested a boycott of Vivid. As a result of her opposition to the billboards, her office has been inundated with calls from organized supporters of WCU criticizing her and her staff with calls coming in from as far away as Alabama.

In a statement released to *In Step*, Baumann said, "While the message on the billboards is protected by the First Amendment ... we find it unfortunate when a group chooses to use its freedom to express blatant hostility towards valued members of our community. ... Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is just as harmful and wrong as discrimination based on race, religion, color, age, disability, gender or national origin."

Representatives from Vivid Outdoor refused comment when contacted by *In Step*.

Activists Encourage Protests to Vivid Outdoor

While Madison's largest outdoor advertising company, Adams, refused to run the billboards, Vivid Outdoor based in Janesville accepted the ads. A spokesperson from Vivid declined to speak with *In Step*. Their contact information: Vivid Outdoor Advertising PO Box 307 5101 S. Hwy 51 Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 754-6141

Action Wisconsin, a statewide gay and lesbian human rights organization is encouraging persons unhappy with the billboards to express their feelings to other businesses which advertise with Vivid. Here is a non-exhaustive list of other companies with Vivid billboards. (Rental billboards usually have a small sign on the top or bottom with the billboard company name; however, please note that some advertisers may use multiple billboard companies. Also, advertising decisions may be made by franchise or management headquarters, not by a local restaurant or branch location.) Burger King (on back side of E. Washington Ave. board), Swiss Valley Farms (dairy products, based in Davenport, Iowa) ("paired up" with the Beltline/Rimrock board, on a single post) Arby's, Culver's Frozen Custard, Quality Inn, Hampton Inn, Days Inn, Norrell Staffing Services, Thrift Painting, Noah's Ark (waterpark), The Baraboo Area (tourism), House on the Rock/Cave of the Mounds.

To express support for Madison Mayor Baumann call: (608) 266-4611 (TDD: 266-4443). Madison residents may also want to call their Common Council members; the Council's main office number is (608) 266-4071.

'Backward Thinking' Lott Remarks Stir Up a Firestorm

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, D.C. — The Clinton administration is criticizing remarks by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi as "backward in thinking" and another indication of "how difficult it is to do rational work" in the nation's capital.

Lott told a conservative television talk show host earlier in June that he believes homosexuality is "a sin" and compared it to alcoholism and kleptomania.

The Senate GOP leader's comments prompted a swift reaction from the White House, and Clinton press spokesman Mike McCurry charged that Lott was embracing extremist and hopelessly outdated views.

"The American people understand how difficult it is to get business done in Washington sometimes when you are dealing with people who are so backward in their thinking," McCurry said. "For over 25 years it has been quite clear that sexual orientation is not an affliction, it is not a disease, it is something that is part of defining one's sexuality."

McCurry's quick and sharp reaction to Lott's comments may not be all that surprising because of President Clinton's support of gay rights issues, dating back to his first presidential campaign bid in 1992 when he publicly asked gay and lesbians for their help in the election. While many rights advocates have since expressed disappointment with Clinton's record, few can deny that he has tried to do more publicly than any president before him on gay rights issues.

And Lott's comments apparently gave the White House exactly the opportunity it wanted to publicly

urge Lott to schedule a Senate confirmation vote on Clinton's nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the tiny nation of Luxembourg, James Hormel, an openly gay multimillionaire with close ties to several gay rights organizations.

The far-right wing of the Republican Party, controlled largely by Christian social conservatives, has made stopping Hormel's confirmation a GOP rallying cry. And sensing that it's a relatively painless way to make political points with the GOP's ultra-conservative right wing, Lott has kept Hormel's nomination tied up for a year even though the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the nomination in November.

Earlier in June, Lott for the first time said that he opposes Hormel's nomination, saying the San Francisco businessman and philanthropist is an "aggressive advocate of the gay lifestyle."

McCurry used the occasion to charge that Republicans in the Senate are allowing their personal prejudices to rule their political decisions.

"Why would they oppose someone who is otherwise well-qualified to be a U.S. ambassador, other than the prejudice that exists in their minds against people who are gay and lesbian?" McCurry said. "They're refusing to move forward on that nomination because he's gay. That's quite plain and simply the case."

Lott refused to comment on McCurry's remarks, but his press secretary, Susan Irby, said in a statement, "What he [McCurry] considers to be backward are the views and values of the great majority of Americans, who understand and are concerned about the grave social and ethical questions our country faces."

Dick Arney, the House Majority Leader, backed his

Senate counterpart, saying, "The Bible is very clear on this. Both myself and Senator Lott believe very strongly in the Bible."

Even some Republican stalwarts expressed shock at this anti-gay tremor sent out by their party's congressional leadership for no apparent reason.

"Whether it is ignorance on his part or blatant pandering to James Dobson and the radical right, it's wrong and it will cost the party," said Rich Tafel, executive director of the predominately gay Log Cabin Republicans.

Some political observers believe Lott's anti-gay remarks weren't so politically unintended and have suggested that the "sin" remarks and refusal to schedule a vote on Hormel's nomination tosses a political bone to the GOP's right wing and could be used as a possible wedge issue in November's midterm elections.

Supporters of Hormel's nomination say they have between 60 and 62 votes for confirmation, but with Lott firmly in control of the Senate agenda, the real difficulty is getting the nomination to the floor.

Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) has said he will attempt a set of parliamentary maneuvers and a "storm of amendments" in the Senate to force a vote. Calling the stalled nomination "shameful" and "blatant discrimination" Wellstone has said he would introduce a continuing series of amendments calling for a vote on Hormel's confirmation to every major bill that comes up for a vote in the Senate this session.

But despite Wellstone's pledge to turn the nomination into an "amendment battle" on the Senate floor, many say Lott's opposition and his latest remarks are a bad sign for Hormel's prospects.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who has worked to get Senate support for Hormel's nomination, said she was "shocked" and "discouraged" by Lott's remarks and added, "The message they [Republicans] are sending out is that no one who is gay need participate in their government."

DNR Sex Panic at Nude Beach

Has a "Born-Again" State Official Set His Sites on Mazo?

News and Analysis by Ed Grover
of the In Step Staff

In May, *In Step* received information regarding a proposed state crackdown by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at Mazo Beach, the nude beach on the Wisconsin River near Mazomanie. *In Step* published the information that was available at that time so those who use the beach would know what was happening.

Inquiries were made about the current status of the beach and *In Step* received reports ranging from "Nothing has changed," to "Watch out, the DNR is patrolling the bushes." Mark Wagner, a beach user from Madison, forwarded e-mail correspondence between himself, other gay beach users and a member of the Friends of Mazo Beach (FOMB). This current information should be of help to anyone planning to spend time at Mazo Beach over the 4th of July holidays or the following week for the Nude Olympics.

There have been reports from beach people regarding DNR warden Scott Thiede. He is said to have been preaching the "Good Word" to many on the beach; the context consisting of explaining that he is a "Born again Christian," nudity as a whole was wrong (according to the Bible), and referencing "Sodom and Gomorra" with being homosexual. Thiede, has expressed a number of times that he is personally offended and opposed to the beach. It is his mission to close it down. His verbatim statement was: "I'm going to give you enough rope to hang yourselves."

FOMB was asked some questions regarding people who were busted for possession of marijuana in the non-gay nude area that is closer to the parking lot. It seems that Warden Thiede has been seen standing outside of tents to see if anyone was using drugs and then busting them while they were inside the tents. He was also seen standing in the shadows of camp-

fires and busting people when he saw them smoking. There have also been tickets handed out for bringing glass onto the beach, which is strictly against the law. Broken glass is dangerous; use plastic or aluminum (and remember to take any garbage off the beach that you bring in).

Some of the questions asked were: "Is this legal? It is known that a person cannot stand outside of someone's house and look in; they would be arrested for invasion of privacy. Doesn't this apply to Scott Thiede looking into someone's tent? If Thiede is able to give tickets, doesn't he have to abide by the same law enforcement rules as other law enforcement agencies?"

The FOMB, in answer to the question, "Why was Mazo Beach stated in the newspaper as a gay problem?" said it "was an excellent question from a user standpoint, because there does not appear to be a gay vs. straight problem on the beach." Though the two groups (for lack of a better word) tend to camp apart from each other, it's been their experience that the groups co-exist quite peacefully, and FOMB admires the spirit of community on that end of the beach and everyone's willingness to share resources and good times at Mazo.

FOMB said that they have never attacked the gay community, as reported in some correspondence. They stated: "We know, care and appreciate the [gay] community at Mazo and at large. The comments we've seen seem to come directly from the DNR or other law enforcement or government agents."

Mr. Thiede has solicited complaints from users, which is not permitted as a standard complaint process. He has referred to "lots" of complaints, but FOMB has only been able to obtain copies of six for the last four years — much less than in most public areas. If there are other complaints, they have not been able to obtain copies or verify them, due to

stonewalling by the warden and the DNR.

The DNR has said that the official issues are vandalism, litter, and underage drinking. They are looking at these problems as they affect not only Mazo but the

"We won't stand for the Religious Right pointing fingers and turning this into a morality circus."

Ferry Bluff area, the Hwy. 60 campsite, and the Wisconsin Heights campsite. They are very careful not to make this a naturist issue, since that has already been litigated in the courts. FOMB doesn't know how the issues became "sex and drugs," but that it seems to be related to the personal mission of Mr. Thiede, the conservative political climate, and the media's desire to turn this into a hot story. FOMB believes that the media has latched onto the idea that people are cruising for sex during the week, and characterized those people as "men in suits." FOMB said, "It would be nice if we could just say, 'Hey, they're out there to get their palms read,' but that's not what most people believe and it's certainly not going to sell newspapers." *In Step* was told that Susan Lampert Smith, a long-time reporter of beach news, wrote a far more balanced account of Mazo for the *Wisconsin State Journal*, but her editor cut it and juiced it up. FOMB says that they can, with all certainty, say that the media has miscommunicated content and context to sensationalize this matter.

FOMB feels that anyone who cares about the area, be it users or the DNR, wants the same thing: a safe, clean, accessible public area. The positions they conveyed at the meeting in Sauk City are: 1) that the beachers have always taken care of the place and want to continue doing so; 2) that they don't want goofballs out there and would appreciate some help getting rid of them; and 3) that we *all* have the right as citizens to use the land responsibly.

FOMB said they didn't want to work out 'gay problems' at this meeting, because if they exist, they are a 'family' problem, not a media or government problem. They said, "We won't stand for the Religious Right pointing fingers and turning this into a morality circus." They said they wanted to present a united community of responsible Mazo Beach users who are willing to work with the DNR on their stated issues.

At the meeting that was held at the Sauk City Library on April 30, the DNR, nudist groups and any other interested parties discussed options to deal with prob-

lems that have arisen at the beach. When the meeting started it soon became apparent to everyone who came there to support the beach and who didn't. The TV stations were there, and newspapers and radio stations were all covering the "Nude Beach News". Even the gay basher WIBA was there.

The media ran up to people who were opposed to the beach staying open and made sure they got their names and what was said [so] they covered [it] correctly. When the meeting started, there were people that stood up and either said the beach should be kept open with the options that

were proposed, or they were totally against it. One of the options that was proposed was no entry after 11:00 p.m. or before 6 a.m. It seemed that everyone was in agreement with this. This is the option that everyone hopes the DNR decides on.

Scott Thiede stood up and gave a speech that made no sense about issues including underage drinking, vandalism, and gay sex. He could not comment on what this meant. He said that everyone was an adult, and they could figure this out for themselves. It appeared that he had no documentation or proof about what these statements meant.

Among those against keeping the beach open, a woman who lives across the river stood up and, using the Bible as her defense, said that she had seen the most disgusting things at the beach; "gay sex in broad daylight right there for everyone to see." She was asked by someone in the audience if she was using binoculars because the beach users couldn't see it. The meeting ended with the DNR saying it would let people who are concerned know about their decision by mail. They stated that they had no intention of closing the beach. They want to work with the beach people on keeping it open.

Gay support and advocacy for the Mazo Beach area is needed. There is a feeling that the DNR would not want the same kind of publicity the Madison Fire Department received when they hired Ron Greer (a suspended fireperson who passed out anti-gay literature on the steps of the City/County Building), as a person on their team who had conflicts of interest.

With that in mind, if any of the above incidences have happened to you, your friends or your family, or you see or hear Scott Thiede preaching the "Good Word," please call the DNR supervisors and voice your opinions regarding these actions. The supervisors are: Rick Wojciak, Lower Wisconsin Lands Leader (608) 935-3368, Tom Howard, Lower Wisconsin Central Sub-Team Leader (608) 935-3368, Greg Matthews, Regional Public Affairs Manager (608) 275-3317.

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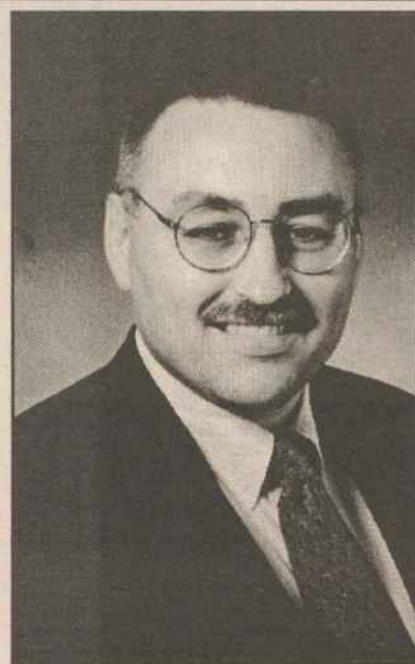
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Cudahy Police Initiate Undercover Sting Operation at Warnimont Park

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Cudahy — At least 10 men have been arrested in recent days for various public sex offenses in Cudahy's Warnimont Park in what witnesses quote arresting officers as terming "an effort to stamp out the homosexual problem" in the park.

While Cudahy Police Chief Mark Hayes told *In Step* that he would not comment on "active police investigations" or on any other aspects of the arrests, sources tell *In Step* that a large number of arrests took place on Tuesday, June 16, and that the

"We're working with the Cudahy Police Department to stamp out the homosexual problem in the park."

operation involved at least four undercover police officers. Those arrested were booked on misdemeanor charges and transported to the County Sheriff for processing.

Several men arrested in the park told *In Step* that they were detained much longer than arresting officers initially told them they would be. In some cases in excess of 12 additional hours. Many also cited incidents of verbal abuse by officers while in custody.

Several sources confirm arresting officers stated, "We're working with the Cudahy Police Department to stamp out the homosexual problem in the park."

A number of the arrested men were married, according to witnesses and Cudahy Police Chief Mark Hayes told them specifically, "How are you going to explain this one to your wife?"

Another officer was quoted as saying, "I need to go home and get my negligee, I'll make a man out of these people."

While some of the men did not dispute they were engaging in prohibited sexual activity, they did object to the manner in which they were treated by police. Others arrested indicated to *In Step* that they were entrapped by policed

"They made us feel like they were basically worthless," one of the arrested men told *In Step*.

Afterwords Open After Fire Damages Adjacent Business

Milwaukee — Afterwords Bookstore, located at 2710 N. Murray, suffered minor smoke and water damage in a fire which severely damaged second floor apartments and the adjacent Quik Wash laundry located in the same building.

The fire started at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th and Afterwords was able to reopen on Friday the 19th after power was restored.

"The hardest thing was literally watching the smoke pouring from every corner," Afterwords owner Carl Szatsmary told *In Step*.

"It puts your business in perspective. We thank everyone who wished us well and we are lucky and happy to be here and to be open," continued Szatsmary.

San Francisco Proposes Nation's First Shelter for Battered Gays

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

San Francisco — In yet another proposed "first," San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno is asking the city to budget \$37,000 to help fund a temporary shelter for gay men who are the victims of domestic abuse by their partners.

While municipal funding for abused women's shelters isn't uncommon in most U.S. cities, no similar shelter for gay men has ever received taxpayer support. In fact, there are no shelters for gay men who are abused by their partners known in this country.

The small amount of funding Leno is asking actually won't build any new shelter, but will go Community United Against Violence (CUAV) to expand its existing domestic abuse programs and to help pay for four beds in an existing men's shelter that CUAV would supervise.

In proposing the \$37,000 budget item, Leno said, "San Francisco will make history by committing itself to having the only domestic violence shelter for gay men" in the nation. He also said his proposal has the support of the city's governing board of supervisors.

CUAV has reported that it gets about 250 calls a year from gay men seeking help with an abusive domestic environment. About 50 of them, according to CUAV, require temporary emergency shelter to escape their abusive partners.

NEWS WIRE

Police Say Transsexual Killed Counselor, Then Self

SAN DIEGO, CA — therapist and her transsexual patient are dead after a shooting and SWAT action at a San Diego counseling center.

Police say 27-year-old Julia Kate Morgan, a man who was undergoing counseling and whom officers initially thought was a woman, shot and killed his counselor, Rita Powers, 41, and then shot himself.

Authorities said the transsexual client may have been upset because he wasn't being approved for the surgical procedures requires to complete his sexual transition.

Police SWAT officers surrounded the building for almost three hours and helped a number of people inside climb out of the building before entering and starting their search for the suspect.

During their search, officers found two bodies in an upstairs office. Police said it appears that Morgan had a scheduled an appointment with Powers with the intention of killing his counselor and taking his own life.

Pentagon, AOL Settle with Sailor McVeigh

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Timothy R. McVeigh, the highly decorated submarine sailor who sued the U.S. Navy to stay in the service after it charged that he is gay, will retire from the military under a settlement that gives him full retirement benefits and legal fees incurred in his battle.

McVeigh, an 18-year veteran with a flawless service record, said he will leave his Navy job before Labor Day and will move to Jacksonville, Fla., where he was born, to look for a new career.

Under the terms of the settlement, the Navy will give McVeigh, 36, his full retirement benefits package and \$90,000 in legal fees and court costs. It does not, however, include any admission of wrongdoing on the part of the Navy.

McVeigh has never acknowledged his sexual orientation publicly one way or the other, and he says that wasn't the issue involved here.

"The issue was that the military did not follow its own regulations under the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, and I was willing to stand up and fight." He added that he hoped his case would "send a message that the military needs to follow its own rules and regulations."

Last fall, McVeigh was relieved of his duty on the nuclear submarine USS Chicago after the wife of a fellow crewman turned over an email message McVeigh had sent her using his personal America OnLine account. The user profile at AOL indicated only that he was "Tim in Honolulu" and that his hobbies included "collecting pictures of other young studs."

When a Navy investigator received the material, he telephoned America OnLine, but didn't indicate he was with the Navy. Instead the investigator simply asked an AOL service representative who's account it was. The online service, contrary to its own policies and possibly in violation of federal laws, told the investigator that the account was McVeigh's.

McVeigh has also reached a settlement with America OnLine in a separate out-of-court agreement. AOL said it will pay McVeigh damages for violating his privacy, but no amount for the settlement was disclosed. The company also said it will tighten its privacy policies and put greater emphasis on them in training staffers.

Los Angeles County AIDS Program Mismanaged Money

LOS ANGELES — State auditors say the Los Angeles County AIDS program has mismanaged more than a half-million dollars.

According to the audit, the county's AIDS program spent the money on workers who didn't provide AIDS-related services and it failed to monitor the overwhelming majority — 228 of 241 — contracts it awarded each year.

The audit also reported that there were "significant flaws" in the services of the 13 contracts the county program did monitor.

The audit report concluded that the county program "cannot ensure that it spends funds appropriately or that its contractors provide needed services to people living with AIDS."

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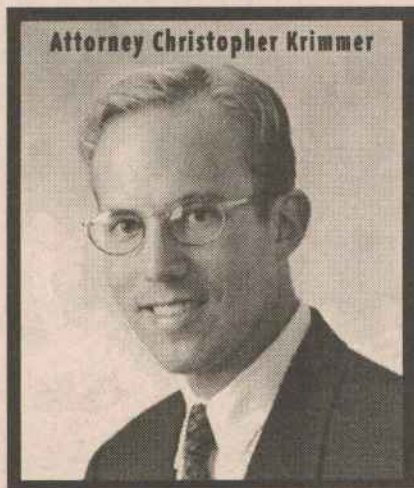
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Scientists Find Shape of AIDS 'Key'

by Malcolm Ritter

New York (AP) — In an exciting advance that could speed the development of new drugs and a vaccine against AIDS, scientists have figured out the 3-D shape of the "key" the virus uses to unlock and enter cells.

Scientists already knew a lot about the key, a complex protein called gp120 that sticks out from the AIDS virus like dozens of spikes. But the new work exposes far more detail about its defenses and its potential vulnerabilities.

"Before we were blind. Now we're sighted," said Dr. Joseph Sodroski of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, one of the researchers. "We can see what the defenses of this virus are, and that allows us to focus on a logical approach to penetrate those defenses."

"Is that approach going to work? Well, we don't know. There's no way of predicting how soon any of this structural information will lead to better drugs and vaccines. But there's no question we're better off now than we were before."

The work is reported in the latest issue of the journal *Nature* and *Science* by Sodroski, Wayne Hendrickson of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Columbia University in New York, and other scientists.

"It's a tour de force," said AIDS researcher Dani Bolognesi of the Duke University Medical Center, who wasn't involved in the work. "We've been waiting to see the structure of this molecule for many years."

The researchers overcame technical

difficulties that had hindered prior attempts, he said.

Bolognesi said the work will be very important for developing vaccines and drugs that block virus infection. Such drugs, in combination with current medications, would help infected people by shutting down the spread of the virus within their bodies.

Another scientist not involved with the work, John P. Moore of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, called the work the most important AIDS research published so far this year.

The gp120 spikes on the AIDS virus bind to two protein sites, one after the other, on the surface of a cell. That essentially unlocks the cell for the virus to enter.

The first site, called CD4, has a chemical finger that fits precisely into a hole on gp120. The new work reveals details of that hole, which might allow scientists to design drugs that essentially plug it, and thereby prevent infection. The researchers also exposed other sites on gp120 that are crucial for infection, and so might be targets for an interfering molecule.

Vaccines are designed to train the immune system to attack germs, and the new work reveals details of defenses gp120 uses to evade attack. Since gp120 is the main part of HIV that the immune system notices, understanding its defenses could be crucial for vaccine development.

The new work should help scientists develop vaccines that focus the immune system's attention on other parts of gp120 that are identical in all strains, Sodroski said.

Breakthrough CAIR Study Shows Interventions Reduce HIV Risk

Milwaukee — Even among persons considered hardest to reach, HIV prevention programs can reduce high-risk sexual behaviors by half and can more than double the consistent use of condoms, according to findings of a national study published in the June 1998 issue of the journal *Science*.

Part of the landmark study was conducted in Milwaukee by the Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR). CAIR Director Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Medical College, was chair of the steering committee responsible for the study.

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Multisite HIV Prevention Trial is the largest randomized, controlled study of a group HIV prevention program conducted in the United States. Researchers in five metropolitan areas, including Milwaukee, enrolled 3,706 African-American and Hispanic men and women in 37 inner-city community-based clinics.

In Milwaukee, CAIR investigators recruited 495 people from primary health care and sexually-transmitted disease (STD) clinics. Study participants who attended HIV prevention sessions that focused on motivation and skills to reduce high-risk sexual behaviors showed significant reductions across a range of sexual risk indicators over a one-year period.

The 7-session intervention reduced the incidence of gonorrhea in men by half. Significantly fewer men and women who participated in the intervention had symptoms of STDs in the year following the program.

NIMH Director Steven E. Hyman, M.D., said, "Reducing high risk behaviors is still the best way to prevent new HIV infections. NIMH has identified an effective strategy that could be adopted by public health and community organizations all across America. If these behavioral changes were maintained for even one year, there would be a profound, cost-effective, public health impact in the communities that adopted this program."

Dr. Kelly said, "HIV and AIDS are now affecting disadvantaged people who are much harder to reach with prevention programs. We must strengthen our resolve to develop effective HIV interventions for these populations. This study shows that such prevention efforts can be successful."

The study is unique among trials of group HIV prevention interventions in its examination of change in self-reported sexual risk practices, such as consistent use of condoms, as well as in objective indicators of STDs provided by reviewing participants' STD clinic charts.

In addition to the Medical College, other research sites were: Columbia University, New York City, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, UC-Irvine, Irvine, California

Appeals Court Says Lesbian's Ex-partner Has No Rights To Child

Syracuse, NY (AP) — A woman who planned to adopt the child of her lesbian lover before they ended the relationship does not have any custody rights to the child, a state appeals court has ruled. The Appellate Division of State Supreme Court in Rochester unanimously ruled that the ex-partner had no legal standing in New York, where same sex marriages are not recognized.

As a result, the appeals court reversed the decision of an Onondaga County Family Court judge who had given the ex-partner temporary visitation rights to the child and dismissed the case.

"The appellate court agreed with us that this case should never have been in Family Court and dismissed it for lack of standing. They said as a

"...as a non-parent she basically has absolutely no rights under New York law."

non-parent she basically has absolutely no rights under New York law," Marsha Hunt, the biological mother's lawyer, said.

"I was not surprised. It was the correct decision under the case law that exists right now in New York," Hunt said.

The case had been watched closely because of its potential to break new legal ground on the adoption rights of unmarried partners.

Family Court Judge Bryan Hedges decided in February to give the ex-partner temporary visitation rights over the objections of the child's birth-mother, who had been involved in a 17-year lesbian relationship with the other woman until their breakup last October.

According to Richard Alderman, the ex-partner's lawyer, the women decided to have a child

through artificial insemination. The ex-partner claimed she had a partial hysterectomy based on her companion's promise to have a child for both of them. Together they planned for the birth and agreed to share the rights and responsibilities of child-rearing, Alderman said. The couple had a baby girl on Sept. 17, 1993. The baby was given the ex-partner's last name as her middle name to signify her parenthood, Alderman said.

To protect the identity of the 4-year-old child, authorities have asked that the two women's names not be made public. In February 1997, the two women jointly filed an adoption petition under which the biological mother allegedly agreed to give up her rights as a natural parent so the two women could adopt the child together as equal parents. However, they ended their relationship before the adoption proceedings were final. As a result, the ex-partner has no standing in the custody matter, the appeals court ruled.

In its three-page decision, the appeals court further said that under New York law a biological parent's custodial rights "cannot be denied unless the nonparent can establish that the parent has relinquished that right because of surrender, abandonment, persisting neglect, unfitness or other like extraordinary circumstances." The ex-partner failed to prove that the mother had relinquished her custody rights. The appeals court said it was "insufficient to show that the child has bonded psychologically with the nonparent."

Hunt said the ex-partner would not have any access to the child. "At this point in time, it's not in the best interests of the child to have contact with the ex-partner. Whether that changes in the future is something I can't comment on," she said. Alderman could not be reached for comment about the ruling.

Gay Days' at Disney World

A Success Despite Protest and Predicted Disasters

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Orlando, FL — Just about everyone wanted to get in on the act, it seems, but the annual "Gay Days" at Disney World appeared to be a complete success according to organizers.

Despite weeks of publicity before the weekend event, the Texas-based Operation Rescue failed to turn out much of a protest at Disney World, and only about 200 of its anti-abortion demonstrators showed up. Their protest was largely dwarfed and ignored by the estimated 120,000 people attending the Gay Days gathering.

TV preacher and failed presidential candidate Pat Robertson predicted God's wrath would fall on the area in the form of "earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor" for Orlando and Disney's Magic Kingdom because of the annual weekend event and this year's decision by Orlando officials to let activists put up Rainbow Flags, a symbol of the gay rights movement, along downtown utility poles as part of Gay Pride month.

Following a report on "The 700 Club" about the "Gay Days" at Disney, Robertson said, "I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you."

While Robertson said "this

is not a message of hate," his statement that allowing the Rainbow Flags to be displayed in Orlando "will bring about terrorist bombs" raised hackles among rights advocates.

David Smith of the Washington, D.C.-based Human Rights Campaign, said, "Pat Robertson practically invited a

"This boycott has traction," said Land, who heads the denomination's ethics and religious liberty commission. "This boycott has legs. It is bothering Disney."

But Land offered nothing specific to back up his claims, and Disney spokesman John Dreyer said the entertainment

"Politicians who take their marching orders from Pat Robertson ought to consider finding a new meteorologist."

terrorist attack on the city of Orlando. In the wake of last year's bombings at Olympic Park, the Atlanta lesbian nightclub, and a number of attacks on women's reproductive health care facilities, his remarks are an outrageous act of irresponsibility that have the potential to incite more violence."

Barry Lynn, director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, quipped, "Politicians who take their marching orders from Pat Robertson ought to consider finding a new meteorologist."

And in Utah, Richard Land told the annual convention of the Southern Baptist Convention that the denomination's boycott of Disney because the theme park refused to prohibit the Gay Days event was working.

giant hadn't seen any effect of the boycott at all. "I don't think we've seen any impact from it," Dreyer said.

Even with threats of divine hurricanes, protests by Operation Rescue, and claims a year-old boycott was hurting its bottom-line, Bill Warren, a spokesman for the Disney World park, said, "In spite of all the publicity and hoopla, it had the feeling of a very normal day."

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Alaska High Court Lets Marriage Ruling Stand

ANCHORAGE, AL — The Alaska state supreme court has refused to review a lower court judge's decision against a 1996 law banning same-sex marriage.

The court let stand a February ruling by Anchorage Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski that choosing a life partner is "a fundamental right." Michalski ordered the state to prove a compelling interest if it intended to restrict the marriage rights of same-sex couples.

Worried that proving such a compelling interest would be a daunting task, the state had asked the state supreme court to overturn Michalski's decision. In theory, the high court's refusal clears the way for a trial, although a November ballot measure to enact a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage could make a trial meaningless.

Assistant Attorney General John Gaguine said that he may ask that a trial be delayed until after the November vote. "It's our view that this amendment, if it passes, moots everything out," Gaguine said.

San Francisco Going for Domestic Partner Discounts

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — City Supervisor Mark Leno has introduced a measure that would expand protections for domestic partners to require all businesses in San Francisco that offer discounts to married couples to offer the same discounts to domestic partners.

The proposed ordinance would apply mainly to firms such as rental car agencies, health clubs, residential hotels, and other companies that offer special discounts to couples.

Leno said it was unclear how many firms might be effected by the proposed measure because most city businesses may already be in compliance. But he said it was necessary to make the discount benefit a matter of law, not just of the city's liberal tradition.

There are 4,775 registered domestic partners in San Francisco.

Reggie White Says He's Paying for His Anti-Gay Remarks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Green Bay Packers star Reggie White was back in the national spotlight appearing on CNN's "Crossfire" program where he defended his attack on homosexuality before the Wisconsin legislature and suggesting his stand had cost him lucrative jobs.

In a lengthy speech before the lawmakers in March, White denounced homosexuality as a sin, leaving legislators in a stunned silence. He repeated his position on the CNN television program.

But White also said CBS is lying when it says the network didn't finalize a contract proposal offering him a job as a sports commentator. White said the network backed out of the deal because of concerns over his controversial remarks.

"We have a standard contract that's in my agent's office right now," White said on CNN. "We agreed on numbers, how many years I would work there, how many years that was guaranteed. All of that was agreed on."

White also said that his contract as a spokesman with the Campbell Soup Co. has now expired and not been renewed. He said he didn't know if the publicity surrounding his recent anti-gay comments had played a role in the decision not to renew his contract.

Couple Who Won N.J. Adoption Case to Wed

NEWARK, N.J. — Jon and Michael Galluccio, the gay men who successfully sued the state of New Jersey to adopt a two-year-old boy and made that state the first in the nation to formally allow same-sex couples to adopt children, will be celebrating their holy union at the Episcopal Church of Atonement in Fair Lawn, N.J.

"The word 'marriage' won't be used, and the word 'wedding' won't be used, but the other language will be very similar," said Jon Galluccio, who changed his name earlier this year from Jon Holden.

The couple has been together for 16 years and is now planning to adopt an 18-month-old foster girl.

Compiled from newspaper and wire service reports
by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

group notes

Challengers Party Raises \$24,000 for Milwaukee LGBT Groups

Milwaukee — Flappers, tuxes with tails, clinking martini glasses, bathtub gin, delicious food and a home made still. It may have looked like prohibition in the 1920's, however, these guests were celebrating three great LGBT causes. ARCW, PrideFest and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center received funds at the tenth anniversary Challenging Party.

Over seventy guests raised approximately \$24,000 at the party on May 30, 1998. Guests designated the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to receive \$8,000 of the total.

"This marks our tenth year of raising funds for organizations which support LGBT causes," said John Wirth, Challenging Party board member. The Challenging Party has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars since its inception. Party guests allocated their donations of at least \$250 per person in any proportion to one, two or all three of the beneficiaries.

"Many guests were happy to support the community center, because it represents something positive for Milwaukee's future. The Challenging Party originally started as an organization to raise money for the fight against AIDS," said Wirth.

"The LGBT community is very fortunate to have a group of such dedicated individuals to organize this incredible event. The Challenging Party has provided crucial funds to many organizations serving the LGBT community. As a recipient, especially during our search for a facility, we are grateful beyond words," said Zelenski.

"We want to thank all of the Challengers and their guests. Recognizing the Center as a worthy cause this early in our development says a lot about their faith in our mission and vision," said Sheila Zelenski, Center Co-President. "Funds raised at the Challenging Party will benefit the Center's programs and provide vital start up funds to open a "Home of Our Own," Zelenski added.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a com-

munity-based organization. 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.

Community Center Holds Town Hall Meeting

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center held a Town Hall Meeting at the M&M Club on North Water Street. Board members Sheila Zelenski, Joshua Feyen, Adrian Wade, Julie Ellsworth, Stephanie Hume, Debbie Weill, Margot Manassa, Neil Albrecht, John Wirth, Denise Cawley, Steve Markowitz and Barbara Bremmer introduced themselves to the more than 40 community members who were present.

Co-Presidents Sheila Zelenski and Neil Albrecht opened the meeting by describing the process used to complete the Center's board of directors and how the cur-

rent interim officers were elected. At the next Town Hall Meeting during PrideFest, Saturday August 29, the board's permanent officers will be introduced.

Steve Markowitz, Treasurer, reported the Center has more than \$30,000 in the bank. The Finance committee is looking for at least two more financially minded individuals — please call the Center hot-line and leave a message for Steve if you are willing to help.

John Wirth and Marianne Burisch, Facility Committee co-chairs brought the group up to date in their progress toward finding a space for the community center.

"Sites are limited because we are a startup not-for-profit with no credit history," Wirth explained.

Wirth identified various sites his committee considered, but became unavailable because they were either sold, the landlord didn't like the Center's proposed use, or were unusable, such as after the fire at the Sanders Bowl building. Looking to the future, Wirth explained, "The committee will continue to focus on finding a site by looking at several site possibilities, rather than concentrating on one site and risk the possibility of losing time if the deal didn't go through."

Julie Ellsworth reported the fund development committee received their first grant from American Express. The Center just received a gift in kind of a computer from Wisconsin Electric. The Center also applied to receive funds from AIDS Walk Wisconsin to support



LGBT Community Center Board at the recent Town Hall Meeting. Photo by Jamie

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HIV/AIDS prevention programs that will take place in the Center. The funding is contingent upon the Center having a site and being used for HIV and AIDS prevention programs for youth. Funding will depend on the size of the Center's AIDS Walk team, and Center members are encouraged to register for the walk with the Center's team.

Jim Schleif reported that the Membership Committee's goal is to "have fun." To that end, they have planned a "Gay Day" at Noah's Ark Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, August 16, 1998. Community Center members will pay just \$25.00 for the air-conditioned bus and admission to the park, nonmembers \$35.00. However, nonmembers can join and enjoy Noah's Ark for just \$55. To sign up for the trip call the Center at (414) 483-4710 or Laurie Marks at (414) 225-1597.

The Communications Committee reported they have an active committee who work on the Web page, the Talk of the Town, designing advertisements and writing press releases.

Volunteer Committee co-chair, Barbara Bremmer is organizing people who are interested in short and long-term commitments to help the Center. She assured the audience, "There is plenty to do, even though we don't have a building yet." The Programming Committee is looking for people who are interested in working on Center-sponsored programs, including a booth at PrideFest. Plans are already underway for the National Coming Out Day celebrations in October. Mailings are going out on a regular basis. Any envelopes you can stuff would be appreciated. If you are interested in a short or long-term volunteer opportunity please call Barb on the Center's hotline (414) 483-4710.

Stephanie Hume is building the Community Advisory Committee. It will reach out into other areas of the LGBT community for input on the Center's direction. The meeting closed and board members were available to answer individual questions.

Directors Doug Johnson and Naomi Guzman were unable to attend the Town Hall meeting.

Lake County LGBT Leadership Alliance Schedules Pride Day

Waukegan, IL — The Lake County LGBT Leadership Alliance is sponsoring Lake County's 2nd Annual '98 Pride Celebration at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at the Joy of Life Metropolitan Community Church, located at 1520 McAree Rd., one-half block north of Glen Flora Ave. at St. John's United Church of Christ.

The Pride Celebration is a chance for

all of Lake County's LGBT community and their families to have a little fun. A \$5 donation will provide celebrants with admission to the picnic in the afternoon, and Emerald City in the evening. Included in the admission to the picnic are food, concert performances by gay and lesbian musicians, bingo with prizes, volleyball, children's activities, and a water balloon toss.

In addition to the fun and games, members of community groups will speak about the goals and purposes of their groups, and time will be spent to honor the 1998 Community Development Award Recipient. The Lake County Health Department will also be offering free and anonymous HIV testing to all in attendance from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To end the afternoon on a positive and reflective note, a Worship Celebration will be led by Joy of Life MCC pastor Peter Trabaris.

Sponsors for the event are: Joy of Life MCC, 1st Congregational MCC, Spectrum (at College of Lake County), Lake County Lesbian Network, PFLAG-Waukegan, Lake County Health Department, Java Joe's and Cyber Cafe. On Sunday, June 28, the LGBT Organizations of Lake County will join the Chicago Pride Parade and march under the banner of Lake County.

H.I.T. Announces Firststar Fireworks Cruise Tickets

Milwaukee — On July 3, 1998 H.I.T. will hold its annual cruise aboard Milwaukee's very own Celebration Boat. Cash bar on the dock begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Then its out to view Milwaukee and the big Firststar Fireworks while cruising on Lake Michigan from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$45.00 per person and tickets are selling fast.

For further information, call the H.I.T. Hotline at (414) 332-7142 or Peter at (414) 963-4037 or contact any H.I.T. Board member.

"Back Pages" Plans Grand Opening Party

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's newest "Counter-Culture", "Alternative Lifestyle" bookstore, *Back Pages* will have its Grand Opening Party on Saturday, June 27 at 1425 West Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee. The day-long event will start at noon. They ask you to join them for fun, food, ethnic music and a psychic reader.

Back Pages has a unique selection of books including Classic and Contemporary Literature, Poetry, Tarot and Astrol-

Home Access to Offer Free Support on National HIV Testing Day

Hoffman Estates, IL — Home Access Health, the makers of Home Access Express and Home Access the only FDA approved and doctor recommended HIV at-home tests, will offer its professional telephone consultation service for people interested in how to discuss HIV testing with a sexual partner on June 27, 1998 at no charge. The service is being offered in conjunction with National HIV Testing Day.

This year's call to action, entitled, "Ask Yourself" is based on new findings from a national survey that show people are somewhat hesitant to discuss HIV testing with a partner, even though a vast majority of people would support a potential partner's request to get tested before entering a physical relationship.

People interested in receiving a free "Ask Yourself" medical consultation can call 1-800-HIV-TEST toll-free and speak to a trained professional throughout the entire day and evening on Saturday, June 27th.

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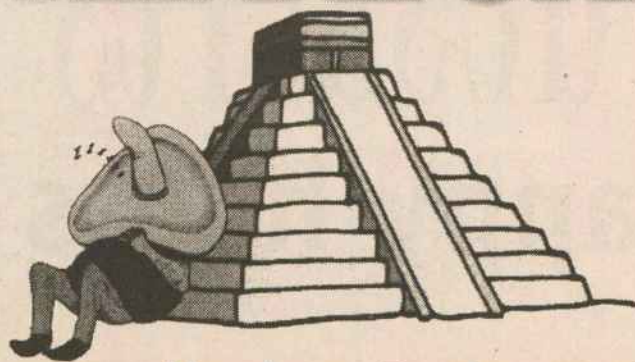
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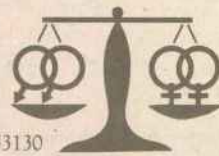
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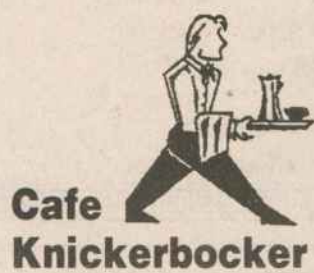
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Madison — The Madison Volleyball Group is proud to sponsor the 1998 MAGIC Invitational Volleyball Tournament to be held at East High School located at 2222 East Washington Avenue on Saturday, 7th through 18th from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. Pool play with double elimination to be held on Sunday, 7th through 19th from 8:00 to 6:00 p.m. Registration will be held on Friday, 7th through 17th at the Monoma Terrace Convention Center from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. outside of the 10% Society Dance.

This tournament is sanctioned by NAGVA (North American Gay Volleyball Association) and will accept up to 30 teams from across the nation competing in 3 divisions. A portion of the proceeds will be used to help send a Madison Men's VB team to compete in the Gay Games in Amsterdam August 1st through 10th. Spectators are welcome and encouraged.

Milwaukeeans Receive Service Awards

Milwaukee — James D. Ericson, President and CEO of Northwestern Mutual Life, congratulates Milwaukee

residents and employees Rod Clark and Scott Wallace in an award ceremony on Sunday, June 7th at County Stadium. Clark and Wallace were named "Outstanding Volunteers" as part of Northwestern Mutual's Employee Community Service Award program. In honor of their achievement, the Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation will contribute \$5,000 to both Camp Heartland and AIDS Resource Center on behalf of Clark and Wallace, respectively.

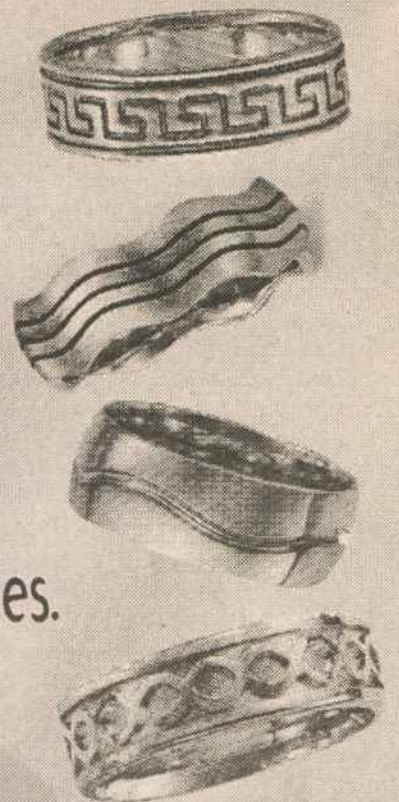
Author Seeks Stonewall Accounts

New York, NY — The author of a new book aiming to be the first in-depth history of the Stonewall riots, to be published by St. Martin's Press, is seeking all participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn employees, journalists, and other interested and involved people who were present at any of the riots at the end of June and beginning of July 1969.

Any photographs or film footage, whether taken by a professional or amateur, of any of the riots or of other connected activities (such as leafleting or street demonstrations) taken any day or night of the Stonewall uprising is also needed. Any copies of earlier interviews in any medium of participants and witnesses, especially of persons no longer living would be helpful. Letters, diary entries, fliers, clippings, or other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots are also of great interest. Please write to David Carter, P.O. Box 417, New York, NY 10113 or send email to History69@aol.com.

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Windy City Rodeo '98 Rides Into Chicago August 27-30

Chicago, IL — IL.G.R.A. is proud to present the 1998 Windy City Rodeo, a Miller Lite IGRA Sanctioned rodeo. This Windy City Weekend Getaway will be held August 27 through August 30, 1998. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit 5 Chicago area charities. IL.G.R.A.'s Charity Partners for 1998 are AIDS Care, The Children's Place, Midwest PFLAG, Open Hand Chicago, and Test Positive Aware Network.

This year, the Windy City Rodeo will be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois, on Route 120 (Belvedere Road) just off I-94 at IL Route 45. Located nearly halfway between Milwaukee and Chicago (approximately 45 minutes north of Wrigley Field), IL.G.R.A. will be teaming with Milwaukee's annual PrideFest celebration that weekend.

The Hyatt Deerfield will be acting as the official Host Hotel of Windy City Rodeo '98. All social activities relating to the Rodeo will be held at the hotel, conveniently located minutes away from the Fairgrounds at Lake Cook Road and I-94. Reservations must be made by August 14 to receive a special Windy City rodeo '98 rate of \$93/night single/double or \$105/night triple/quadruple in this all suite hotel. Call (847) 945-3400 to reserve your room.

The Rodeo activities will kick-off on Thursday, August 27, 1998, with a Fahootched Bar Crawl. Touring IL.G.R.A.'s favorite taverns in Chicago, participants in this free event will collect prizes and learn why "Getting Fahootched" is an IL.G.R.A. tradition.

The official Rodeo functions begin on Friday, August 28, 1998 with Contestant Registration at the Hyatt Deerfield from 6 to 9 p.m. First time contestants may register at this time — contact IL.G.R.A. at (773) 477-5793 to learn how to sign up. Also that evening, IL.G.R.A. will be hosting the Windy City Welcome Party in the Hyatt's Private Eyes bar, featuring performances by IL.G.R.A. and IGRA entertainers, with music provided by Charlie's Chicago DJ's.

The Rodeo itself (a two day event) will commence on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am at the Lake County Fairgrounds, and will conclude around 5 p.m. This schedule will be repeated on Sunday, August 30. The 13 rodeo events each day will abide by International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) regulations, and will include Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, Pole Bending, Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Steer Riding, Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Mounted Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping on Foot, and three events exclusive to IGRA competition: Wild Drag Race, Steer Decorating, and Goat Dressing. Men will compete with men, and women with women, as they earn both prize money and points towards Finals Competition in October 1998. Miller Lite is the International Sponsor of this rodeo, and will be awarding special prize money to the top All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl at Windy City Rodeo '98. There will be a Vendor Mall at the Fairgrounds on both days featuring wares and crafts of a Country Western nature.

Also on Saturday, August 29, Shoreline — Milwaukee will be hosting a Dance Gala at the Hyatt Deerfield from 8 pm until 1 am. Featuring performances by Shoreline and a number of dance groups from around the country, and music spun by a popular Milwaukee DJ, this Country Dance event will benefit Camp Heartland

in Wisconsin. Preceding the dance, Miller Lite and the Hyatt Deerfield host a Windy City Happy Hour at the Hyatt, and during the event IL.G.R.A. performers will entertain in Private Eyes in Windy City Road Show - Part I.

Continuing after the rodeo on Sunday, August 30, Miller Lite and the Hyatt Deerfield again host a Windy City Rodeo Happy Hour, followed by a Bunkhouse Buffet Supper. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., awards and prize money will be presented to the top Rodeo competitors, followed by a Windy City Blowout Party and Windy City Road Show - Part II until 1 a.m. at the Hyatt. Grand Entry ceremonies will begin around noon each day, and Sunday will feature a popular "Mrs. O'Leary Race" for local participants to help raise money for charity.

Admission to the rodeo is \$15 each day. The Dance Gala and Road Show - Part I is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The Bunkhouse Buffet Supper is \$12, and the Windy City Happy Hours are \$5 each. There is no charge for the Fahootched Bar Crawl, Windy City Welcome Party, Road Show '98 - Part II, Awards Presentation, or Windy City Blowout Party.

A weekend package for \$45 is available and will include admission to all events, for a savings of \$17. Tickets for Rodeo Events, and the Weekend Package are available by phone through Box Office Tickets, Inc. at (800) 494-TIXS by check or charge. You may purchase your Rodeo or Weekend Package tickets by mail by calling the Windy City Rodeo Hotline (773) 529-4962 for an order form, or in person beginning June 1st at Emerald City (26029 W. Route 173, Antioch), or Designing Men in Milwaukee.

Advance single tickets for the Dance Gala are available through Shoreline Milwaukee (414) 291-3545. Tickets for ALL events may be purchased in advance through IL.G.R.A. by mail at PO Box 14878, Chicago, IL 60614 or through the Windy City Hotline at (773) 529-4962.

Windy City Rodeo '98 is sponsored in part by Miller Lite, Charlie's Chicago, Alcalá's Western Wear, and CopyZone of Albuquerque. IGRA International Sponsors include Miller Lite, AVIS, and United Airlines.

Special airfare and rental discounts are available for Windy City Rodeo '98. Contact AVIS at (800) 331-1212 and ask for AWD# T238384. Southwest is offering a discount on most of its already low fares for travel to and from Windy City Rodeo '98.

Call the Southwest Airlines Group and Meeting Desk at (800) 433-5368 by August 19, 1998 and refer to code D7108 to take advantage of this offer.

United Airlines is offering special meeting fares with up to 10% off the mid-week coach fare for travel to and from Windy City Rodeo '98. Call the United Airlines Special Meeting Desk at (800) 521-4041 and refer to identifier code 524SR to take advantage of this offer. Purchase your tickets at least 60 days in advance to receive an additional 5% discount.

If you would like to attend, volunteer, sponsor, compete, or participate in any way, please call the Windy City Rodeo '98 Hotline at (773) 529-4962, contact us by e-mail at rodeo@ilgra.com, or visit our website at www.ilgra.com.

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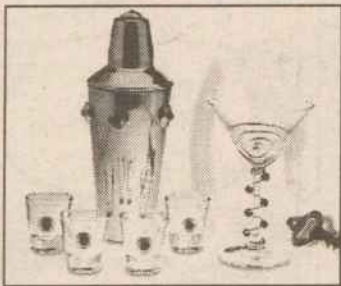
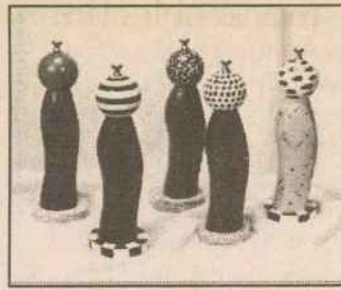
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Pride Is In The Eye of the Beholder

Commentary by Michelangelo Signorile

What does Gay Pride Day mean to me? Not much. It's sort of like Memorial Day or Labor Day: not a day on which I reflect on the intended significance, and more so an opportunity to stretch the weekend out, unwind, and see friends. I haven't even been to the actual Pride parade in New York, where I live, for several years.

And that's not a bad thing. It signifies that I've come far enough in my own life that I don't need a special day to think about being out, or to celebrate my gayness. Particularly in the work that I do, covering the gay community regularly as a journalist, I sometimes feel like it's Pride every day. Why do I need a special day to think about it?

Because of the progress that has occurred, there are today many people like me. They're not necessarily working in the queer world but they are certainly out enough in their daily lives that Pride Day doesn't hold so much meaning for them. Those of us in this category sometimes look at Pride nowadays and see only the negative things, of which there are many. We see the commercialism, the cheesy rainbow *everything*, the hokey "We Shall Overcome" rallies, and the often silly — and sometimes just plain dull — parades.

And we also see the non-stop partying. We watch the hordes of people for whom Pride is only an excuse to take a lot of drugs and dance the weekend away. More often than not, these individuals couldn't tell you much if anything about the Stonewall Riots. But they can certainly tell you the names of the DJs spinning at all of the hot club events on Pride weekend.

There's nothing wrong with celebration; partying can in fact be enormously positive. It's quite healthy for any group that is stepped on in the ways gay people have been, and it helps us to let off steam. But too many people use the idea of celebrating "pride" as another reason — one that supposedly offers more justification — to blow the weekend out completely and to become a total mess.

For a lot of people who have experienced the emotional damage of homophobia, this can often be a way to connect with others superficially and momentarily, often because they're unwilling or unable to do the hard work — when they're not partying — of achieving real intimacy. And, as has been reported over and over again, the results of this kind of hyper-partying include everything from unsafe sex to a sense of isolation and low self-esteem when the party's over. Needless to say, this is not something of which any of us should be particularly "proud."

Yet, it would be unfair to look only at the negatives of Pride and decide it's time to pack it in. There is yet another, quite large group of people for whom Pride is something vitally important and very healthy, and there is often a disconnect between these people and those of us who've been doing the coming out thing for a longer period of time. Last year, I spoke at Atlanta Pride and Birmingham (Alabama) Pride, and I was a grand marshal at Nashville Pride. For many gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people in the often-intolerant Deep South, Pride is the one day when they're able to come together

and affirm themselves. People come from miles and miles around, from dozens of small towns and rural areas. Many of them have enormously positive, uplifting experiences. They often go back home and organize in their communities.

Even in the big cities of the liberal Northeast, like Boston and New York, there are always people coming out of the closet — from teenagers newly awakening to their sexuality to older people who've been in heterosexual marriages for twenty years and who are now taking those first steps out. For many of them, Pride has a purpose. There are also a great many other people who've been out for many years but who still reserve Gay Pride Day to commemorate and celebrate their own personal journey, for whatever reasons.

Conflicts among us about the purpose of Pride today often result from the fact that we each base our views about it on our personal experiences with Pride — and on our personal experi-

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ences with being out — and we often don't appreciate what Pride might mean for others.

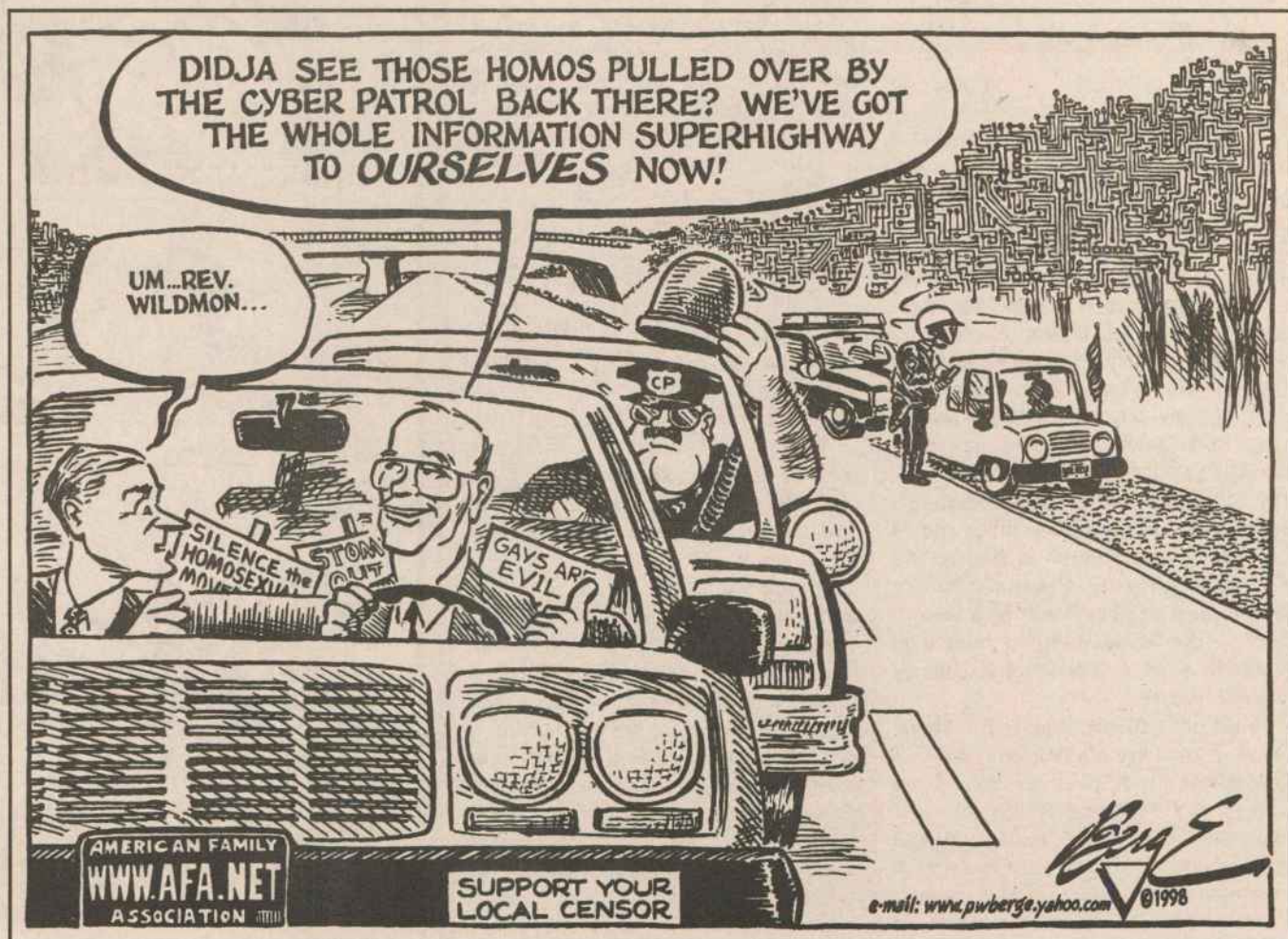
To those people who did Pride in the past but who now only see the downsides: Have a little patience, and try to understand that for many other people Pride has a significance that outweighs those downsides. And be glad that Pride no longer has a special meaning for you, as that perhaps means you've come pretty far.

To those for whom pride is nothing but one big party: Take a moment to examine your own motives, be honest with yourself about whether or not those motives are healthy, and think about what you need to do if those motives indeed are not so healthy.

And to those for whom Pride is meaningful, positive, vital and uplifting, whether it is a new experience or something you've done for many years: Happy Gay Pride.

Michelangelo Signorile is the author of *Life Outside*:

The Signorile Report on Gay Men: Sex, Drugs, Muscles, and the Passages of Life, just published in trade paperback by HarperPerennial.



Republicans Out Front

Commentary by Scott Evertz

Have you ever had the urge to just walk up to someone and say something so dramatic that they totally flip out? If so, don't apologize for this somewhat sadistic urge, just walk up to someone — one of those gay and lesbian activist types — and say the following: "Republicans are the true leaders of the gay and lesbian cause in Wisconsin." You will witness one of the most dramatic reactions you've ever seen. Assuming this person isn't him or herself a gay Republi-

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can, they will start yelling at you and scream that what you have just said is not true. They may even call you names. Indeed, you will succeed in causing this person to flip out. But why?

Why when it is almost an indisputable fact that the political gains gays and lesbians have made in Wisconsin are a result of Republican leadership would someone react so dramatically to this statement? Is it that they just don't know what Republicans have done and all you need to do is inform them, if they'll stop screaming long enough to listen? Perhaps.

You could try to point out that it was a Republican Governor who signed the country's first gay rights bill in law in Wisconsin in 1982. You might let them know that the hospital visitation bill, drafted by a Republican and designed to enable gay and lesbian couples to visit their partners in the hospital, was just signed by our Republican Governor. You could remind them that the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) recently gave that same Governor its highest honor in recognition of the fact that his administration has consistently supported those living with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin through his budget. And while you're on that subject, you might want to let them know that it was the Republican dominated Joint Finance Committee which approved an increase in the Life Care Services grant for people living with HIV and AIDS this past year.

And if after all that, it appeared that your needed to persuade them further, you could let them know that it was Republicans in the state legislature who ensured that an "anti-domestic partnership" bill never made it out of committee. And while on that subject, you could let them know that it was a result of a Republican member of the Madison City Council, Jim McFarland, that the only thing even closely resembling a domestic partnership ordinance exists in Madison. And if all of that is not enough, you could throw in the fact that our Democrat senior U.S. Senator only agree to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) after his Republican opponent in his last race indicated his intention to be a co-sponsor. And for good measure, you may want to let them know that it was the efforts of the Republican Congressman from the Second District in Wisconsin that resulted in HIV positive service people being protected from being drummed out of the armed forces simply because of their HIV status.

Now that should be enough, don't you think? Well you try it and let me know what because because I have and, in response to the above listed examples of Republican leadership, I have heard things like: "that's not true, that candidate would never support ENDA;" "that bill is a 'do-nothing' bill;" and "he did not do that." If you hear the same things and you've decided you've had enough and just want to stop this unbelievably childlike denial of the facts, change the subject and encourage this person to articulate to you what the Democrats have done to advance our cause. Things will get really quiet really quickly.

Letters

A Lott of Nonsense

Dear Editor:

When Senator Trent Lott was criticized for expressing his personal belief that homosexuality is a sin, his fellow Republicans such as House Majority Leader Richard Armey were quick to rally to his defense.

Rep., Armey was especially fast off the mark with quotations from Chapter 6 (especially verses 9-11) of the First Epistle to the Corinthians of St. Paul, from the New Testament of the Bible. Since the context of 1 Corinthians 6 is prostitution, as made quite clear by verses 15 and 16, and since nobody's really sure whether the words of verse 9 apply to homosexuals or to male prostitutes and their customers (which would better fit the context), Mr. Armey is perhaps the victim of dubious, traditional, homophobic translations of the text.

Mr. Armey doesn't have to know ancient Greek, however, to read correctly Chapter 7 of St. Paul's epistle, for all English translations are quite clear in that place. Unfortunately Rep. Armey's schol-

arly attention span doesn't seem to extend from Chapter 6 to Chapter 7, for in the latter chapter, St. Paul specifically forbids divorced Christians to get married again, except to their House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has divorced and remarried, in the awkward position of living in open sin.

Hasn't Mr. Armey, Congressional Bible scholar, noticed Mr. Gingrich's sinful condition? Of course, Mr. Armey himself is on his second marriage. Could that possibly have anything to do with his biblical myopia?

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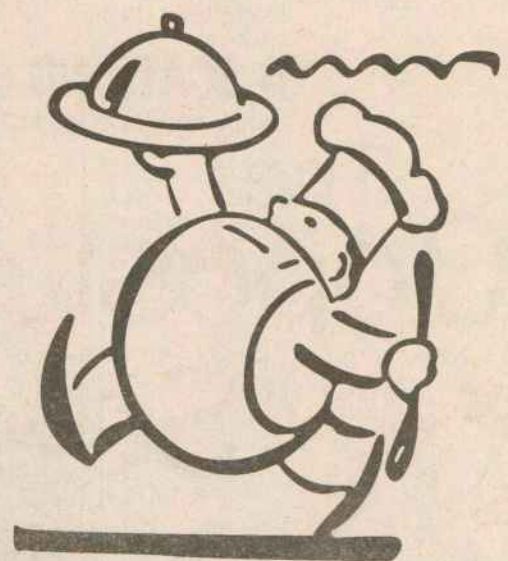
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"Dirty Little Showtunes!" Returns To Chicago For Limited Run

Chicago, IL — Just in time for '98 Pride, Tom Orr's laugh-packed, toe-tapping musical parody review, "Dirty Little Showtunes!" returned to The Theater Building on June 18 for a limited six week run (though August 9) with performances nightly Friday through Sunday and two shows on Saturday. Two additional shows were scheduled for June 25 and July 2.

This delightful romp of parodies of your favorite music from the Broadway stage, features the works of Rogers and Hammerstein, Jerry Herman, Lerner and Lowe, Cole Porter, Steven Sondheim and many more. But, no Lloyd Weber. From the opening downbeat to the final note . . . you'll be laughing yourself silly as this great group of talented men go all out to entertain you.

Reprising their original roles will be Michael Reyes, Bob Hatzenbeller, Ryan Kohnson, Michael Annetta, and Eric Walbruch. Musical direction is by Jay Schwandt and the production is directed by Michael Bruno. Tickets are available at the Theater Building Box Office or by calling (773) 327-5252.

Kohler Art Center's 28th Annual Outdoor Festival Set for July

Sheboygan, WI — Piggly Wiggly has announced that it will once again be the major sponsor of a weekend of art, entertainment, and family fun at the John Michael Kohler Art Centers Twenty-Eighth Annual Outdoor Arts Festival, held Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. Due to continuing construction on the Arts Center's expansion, this year's Festival will be held at Fountain Park at the corner of Erie and Eighth Streets.

More than 135 artists from around the country will highlight the event as they display and sell an outstanding array of works including ceramics, paintings, prints, hand-blown glass, photographs, wearable art, jewelry, furniture, leather work, toys, sculpture and more. Artist's demonstrations, live music, food and workshops will also be part of the Festival. The hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center is located on the corner of Sixth Street and New York Avenue in downtown Sheboygan. The Arts Center will remain open during the Festival for viewing of the ongoing exhibit, Labyrinth, a 40-foot circular installation constructed at the end

of April to which two different artists will have responded, altering it to reflect their distinctive points of view. For more information, please call (920) 458-6144.

Art Fair On The Square Celebrates 40th Year

Madison — In 1959, Madison's first Sidewalk Art Fair featured 42 artists and drew 700 spectators. Forty summers later, the event now known as Art Fair in the Square features 484 artists from across the nation, bringing an estimated 200,000 people to downtown Madison's Capitol Concourse during its two-day run on Saturday, July 11 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday, July 12 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

A wide selection of original art and hand-crafted work will be available, ranging from ceramics, graphics, sculpture and photography, to painting, jewelry, wood, leather, fiber, glasswork and mixed media. In addition the Art Fair offers a great lineup of food, music and entertainment. Visitors can enjoy a tasty variety of summertime fare while listening to live music on three different stages. The Kid's Area offers activities and performances especially for children, including print-making, sand art, storytelling and magic.

Rated among the top fine art fairs in the country, Art Fair in the Square is also Madison Art Center's most important fund-raiser of the year, with all proceeds supporting the museum's exhibitions and education programs. Generous underwriting for the event has been provided by Evjue Foundation/The Capital Times, Pizza Pit, Ameritech, World Perks Visa, Madison Radio Group, General Casualty Insurance Company, Pepsi, Zimbrick Inc., and McDonald's of South & West Madison and Oregon.

Skylight Opera Theater's 1998-'99 Season Tickets

Milwaukee — The Skylight Opera Theater has announced that single tickets for the 1998-'99 season will go on sale Monday, August 24 at the Broadway Theater Center Box Office. The productions to be offered during 1998 are: The Pirates of Penzance from September 25 to October 11; The King & I from November 27 through December 13.

In 1999, Ballymore will have a world premiere with the Opera Company of Philadelphia from January 29 through February 14; Don Pasquale will be presented from March 19 through April 14; and The World Goes 'Round will close out the season from May 14 through the 30th.

Single tickets range from \$11 to \$48 and may be purchased on person Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the box office, 158 N. Broadway, or charged by phone by calling (414) 291-7800. Tickets are also available through their website at www.skylight-opera.com. Single tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable. For more information about the 1998/'99 season, ordering subscription or single tickets, or to request a brochure, please call (414) 291-7800.

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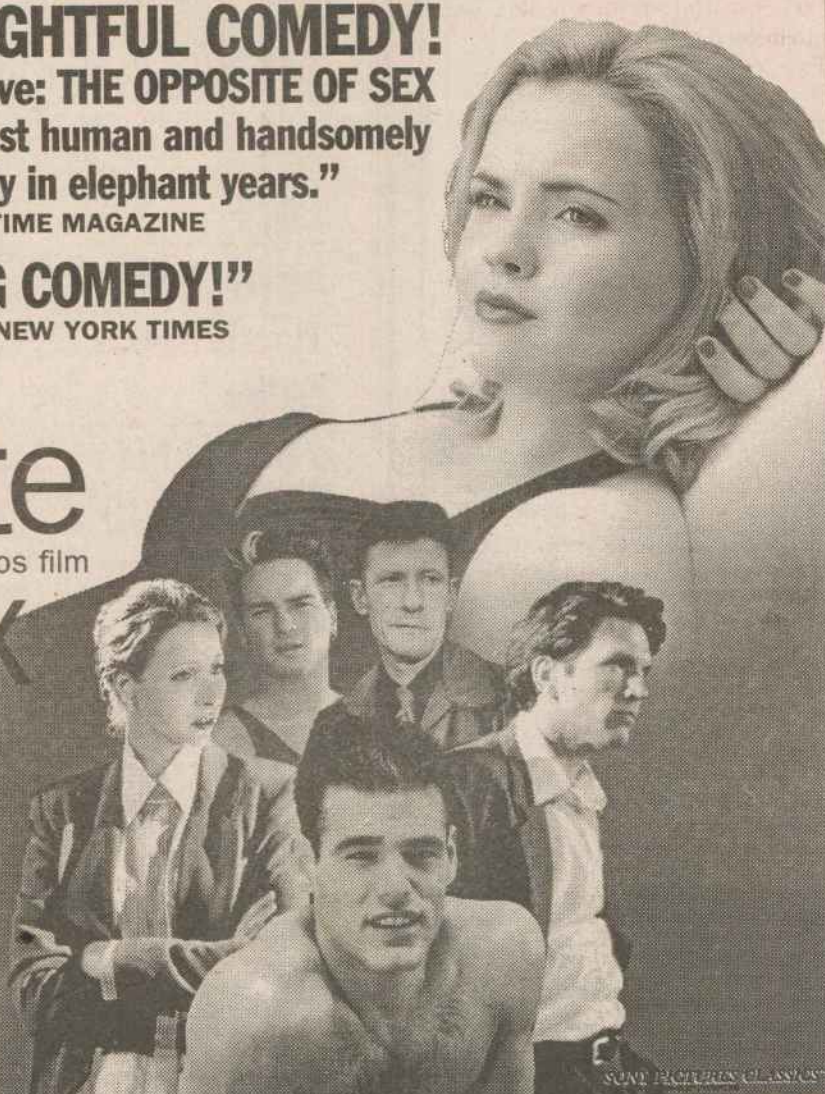
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Dorothy Allison

Interview by Danica Kirka

Novelist Dorothy Allison once burned every word she wrote. She had her reasons. Allison, the daughter of a 15-year-old poor, unwed mother in Greenville, S.C., was sexually abused as a child. She needed to write about it, but she thought that if the truth came out, neighbors would no longer consider her family respectable "good poor," but trashy poor.

So one day, she torched the pages she had written, tossed the flaming words into holes she had dug in the ground and covered them up.

"It was the sheer reality of it," she said. "It would have definitely gotten me into trouble."

But Allison also felt guilty, that she had done something to prompt the abuse. "I believed I was ... a monster. It wasn't my fault that I couldn't fight. ... The women's movement told me I wasn't a monster."

Allison drew on her past to write "Bastard Out of Carolina." The 1992 novel earned her comparisons to the greats of Southern writing and a National Book Award nomination. It was made into a movie directed by Anjelica Huston and televised on Showtime, after TNT, which had commissioned a TV movie, pulled it off the air because of child molestation scenes.

Set in Greenville, the book is narrated by young Ruth Anne "Bone" Boatwright, daughter of Anney Boatwright and a man Bone never knew. Her life is marked by the money her family doesn't have and the blank space on her birth certificate where her father's name is supposed to appear. Bone is raised by a violent, moody stepfather.

With her second major novel, "Cavedweller," Allison takes on another broken-family saga, this one characterized more by atonement than anger.

The story revolves around Delia Byrd, who flees an abusive husband by hitching a ride with an up-and-coming rock musician. She leaves two babies behind in Cayro, Ga., a wide spot in the road where there "was a sign that read WELCOME on one side and COME BACK SOON on the other."

Scrambling back to Georgia when the singer's death jars her into facing her past, Delia suffers the recrimination of a small town that hasn't forgotten her sin, and tries to repent and make amends to children she left behind.

Allison doesn't hide that Delia is an alter ego, a free-spirited singer still wandering the wild side of the 1970s and getting mistaken for Janis Joplin. With self-deprecating humor, Allison identifies herself closely with her working-class roots.

Allison's own story is an American tale of survival and rejuvenation. Her father took off before she was born; her mother was a waitress who believed in her, and encouraged even her earliest efforts at writing. The first person in her family to graduate from high school, she won a National Merit Scholarship, graduating from Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg.

She later embraced feminism and moved to New York, where she found contacts that eventually put her work in print.

The wisdom learned by rising from rough circumstances is woven into "Cavedweller." Like "Bastard Out of

Carolina," the book makes no effort to hide disturbing issues. Yet Allison doesn't jump into difficult areas - she slides in, cloaking the predicaments of her somewhat less-than-upstanding characters with sympathy. Her relaxed style reminds literature professor Chris Mott of Southern writers Flannery O'Connor and Harper Lee.

"It's like your next-door neighbor Dorothy sits you down and hands you a cup of coffee or a beer - you know, a nice cold one - and ... then says, all of a sudden, 'Last night I was in a razor fight,'" said Mott, who teaches at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"You have a mixed response. You want to be sympathetic, but at the same time, 'You're scaring me.'"

An outspoken lesbian, Allison's early short stories were released by small gay and feminist publishers she trusted to understand her work. A collection of short stories called "Trash" was published in 1988 by Firebrand Books, a feminist press in Ithaca, N.Y.

She did readings at colleges and independent bookstores, watching what worked, staying close to her audience. She still visits every independent bookstore she can find.

Allison lectures and teaches writing. She wants to pass on the benefits of anxiety. "I tell my students that if they're afraid, they're doing something right. Fortunately, I have a bottomless well of anxiety to draw on. Fear is always the replenishable resource."

Telling the truth may not have gotten her into the trouble, but it did cause a stir.

"Bastard Out of Carolina" sold 400,000 copies in paperback and transformed the life Allison had carved in San Francisco, where she lives with her partner, Alix Layman, a trombone player in a swing band, and their five-year-old son, Wolf Michael.

She needed six years to finish "Cavedweller," distracted by the success of her first mainstream book and the attention that followed.

First came manuscripts, piles of paper in fat brown envelopes sent by struggling writers trying to cash in on her new celebrity. There were so many that she gave up reading them and eventually began using the pages to stoke her wood stove. Then there was the publicity - the interviews, the photographers who wanted to shoot her in trailer parks surrounded by poor people.

But always there were the letters from incest survivors who understood. Allison reads every one, though she gets so many she can't answer them all.

She misses the South, where people can cook and know the fine art of flirting, but Allison doesn't plan to return for now, fearing that her son would face repercussions because of her lesbian relationship.

Not that she's complaining. The distance gives her the space to advocate the things that matter to her. To those pushed to society's margins, she wants to offer the same hope she received 24 years ago, when a roommate persuaded her to wait before starting one more fire.

"You don't have to kill yourself because you were raped as a child," she said. "Change is truly possible."

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Minneapolis/St. Paul

by Andrew Collins

To bastardize an old Oscar Wilde saying, Minneapolis and St. Paul are two cities divided by a common river. Unfairly lumped together by most folks as the seemingly identical Twin Cities, these two vibrant and gay-friendly getaways have their own distinctive charms. Observers sometimes note that St. Paul shares a close kinship with the nearest major city to the east, Chicago, while Minneapolis captures the spirit and aesthetic of the nearest major city to the west (albeit at 1,800 miles away), Seattle.

Despite having been developed as a rough but productive mill town, Minneapolis is today the flashier and more cosmopolitan of the two. Its residents tend to dress up before heading out to a show (only New York City has more theater seats per capita), party in large numbers at the countless Warehouse District nightclubs, and dine in trendy see-and-been restaurants. Here you'll find the Twin Cities' pro sports teams, the two best art museums, and the region's fanciest window shopping. The gay scene is male-dominated and focuses largely on cruisy clubs and fashionable coffeehouses, although Minneapolis queers are less attitudinal than most.

The money that was generated by Minneapolis's early industrial prosperity typically found its way into the banks and white-collar concerns of St. Paul, a city that has long maintained a subdued old-money air. Despite this reputation, the city today possesses a comfortable, middle class, almost gritty character. Note the abundance of close-knit low-keyed residential neighborhoods dominated by neatly preserved redbrick row houses and subdivided Victorian mansions. Nesting lesbians and lesser numbers of nesting gay men have long been attracted to the city's community spirit and manageable pace, but visitors may find less to see and do here than in Minneapolis.

Downtown Minneapolis has a towering modern skyline, the highlights of which are gay uber-architect Philip Johnson's masterful 57-story IDS Building and the elegant 1929 Foshay Tower, whose 32nd-floor observation deck is open to the public. Linking this structure to buildings on the 50-plus surrounding downtown blocks is a vast network of second-story interior skyways. If you wonder why, on blustery winter days, you see so few pedestrians dashing along downtown's icy streets, it's because most folks remain within these climate-controlled glass tubes.

The one street that does typically buzz with colorful street life, especially in warm weather, is Nicollet Mall, a 12-block pedestrian-and-bus mall lined with park benches, trees, sculptures, and ritzy shopping centers. Also great for wandering is the nearby Warehouse Historic District, most of whose 150 buildings contain shops, restaurants, nightclubs, and about a third of the city's 100 art galleries.

Hennepin Avenue leads southwest from downtown to modest but inviting Loring Park, a seeming slice of small-town America whose beloved pond offers back an almost jarring reflection of gleaming skyscrapers. Here a mix of queers, vagrants, yuppies, and families wander around the grassy, minimally landscaped shores, feeding ducks and enjoying the scenery. It's where Mary Richards seems to thank the stars for life in Minneapolis during the opening credits of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, and where the gay pride parade commences each year.

Due west of the park begins Lowry Hill, a mixed-income and fairly gay and artsy residential neighborhood that's home to the country's largest regional theater, the Guthrie, and one of the top-ten most-visited art museums in the nation, the contemporary Walker Art Center. The city's GenX alternative scene centers on nearby Uptown, a once-dowdy neighborhood whose rows of brownstones are rented out mostly to twentysomethings with a progressive bent and moderate to low incomes.

Midway between Uptown and downtown is the tremendous Minneapolis Institute of Arts, which is housed in a 1915 Beaux Arts building designed by the firm of McKim, Mead, and White. The 80,000-piece collection has works by such diverse masters as Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe, Grant Wood, Rembrandt, and Titian.

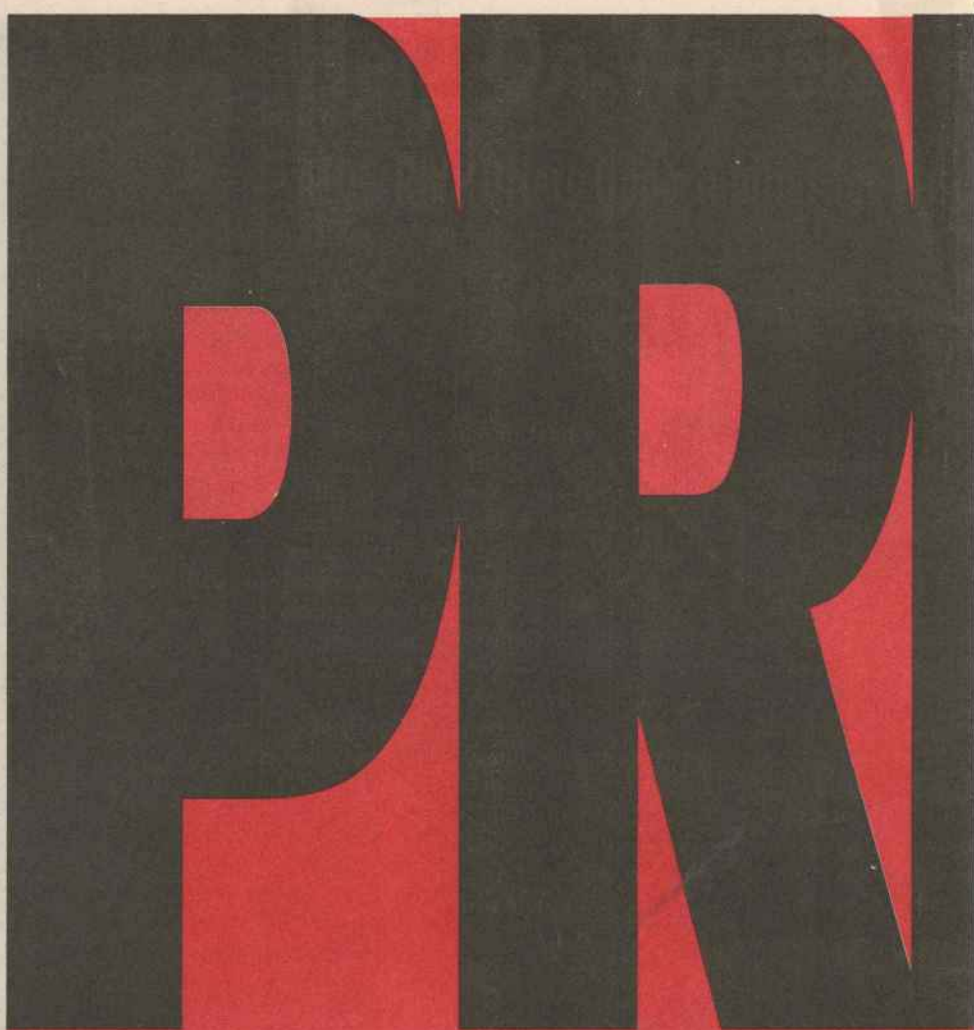
St. Paul is east of Minneapolis, 10 miles as the crow flies and about 30 minutes by car. The city's workaday downtown is anchored by the intersection of North Robert and 7th streets. From here it's about a 10-minute walk to the Science Museum of Minnesota, which has fine exhibits on paleontology, biology, and anthropology. The museum is close to the large park anchored by the Cass Gilbert-designed Minnesota State Capitol, a turn-of-the-century structure rife with domes, arches, columns, and murals.

The most engaging downtown attraction is the Minnesota History Center, whose exhaustive collection of memorabilia and artifacts captures the region's past, from a replica of an early sod house to an actual costume worn by Prince in *Purple Rain*. A short walk from here is the Minnesota Museum of American Art, housed inside the neo-Romanesque Landmark Center, which looms over gracious Rice Park.

Southeastern St. Paul, down near the river and known as the Lowertown Historic District, is ideal for strolling. This 17-block tract of former warehouses and industrial concerns bears a certain resemblance to Minneapolis's Warehouse District. A key landmark is Depot Place, a 1920s rail depot that now houses restaurants and boutiques. Nearby is the engaging St. Paul Farmers' Market, which is held on weekend mornings.

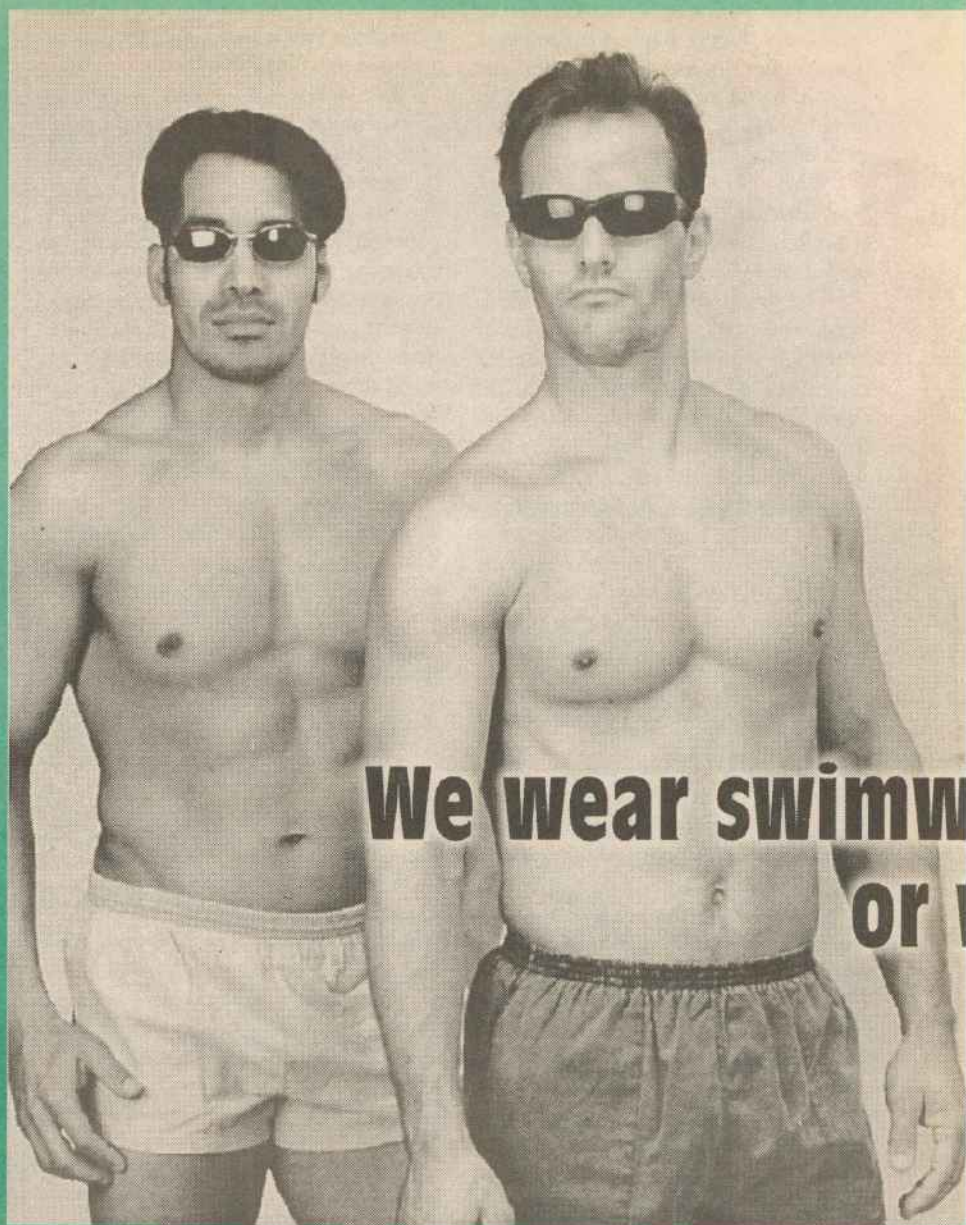
While traveling between the Twin Cities, consider a detour to Bloomington, home to what some hail as one of America's greatest man-made wonders, the Mall of America. This hulking retail shrine to middle-brow consumerism contains every imaginable chain store known to man. It is by far the most-visited attraction in the northern Midwest.

Andrew Collins recently authored the greatly expanded second edition of *Fodor's Gay Guide to the USA*, as well as six gay guides covering the West Coast, New York City, South Florida, and Amsterdam. He can be reached care of this publication or at gayfodors@aol.com. For more Out of Town, visit www.gay.net.



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AIDS Ride Offers Opportunities for Wisconsin Biker

Milwaukee — Among the 2,000 bike riders who will pedal 500 miles over six days in July to raise \$6 million for HIV/AIDS prevention and care is tall, slim and enthusiastic Rebecca Slater, 26.

Slater is nearing the end of her preparation for the Twin Cities-Wisconsin-Chicago AIDS Ride. She's been training and fundraising since March, getting ready for the July 6 - 11 ride. She is proud of herself, of Wisconsin's 500 riders, and of her mother, Sue, who inspired her to accept what she considers "the greatest challenge of my life."

"I've never done anything like this before," she says. As of this writing, she has raised \$2,000 and is confident that she will raise \$300 more to meet her goal.

She is also delighted that for the first time, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is one of seven beneficiaries of this third AIDS Ride through Wisconsin.

has taught her daughter how important volunteer fundraising efforts are.

"This is a chance for each of us to put our money where our mouth is," Rebecca says.

Slater does not consider herself a super athlete, but is generally fit, and is getting accustomed to her mountain bike. She will ride the same bike she has had for years, now souped up with new handlebars and tires, an air pump, water bottles and tire patch kit. She recently learned how to change and fix a flat tire.

In training with her workout partner since March, she is in better shape now than she's ever had. She has gained a lot of strength in her legs and in her upper body.

"I have calves now," she says with a grin. Slater lifts weights every day, takes training rides three or four times a week, and rides 25 miles before reporting for



"The fundraising is the most challenging part so far, yet it is easier than I thought it would be," she says. "Basically, I got out all my address and phone books, called up everyone I have ever met, and asked for their support."

The results have thrilled her. "People are just unbelievably generous, beyond my dreams," she says. That generosity, multiplied by the zeal and efforts of 2,000 other riders, will raise vitally needed funds for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment. Lisa Wolter, ARCW deputy director of community relations, said it was thrilling to have the AIDS Ride go through Wisconsin, and to have so many people raising money for privately funded services.

"ARCW provides services that are not government funded. Services such as our needle exchange program, outreach to high risk groups and volunteer programs require private funds to operate," Wolter said.

"I am so thankful that these Wisconsin riders and so many others have made this huge commitment of time and energy. It is very heartwarming," she added.

Slater credits her mother for showing the way to what so far has been the most exciting experience of her young life. Her mother is the development officer for grants and foundations at ARCW, and

work at 10 a.m. She has taken training rides of 25 and 50 miles, and is undaunted by the prospect of pedaling up to 100 miles a day, for six days.

"I've never done anything like this before in my life, and that's the way it is for many of the riders," she says. Many riders train and socialize together, forming bonds of friendship. She is among the youngest riders, and reports that she has met many women in their 40's and 50's who are riding.

"We motivate each other," she says. But her foremost motivating influence is her mother.

"My mom has inspired me to volunteer, and has helped so much with this ride, asking her friends and coworkers for their support," she said. Slater's mother confirmed that Rebecca has her enthusiastic support, and is confident that her commitment and training will help her enjoy the challenge.

"I've done some long rides, too, one to Door County and another to Devil's Lake, so I know you don't have to be an Olympian to do something like this," said Sue Slater.

And the \$6 million AIDS Ride goal of daughter, mother and more than 2,000 other riders is clearly in sight.

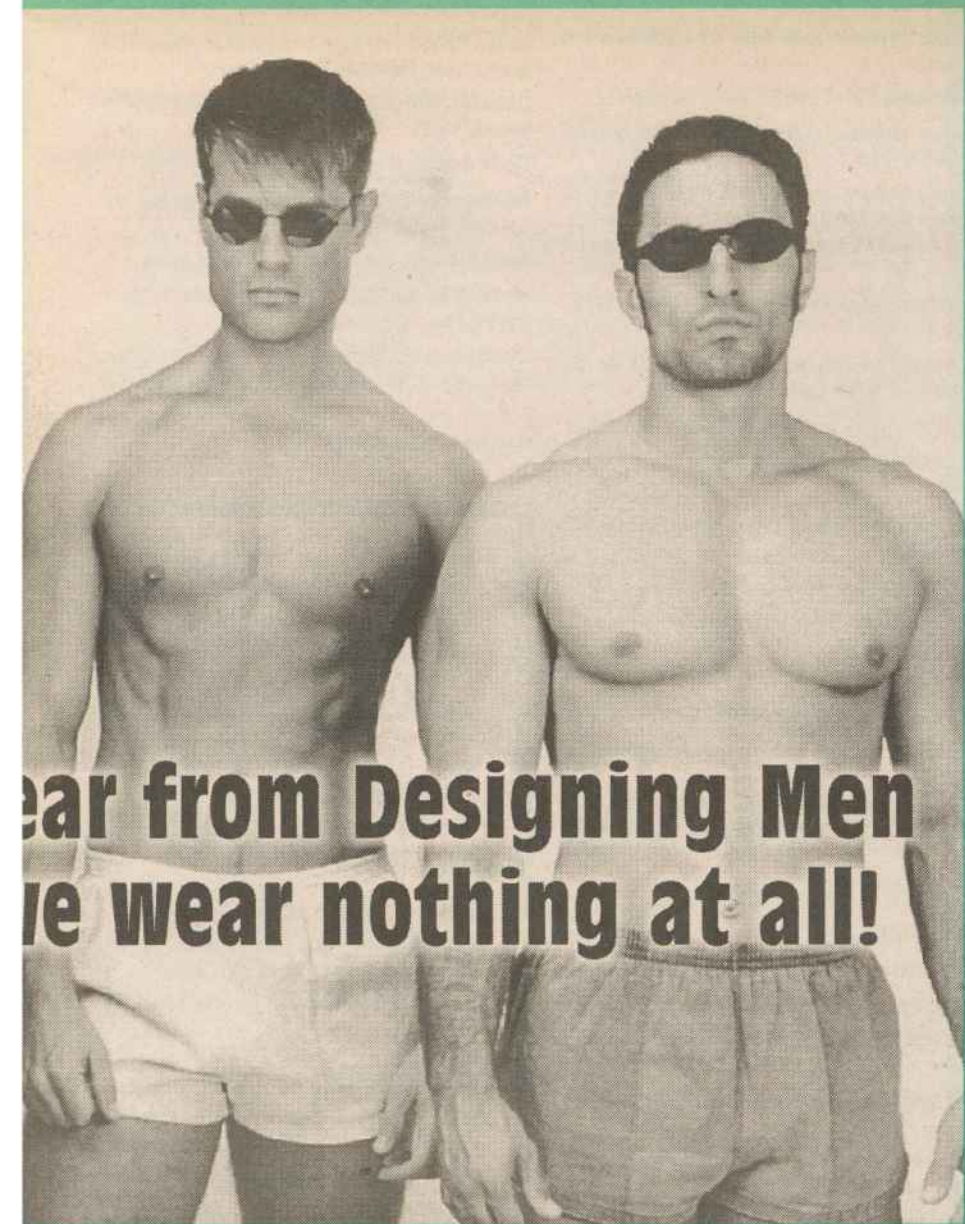
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cinema

Reviews by Kevin John

High Art

In Lisa Cholodenko's feature-film debut, *High Art*, Syd (Radha Mitchell) goes upstairs to Lucy's (Ally Sheedy) apartment to see if she can fix a leak from her ceiling and soon she becomes caught in Lucy's web of nihilistic heroin-snorting friends including Greta, Lucy's drugged-out ex-Fassbinder film star (played brilliantly by Patricia Clarkson). Eventually Syd learns that Lucy used to be a hot shot photographer and dropped out of the art scene ten years ago. This is a perfect situation

"Syd" (Radha Mitchell) from *High Art*. Photo Jojo Whilden

to have fallen into since Syd has recently landed a job at a high profile photography magazine. The two enter into an intense symbiotic relationship where Lucy can advance Syd's career and Syd can pull Lucy out her trust-funded dead-end world.

All these interactions are balanced so perfectly throughout most of the film that the end comes as a hideously arbitrary shock. Syd unwittingly becomes the subject of Lucy's contribution to the magazine. Right there is a fascinating story about the objectification of a woman by another woman and what happens to that representation when it enters in a media economy, i.e. the magazine. But right before the issue is printed, however, Lucy overdoses and dies.

Cholodenko explains this turn as resulting from "the machine that was responsible for crushing Lucy." But the majority of the film concentrates on Syd's awakening and not Lucy's experience with the vagaries of the art world (if any, at this point in her life). Thus her death by the work of art in the age of mechanical reproduction feels tacked on rather than an integral part of her character development.

And what could have been an innovative foray into the drama of vision in cinema turns into a somewhat hackneyed attack on commodification. Cholodenko puts no trust in her characters; they are fragile agents with little of the media savvy of, say, a Madonna to engineer and guide their own representations. So they get eaten alive by it. Indeed, that happens to some artists. But in this narrative context, the keepers of the media (i.e. the magazine editors) are monolithically evil and the last look in a film all about vision belongs to the cynical and ambitious switch board operator who figures Syd is moving on up because she slept with Lucy. This cheats the unique main characters that Cholodenko took such pains to develop in the first place.

The X-Files

Yes, obsessives of the TV show will find their hunger for (some) answers satisfied. And, yes, the rest of the world that doesn't want to miss one of the biggest flicks of the season will lose themselves in two hours of prime entertainment without ever having invested much time/passion into the show beforehand (or afterwards, for

Scully (Gillian Anderson) and Mulder (David Duchovny) from *The X-Files*.

that matter). Indeed, *Rescue From Gilligan's Island* is a film for everyone.

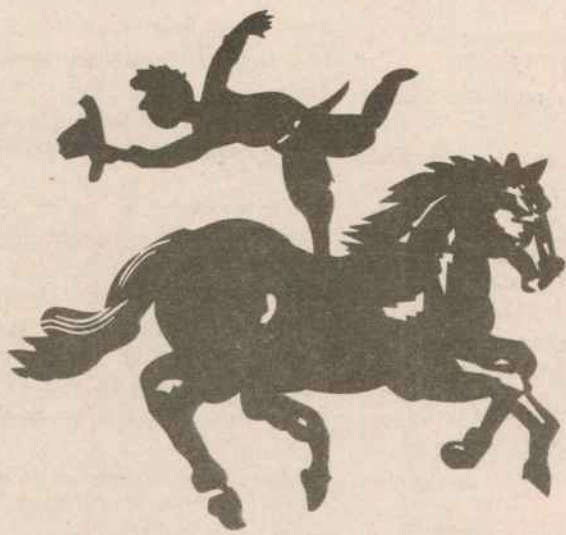
Oh wait — that's the film I very ironically found on videotape only hours after seeing *The X-Files* movie. Well, it isn't difficult for a non-obsessive like myself to get the two confused.

Okay, I'm stretching the point a bit here but, really, both phenomena work in the exact same way. At film's end, with questions left eternally unanswered, Mulder seems to address this fact

to Scully directly. They get so close to the Truth (can't forget those caps!) but it always manages to elude them. Just like Gilligan & Co. always got so close to getting off the island.

So forget the patriarchal idea that the pursuit of truth (I don't need to capitalize it) is anything but elusive. Never mind that said pursuit merely plots out Mulder's Oedipal drama (what blockbuster film isn't a male Oedipal drama?) and that Scully plays the *Rear Window* Grace Kelly to Mulder's James Stewart (I would have loved a last shot of Scully, who gave up a career as a doctor to follow Mulder on his quest, rolling her eyes behind Mulder's back and slipping out a medical journal from underneath the re-opened X-Files). The *X-Files* movie is prime regenerative television logic expertly tailored to fit current Hollywood blockbuster film narrative expectations. If you get off on such logic, you'll tune into the Fall TV season to feed your addiction. If you can live without it, you'll enjoy an exciting two hours and never think about the Truth again.

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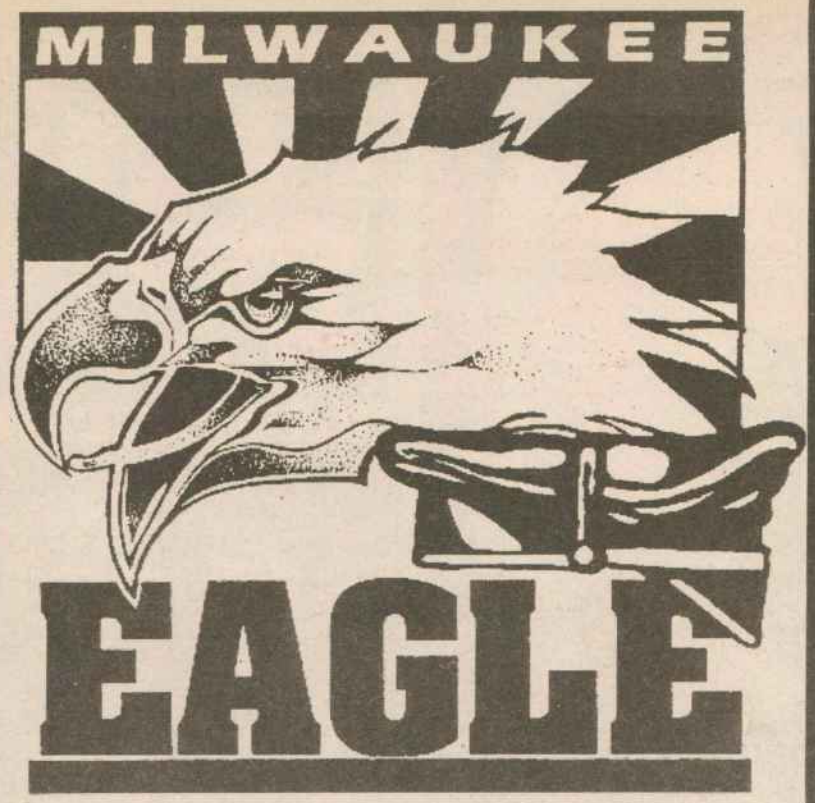
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Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-night.

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pers & \$1 off rail drinks). \$1 off drinks from 5 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

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

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Bar Events:

Friday, June 26

Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago, IL): Slaves to Pride III. Members of the Cell Block staff & local celebrities will be on the block for a benefit to raise funds for the Leather Archives and Museum. Starts at 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 27

Mama Roux - Party (Milwaukee): This is Mama's Third Annual 70's party with 70's Prices, 70's Music and 70 cent Miller Lite Taps. Come Shake Your Booty from 8 to 12 p.m.

Sunday, June 28

Cell Block - Pride Parade (Chicago, IL): A Beer Bust starts at noon with pitchers of Lite & MGD for \$4.25. The only place for leather folk to be to celebrate the Chicago Pride Parade. The bleachers will be back if they can find a place to put them.

Thursday, July 2

La Cage - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will

be there from 10 p.m. 6 until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Magnolia's Grill at the Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI): Located at 333 Blue Star Highway in Douglas, MI. The 4th of July celebration starts and runs through 7/5. Look for fireworks! 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, July 9

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

Book Clubs, Classes, Readings:

Saturday, June 27

Back Pages Bookstore - Grand Opening Party (Milwaukee): The newest addition to Milwaukee's counter-culture, alternative lifestyle bookstores will have its grand opening starting at noon at 1425 W. Oklahoma Ave. Join in the fun, food and music. Buy a book! FMI call (414) 383-6464.

A Room of One's Own Bookstore & Coffee House (Madison): Original poetry by Madison's Dyke Group will be performed in the Coffee House at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Monday, June 29

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Vietnamese-born author Lan Cao will read from, Mankey Bridge, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Thursday, July 2

A Room of One's Own Bookstore & Coffee House (Madison): Author Anne Johnson will read from her new book, Return to the Sea: Reflections on Anne Morrow Lindberg's Gift from the Sea, at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Cultural Critic and humorist Joe Queenan will read from, Red Lobster, White Trash & the Blue Lagoon at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Tuesday, July 7

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Downer Ave.): Ellen Akins will read from, Hometown Brew, her novel about a small Wisconsin brewery at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181

Thursday, July 9

A Room of One's Own Bookstore & Coffee House (Madison): Author Ellen Akins reads from her latest novel, Hometown Brew, at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 247-7888.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Mark Bryan explains how to bring The Artist's Way into the workplace at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Poet & playwright Mark Lee reads from his first novel, The Lost Tribe, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Community Meetings & Events:

Friday, June 26

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.

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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 27

Cathedral Square Park - Farm Market (Milwaukee) Home-grown fruits and veggies, plants, baked goods and music every Saturday through 10/7. It all starts at 7:30 a.m. and runs through 12:30 p.m.

Galano Club - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 6 until 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Lake County Pride Day (Waukegan, IL): Help the Lake County Leadership Alliance and the Waukegan MCC with their Pride Celebration at an event at 1520 McAree Rd. starting at 1 p.m. There will be a BBQ, awards, music, games and a raffle. At 5:30 there is an MCC worship celebration and at 8 p.m. they will join in the fun at Emerald City's Pride Night in Antioch, IL. FMI call (847) 263-5197.

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 28

Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Tonight's topic is: Gay Community: What is it? Join the group at the BESTD Clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. A \$3 donation is requested. FMI call Bill Hanel at (414) 276-7626.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and sing, Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square from 7 to 9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI (608) 232-0528.

Monday, June 29

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.

Tuesday, June 30

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

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

Wednesday, July 1

Bay View GAYS - Meeting (Bay View, WI): The Bay View Garden and Yard Society meets every 4th Wednesday at the Beulah Britton Community Center, 2555 S. Bay St. at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Dan at (414)



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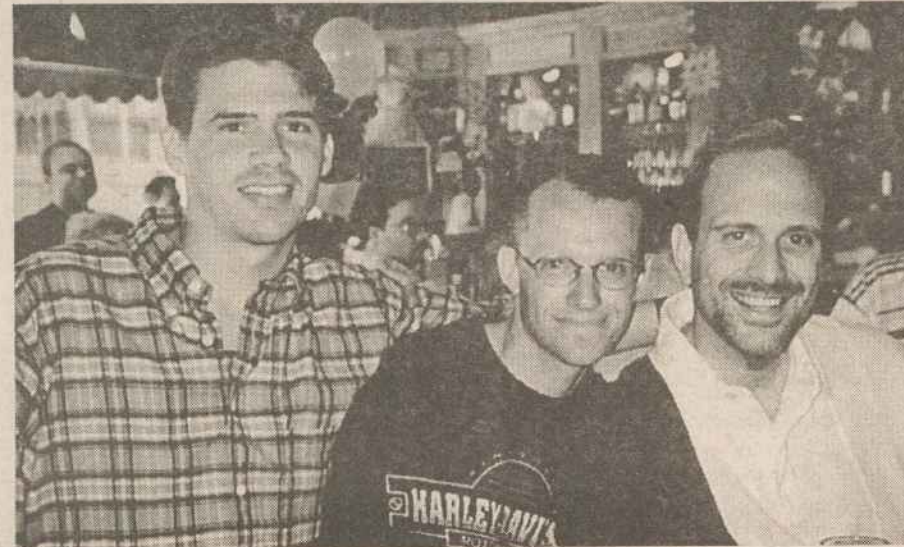
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Women's Self-Defense - Free Ongoing Workshop (Dane County): New students are welcome to start the workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. any Tuesday throughout the year. Located at N6883 Hwy. N (1 mile north of Sun Prairie) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter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

Thursday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 9

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

Film, TV, Video & Radio:

Sunday, June 28

Channel 2 - KTCA-2 or KTCA-17 (Minneapolis, MN): There's a visit to the drag show at the Minneapolis Gay 90s nightclub as Tape's Rolling-The Girls at La Femme, airs at 10 p.m. It's followed by P.O.V.'s Licensed to Kill, at 10:30 p.m. and The Times of Harvey Milk, at 11:30 p.m.

TBS - Cable 17 (Milwaukee): Tattoos: Women of the Ink, premieres at 9 p.m. in Milwaukee. This is a Chicago station. The show discusses the rise in popularity of tattoos among women in recent years.

Monday, June 29

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison): A screening of Prick Up Your Ears, the life & death of British playwright Joe Orton, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Colin at (608) 257-2338.

Wednesday, July 1

QUEERY - WORT 89.9 FM (Madison): Your Queer FM radio station for

news and information for South-central Wisconsin plays every Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. To volunteer call Margo Robb at (608) 256-2001. Followed by *This Way Out* a nationally produced show for GLBT folks at 7:30 p.m.

Museums & Galleries

Friday, June 26

Charles Allis Art Museum - Pastel Paintings (Milwaukee): The Landscapes of Carol Rowan will be on exhibit through July 26 at the Museum, located at 1630 East Royal Place. \$2 admission. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Photographs (Kohler, WI): Black & White photographs by Bill Lemke at Artspace, 7256 Woodlake Rd. This free exhibit will run through 9/6. FMI call (920) 452-8602.

Milwaukee Historical Society - Current Show (Milwaukee): The tribute to Early Women Harley-Davidson Riders will be up through the end of July. The exhibit is free to the public. FMI call (414) 273-8288.

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum - Art Pottery & Wrought Iron (Milwaukee): And exhibit of American Art Pottery and the wrought iron artistry of Caryl Colnik will be on display through August 16. \$2 admission. FMI call (414) 271-3656.

Saturday, June 27

Charles Allis & Villa Terrace - Chicago Trip (Milwaukee): Friends of Charles Allis Art Museum & friends of Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum are sponsoring an Art trip to the Chicago Art Institute to see the James McNeill Whistler lithographs. Space is limited. FMI call Lee Tischler after 4 p.m. at (414) 964-2339.

Tuesday, June 30

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): Dean Sobel, MAM chief curator and curator of contemporary art will discuss Recent Acquisitions on an informal tour of the Journal/Lubar Galleries at 1:30 p.m. Regular museum admission, free to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224.3200.

Theater Arts:

Friday, June 26

The Theater Building - Musical Comedy (Chicago, IL): The musical review, *Dirty Little Showtunes*, is currently playing for a limited six-week run. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. FMI and tickets call (773) 465-9517.

University Theater - Opening Night (Madison): *Under the Gaslight*, a melodrama with music will open at the Helmsley Theater's cabaret at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for the general public, \$10 for UW students. Drinks will be available for purchase. For other dates and times call (608) 262-1500.

Saturday, June 27

Grand Opera House - Accordion Music (Oshkosh): Myron Floren, of the frozen smile and Laurence Welk fame, will show off his fast fingers at noon and 4 p.m. FMI & tickets call (920) 424-2350.

Sunday, June 28

Tim Clausen - Jazz (Milwaukee): Local piano artist, Tim Clausen will present an evening of solo jazz at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds go to PFLAG-Milwaukee.

UWM Fine Arts - Concert (Milwaukee): Summer Evenings of Music continues with Mozart & Shostakovich at 7:30 p.m. with guest artist Robert Levine. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Thursday, July 2

Cathedral Square Park - Live Jazz (Milwaukee): This series of free concerts is located at the Park every Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and runs through September 6 (Labor Day Weekend). Tonight the Juli Wood Quintet plays jazz. Pack a picnic & bring a blanket or eat at one of the many local restaurants. There is a \$2 per ticket raffle being held for great prizes. Winners will be announced at the September 3 concert. Pick up a free brochure for the rest of the season.

Saturday, July 4

Irish Cultural & Heritage Center - Organ Concert (Milwaukee): A 4th of July Musical Fireworks Organ Benefit Concert with Dennis Janzer organist will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. Tickets \$7 adult, \$2 children. FMI call (414) 345-8800.

Sunday, July 5

UWM Fine Arts - Music (Milwaukee): The Fine Arts Quartet presents another concert in the Summer Evenings of Music series at the UWM Fine Arts Theater at 7:30 p.m. The program includes Mozart and Shostakovich with guest artist Evelina Chao. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

A Few Thoughts About Bears

by Chip Austin

Bears — once a mysterious subculture — are coming out of the woods, in increasing numbers. Bears are everywhere now; most nights, they can be found at just about any gay bar. (Hundreds more will converge on Milwaukee this Labor Day weekend, at an event hosted by the Brew City Bears.)

What is a bear you say? Well, they're frequently bearded, usually hairy and often heavier than your average male. Exact definitions can be hard to agree upon — but you know when you see one.

There are competing mythologies about the origin of the bear movement. Some argue the bear identity emerged in resistance to a dominant gay aesthetic that valorized body-shaving and abnormally low body fat.

For others, beardom represents a reaction against aspects of gay culture like show tunes and drag queens (and polo shirts!), an attempt to embrace "tra-



ditional" masculinity. To them Bears are "real" men, with the natural signifiers of unshaven chests and faces (and of course flannel shirts!) as proof of their butchness.

The bear community has subspecies too. Otters are guys who're very hairy, but also skinny. A cub is a young bear and or submissive or smaller in build. Depending on who you ask a "Behr" is a big guy who can't grow a beard, but can grow a moustache, and often has no body hair.

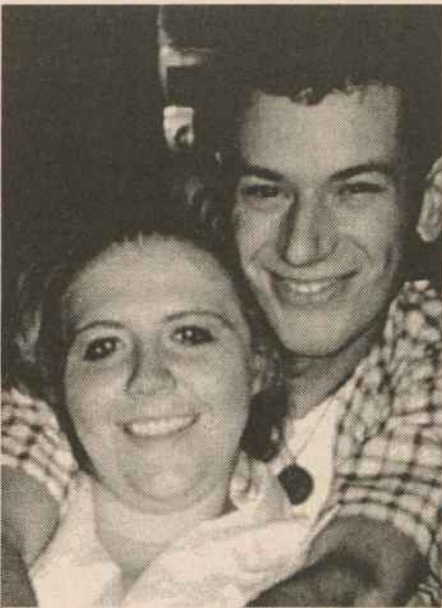
And since bears are often classified by secondary sex characteristics, rather than the penis, growing numbers of butch women are calling themselves bears — with a surprising level of acceptance.

Online bears even have their own "bear codes" - such as : B4, F+, k-, e++, this reveals such details as beard length, furriness, and sexual kinks. (E++ means a bear who is hung like a horse by the way.) There is a Bear Mailing List at <http://www.queernet.org/bml/>.

The insider aspect of beardom is on the decline. This once little know community is now having a discernable impact on gay culture at large. Annual bear gatherings now attract thousands of gay men. Such events as Bear Pride in Chicago, IBR (International Bear Rendezvous) in San Fransisco are among a few gatherings around the country at any given time of the year.

Interesting things happen when a sexual subculture becomes assimilated. Acceptance of chubbier, hairier guys has increased and traditional pretty boys can admit an interest in big bears and face less ridicule from their friends. Unfortunately every one that doesn't look like a mainstream pornstar — or get turned on by them wants to identify with the bear movement. When slender or hair challenged guys wants to identify as a "bear" it can be a bit confusing.

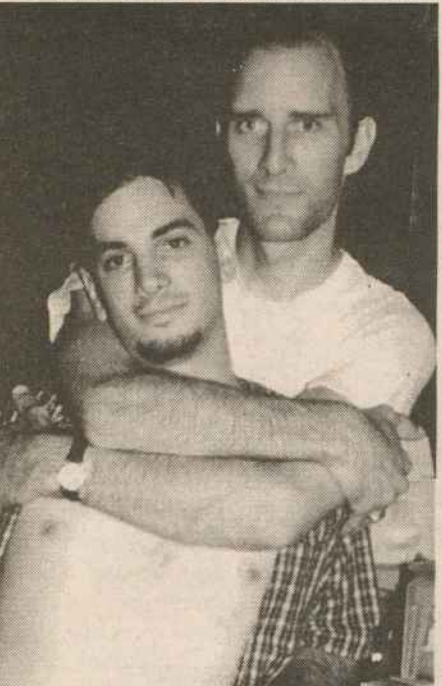
As any subculture engages the mainstream, both change and increased mutual understandings are inevitable. And as Martha Stewart would say, "This is a good thing." By the way lots of bears are big Martha Stewart fans.



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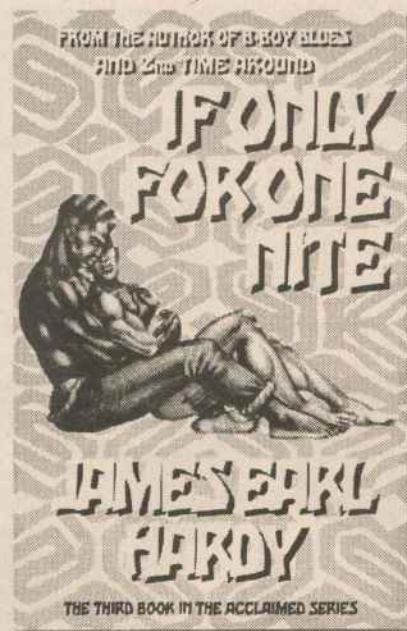
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Reviewed by Ed Grover



If Only For One Nite
by James Earl Hardy

This is the third book from the author of the acclaimed best-sellers, "B-Boy Blues" and "2nd Time Around". The *Advocate* says, "...Hardy moves from the speedy hip-hop sensibilities of his previous two novels into a slow, jamming performance suggestive of the Luther Vandross R&B chestnut of the same name. ... Hardy's voice calibrates a charged balance between sparseness and extravagance. ..."

The narrative voice is Mitchell, a young gay black male who, as a teenager detests all sports, finds his way into gymnastics by accident, and has a hot two-year affair with his instructor, Warren Reid. When he graduates he's dropped like yesterday's news by his lover. Mr. Reid gets his comeuppance at the end of this very funny and outright sexy novel.

Mitchell's current lover Raheim, a/k/a "Pookie," is in his early twenties and "... he's big, he's bald, he's black, he's in vogue." He's also an up and coming model. Mitchell is very happy with this situation, but when he gets an invitation to his ten-year class reunion, he immediately starts thinking about "Mr. Reid" and realizes he must "come to grips with the demons that have affected his relationships and allow him[self] to close one chapter of his life and begin a new one." As he looks through his old high school yearbook, Mitchell, now age 30, reminisces about some of his classmates and the time he has been away from Murrow High. He dishes up the dirt on everyone from Manuel Gutierrez, the editor of the school newspaper who gave him a chance to write (Mitchell is now a writer and has a certain way with words), to Hunt Grecco, who he says "was cuckoo for cocoa cock." He ended up as a star for one of those Ebony and Ivory porn productions.

At the reunion, Mitchell "faces his past, present and future all at once." He sees Warren Reid and all the old feelings come rushing back. To see what happens when he meets up with this man and how he handles the situation--and he

handles it well--you will have to read the book. (Alyson Publications, ISBN 1-55583-467-1, paperback, \$11.95)

A Cage of Bones
by Jeffrey Round

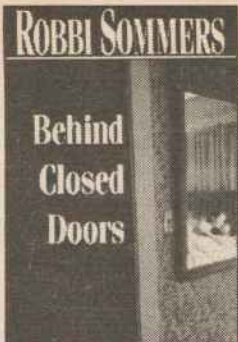
In this novel dedicated to Versace, the main character is a beautiful young Canadian who has just come to terms with being gay. Warden (Ward) Fields gets an offer from a Sr. Calvino to come to Italy and become a big-time model. He has a hard time believing he is good looking enough. "He sees nothing that would make anyone want him to travel to Italy, or anywhere else for that matter."

After some thought, Ward decides to accept the offer and goes home to his family to get their blessing. There is a lengthy discussion with his father and finally the adventure is OK'd. He arrives in Italy and finds his way to Maura's Model Agency and meets Sr. Calvino whose favorite word for everyone seems to be *darling*. Ward learns in short order that he needs a calling card and a photographic portfolio. He needs to learn how to walk on a runway and he needs a new haircut. Calvino tells him: "Eat darling, and get some sun." He's too thin and too pale.

Ward learns quickly how to get around and meets the rest of the agency models who seem to only know one phrase: "Hiya dude, what's happening?" After reading it for the hundredth time it wears pretty thin. One night Ward sees a handsome Italian in leather watching him. His name is Valentino and he calls his motorcycle Paolo. There are serious sparks and a hot affair follows. I could just imagine the descriptions coming up. Well, they were rather pale compared to the previous book and left a lot to your imagination.

After Valentino announces that he has to serve two years of military duty, Ward works too hard and suffers from burn-out. He ends up going home to Toronto for a while where he finally comes out to his parents -- no one is surprised. Back in Italy he finds out that the Fabiano people want him for a big campaign -- billboards and ads. He is soon recognized on the streets as the "Fabiano Boy." One day at his photographer's studio he is put in drag (for a double exposure), because the female model didn't show -- this causes a bit of trouble later on.

The story continues with a transfer to an agency in England, a rock musician lover who is involved in a politically lost cause, and an arrest for Ward. There is a very scary time in jail where he gets disfigured by a nut-case. When he returns to Italy, there's Valentino waiting for him. Naturally there's a happy ending. If you're interested in the behind the scenes dish about the world of male modeling, this is a fun book to read. The author says he drew on his own experience in the fashion world for this tale of young love. (Gay Men's Press, ISBN: 0-85449-252-6, paperback \$14.95)



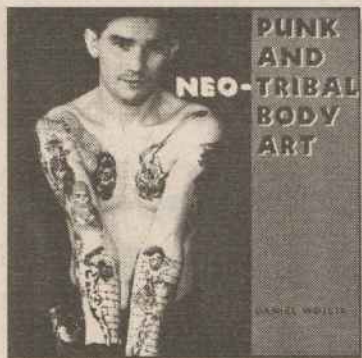
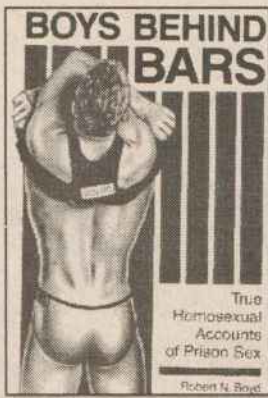
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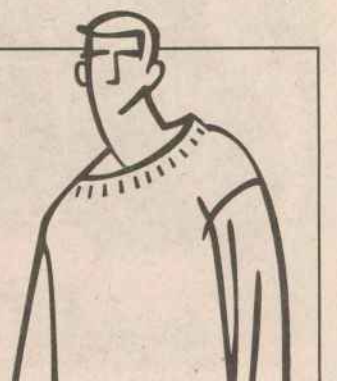
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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

For me, these past couple of weeks have been very interesting. Let's see, what should I talk about... Hmmm... Well I thought I had found love but that isn't working out so well... my car was stolen, got a new one... hmmm... let's talk about the car, starting with a Thursday night at La Cage. As you know, I haven't exactly been happy with my Grand Prix so what happened recently didn't "end my world."

A couple of Thursdays ago, I was at La Cage getting some photographs. I went to my car to get a fresh roll of film and everything at that point was fine. I shot a few photo's and decided to call it a night. Went back out to the car to discover that someone had run into the side of my car. I'm thinkin' great. I have to stick more money into a car that has already drained my pocketbook so dry that at times I would open it only to have desert sand pour out. I head over to 2nd district to report it. The police take the report and I'm on my way. The next day I take the care over to my friend, Tony Balistreri (Downtown Auto Body) for an estimate. That dent was going to cost \$1,900 to fix. (Yes, I do have insurance but I have a \$500 deductible to come up with.) After making an appointment for him to fix the car, I head home.

The next day around noon, my friend Jeff and I head downtown to pick it up (I had left it at Triangle the night before). The traffic from Harley Davidson's 95th anniversary was horrendous so we went to M&M to watch for cute Harley riders. We stayed until the traffic had died down at which point I went home for a nap. I

woke up a couple of hours later, grabbed a bowl of double chocolate fudge ice cream and looked in the driveway to notice that my car wasn't there. I'm thinkin' shit, I know I parked it there, where the hell is it.

I called the police and they showed up about 45 minutes later. They take a report and tell me that they'll be in touch when they find it.

By this point I'm freakin' out, I realized that I had left my camera, checkbook, leather coat and other things of value in the car. At 11:00 p.m. I get a call from the Milwaukee Police Department telling me that they had found my car and that it was at an impound lot. I call the impound lot and get a recording stating their hours. No problem, I'll take off of work Monday, and pick up the car. Sunday morning I get a call from some guy asking my name and if I owned a black Grand Prix. I told him yes, but that the police have it. He said no they didn't, it was in front of his house. Not really believing him, but curious, I borrowed Josh's car and went to the address the guy had given me. There it was, almost unrecognizable — beat to shit. The only place there wasn't any damage was the driver's door. I looked inside the car and it was even worse. The entire dash was ripped out, camera, leather coat, checkbook, 12 disc CD player, stock radio (yes, STOCK radio and speakers), gone.

I waited over an hour for the police to show up only to find that the car was not on any stolen list. Apparently, it had been removed from that list when they "recovered" the vehicle. They called for a tow truck but after waiting yet another hour I called Chris and asked him to help me

tow the car over to Tony's. Chris and I get the car over to Tony's, lock it up, toss the keys in the key drop and head back home (by the way I couldn't get a hold of Tony so he had no clue I had dropped the car off).

I woke up the next day, called my insurance company, bank, work, you know all those calls you have to make. The last call I made was to Tony. The phone rang 3 times and then I heard, "I can't wait to hear this story" (obviously he has Caller ID) so I told him what happened. I asked him if he thought the car was totaled, and he said it probably was. Now, as much as I was disappointed with that car, I thought shit, it just needed tires and brakes, I had replaced everything else! After the insurance company looked at it they confirmed the fact that in was indeed, totaled.

Ok, time to look for a new car... shit, I'm not prepared for this, I hadn't looked at cars for 3 years, I had no clue what I was lookin' for. I did, however, know what I wasn't looking for — another Pontiac. This time it's gonna be a foreign car, I've given enough of my hard earned cash to General Motors, they aint gettin' another dime outta me! In the end, I decided on a Honda. It took me 4 days and about 8 dealerships to find the one I wanted and one that I could afford. The Pontiac is almost out of my life, I'm still working with my homeowner's policy to take care of the contents of the car, (my biggest concern is my camera) and I'm doin' just fine. The boyfriend thing? Nope, don't feel like going there right now, so let me get you caught up on the happenings of Wisconsin Gay life.

Oh, Sh - t!

M&M continues to be our favorite spot for Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons. During the **Harley Davidson's 95th Anniversary**, we sat there for a couple of hours, watching miles and miles of Harleys driving by. Most of the patrons that day were straight and probably had no clue that they were in a gay bar. As we were looking out the window, I noticed our UPS driver walking along with his wife. I ran out and dragged them in for a beverage. (Our driver is kinda cool, we have been fuckin' with each other for a long time. If he left his keys in the truck, I would run out and take it for a ride. One time I was on the roof at work and he took the ladder, what would we do without a smart ass for a UPS driver)

I asked his wife how she put up with him for so many years and she just smiled (hmmm I wonder what that was all about).

We also like to hit **Ball Game** every now and then to make sure Rick is behaving himself. Last time I checked in, he was being his usual open armed, open hearted self, love ya **Rick!**

It wouldn't be a complete Sunday out on the town if we didn't give the staff at **In Between** a hard time. Last time I was in there I ran into my boyfriends **Tony** and **Darin**, (last issue's cuties of the week).

The big **Biker Block Party** was a blast. **La Cage** and **Fluid** both had outdoor bars that pulled in lots of money from the bikers. My guess is that 90% of them had no clue. And cute boys, there

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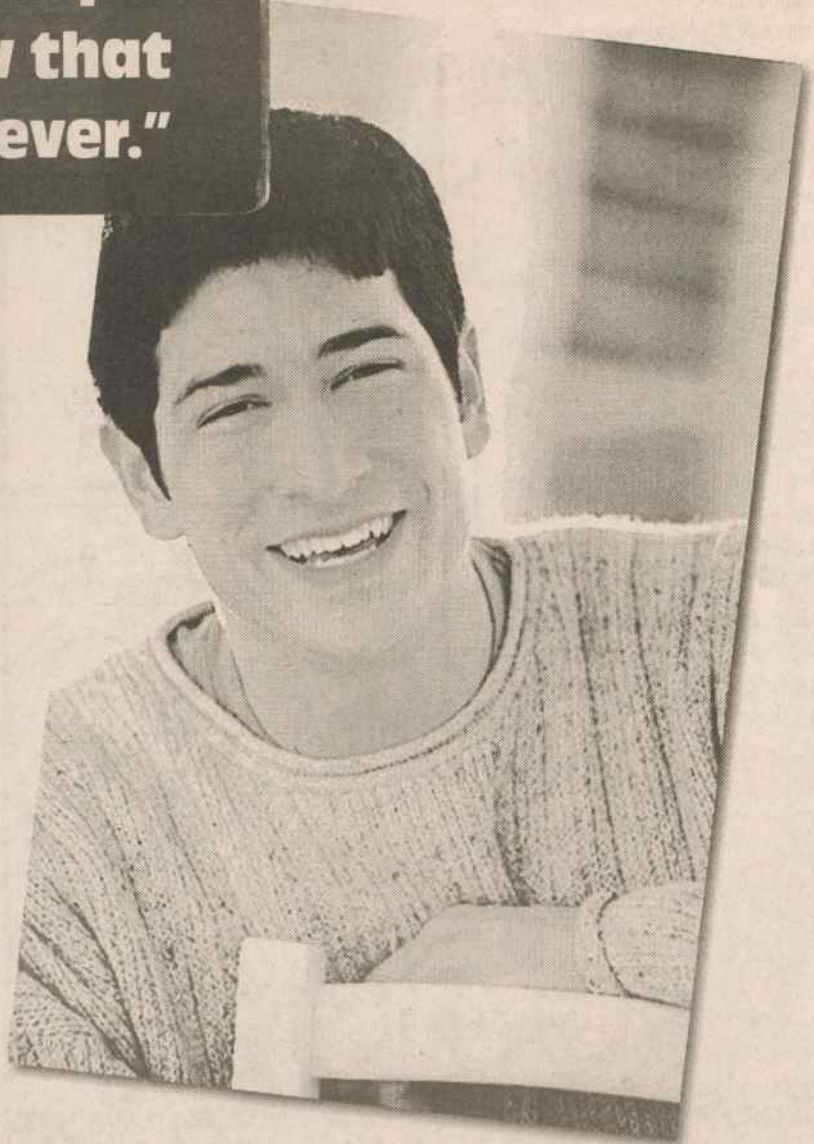
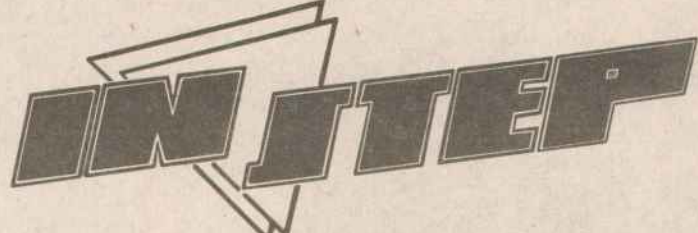
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were tons of them. Congrats to La Cage and Fluid for participating in the mostly non-gay event.

Speaking of Fluid, watch the ads for the announcement of their **Grand Opening Party**. I for one will not miss that party, Fluid is becoming one of my favorite hangouts. It's about time we (gay men) had a night club that isn't painted black, dark and dingy with disgusting

the top 3 clubs known for great music. The other 2 are **La Cage** and **Dish**.

Sour Mash, Mama Roux's Possum Queen Candidate threw a **Booty Call Party** this past weekend. Prizes went out for the best pair of boots, the most unique, tallest and most colorful. And if you like to visit the 1970's stop in there June 27th for their 3rd annual **70's Party**.

Out in **Madison** at **Ray's** was a big Pig party, celebrating **Dale** and **Philip's** 15 years together. The party was also a



Separated at birth? Photo by Jamie

bathrooms. The johns are clean, the music not too loud and they have great artwork on their walls. **David Schaefer** has a painting up that if I had an extra \$300.00 it would go nice with the one he already painted for me.

Fannies opened and is now closed again. While rumors are flying, I haven't been able to confirm anything. Meanwhile, I just received the sad news that **Just Us** will be closing its doors. After the loss of his life partner **Steve Byers** and company decided to "retire" the business. It is a big loss for the community.

The Eagle has been bombarded by bikers from all over. Yes with **River Splash** it's a bit more difficult to find parking but make the effort, **Eagle** is among

benefit for **AIDS Network**. Good job boys and congrats on 15 years together!

It was **Drag-o-Rama** at **Emerald City** on June 17th. They gave a 3-day vacation to Disneyland to a lucky winner that night. June 20th was hot **Boxer Short Contest**. This party I would have loved to cover but there were threats of severe thunderstorms and I'm just not comfortable driving a car I am unfamiliar with a long distance in severe weather. Next time.

That's about it for this issue, if you looking for a great CD, try **Alana Davis**, Blame It On Me, it's FABULOUS! Until next issue keep thinkin' **Madison Pride Weekend**, July 17th-19th and as always slower traffic keep right.

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SO YOUNG I'm a 30 year old Male who is into young Boys, 18 years of age and up. If you want to get together, please call me. (Chicago) ☎18560

SWIMMING SIDE BY SIDE This attractive Male, 43, 5'10", 130 lbs, slender, clean-shaven, somewhat hairy, with dark brown hair and a swimmer's build seeks a swim buddy and exercise partner in the Chicago area. How about a spring special, or a special spring? (Prospect Heights) ☎16731

LOOKIN' FOR A LITTLE HELP I'm looking for some hot, studly jock who is extremely masculine to help me get off and talk to (Chicago) ☎19939

KINKY POP This good looking, 42 year old, loving daddy, 5'10, 220lbs, with beard, mustache, and hair all over, seeks guys, under 40, who want a willing daddy to fulfill all of their kinkiest needs and desires. I'm into rimming, spanking, foot and underwear fetishes, water-sports, and more. (Chicago) ☎13794

QUIET AND KIND I'm an attractive, healthy Gay White Male, 61, 6', 185 lbs., with short hair and a beard. I'm quiet and affectionate, a non-smoker, and am seeking a long-term relationship. My interests include gardening, cats, vitamins and herbs, fine dining, and good wine. Let's talk. (Chicago) ☎8595

LOVE IS A BLESSING This Black Professional Gay Male, a young 50, attractive, seeks an honest, sincere, attractive, masculine Male with a good attitude, who believes a love relationship is a blessing, not a burden. I'm not into the bars, but I enjoy movies, eating out, sporting events, jazz, and blues music. I enjoy life and hope you do the same. Let's spend some quality time together. (Chicago) ☎4042

HOT HOMBRE Calling other hot, Hispanics and Latinos. If you'd like to get with a sexy, uncut, very well hung man, 6'3, with Black hair and Blue eyes, you'd better call me now. I prefer being a top but can be versatile. Puerto Ricans, Dominicans and Cubans especially welcome. (Chicago) ☎12076

OUT IN THE CROWD Masculine, 20 year old guy, with Brown hair and eyes, loves being outdoors and wherever the people are. (Chicago) ☎10780

FEELS GREAT I want an erotic massage buddy to get together with on a regular basis. We can exchange full body massages, not professional, that are very erotic and makes you feel really, really great. You should be 18-43 years of age, I am 43 years old and have a very slender, hairy, swimmers build body, clean shaven and have been told I am very attractive. You must be very attractive, well built, good attitude and clean shaven. (Chicago) ☎18363

PAT MY TUMMY This 27 year old, submissive teddy bear, is looking for dominate Men, preferably, large Men who want to use me and make me his slave. (Chicago) ☎18000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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LET ME SUCK YOUR TOES This 30 year old, White Male is looking for younger Guys, 20-29 years of age, who are into foot fetish. I'm into white socks, tennis shoes, bare feet and I want to service you, so let's hook up. (Milwaukee) ☎18284

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

REALLY GET INTO IT Hello out there. I'm a Black 42 year old Male, who is looking for a very submissive Guy, more submissive, the better. Call me if your interested. (Milwaukee) ☎18291

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

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

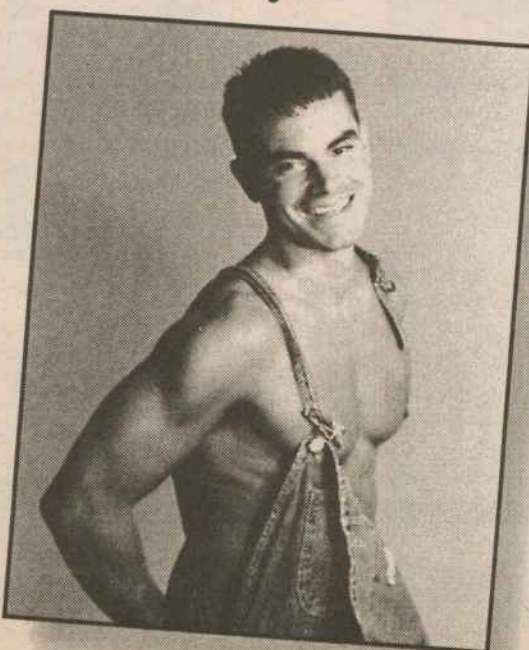
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NEW TO ALL THIS I'm a 42-year-old Male, 6'3", 220 lbs., with greying brown hair and green eyes. I've been in the closet my whole life and am just coming out a little bit. I'm looking for understanding Gay Males to talk to. I'm trying to figure out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

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

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

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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

HOLY SWEAT SOCKS BATMAN I'm looking for young Men who are under 30 years of age and who are into foot fetish. I love to kiss and lick dirty, sweaty, smelly feet, as well as other sexual desires. (Milwaukee) ☎19419

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

ARE YOU THE ONE? I'm a very oral, submissive Man who is new to town and I'm looking for someone who knows how to be a total master. (Milwaukee) ☎19805

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEVER DONE THIS This Bi-virgin, 34, with black hair and brown eyes, seeks another Male who's a virgin to the Bi thing to experiment with. I have a disability and am looking for fun and a short-term relationship. Show me the way. (Wausau) ☎17280

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

ALL SOLID I'm a very attractive, 31 year old, 5'9", 210 lbs, Man who is very masculine and very solid. I'm looking for other masculine, Bi or Gay, White Males who are 25-35 years of age, for friendship or a serious relationship. (Madison) ☎18985

I LOVE LATINOS I'm a Bi White Male, 34, 6', with dark brown hair, blue eyes, a mustache, otherwise clean-shaven. I'm looking specifically for some nice-looking, in-shape Latinos or Hispanic Males, 21-35, to have a good time with, although I'll answer anyone who responds. I'm nice-looking and easygoing. Give me a call. (Madison) ☎16445

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

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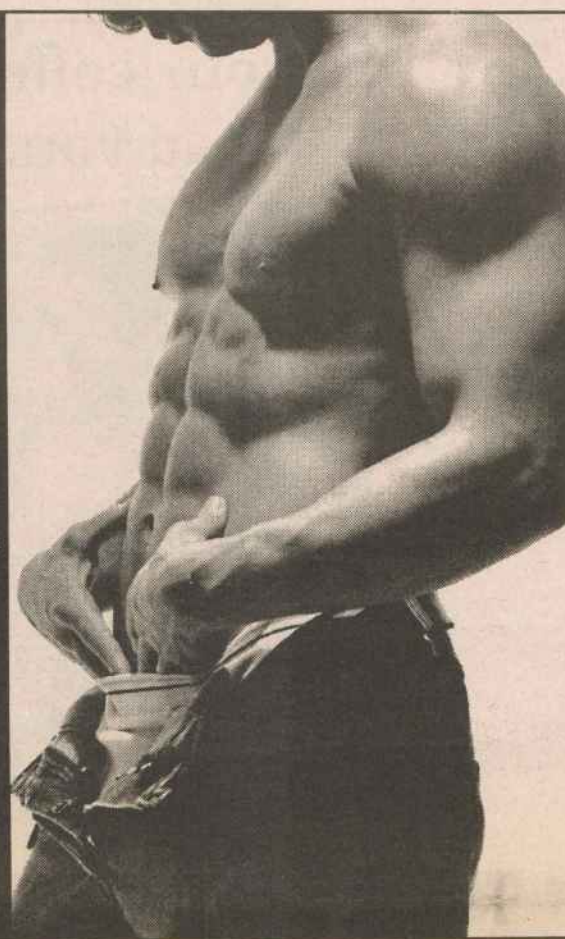
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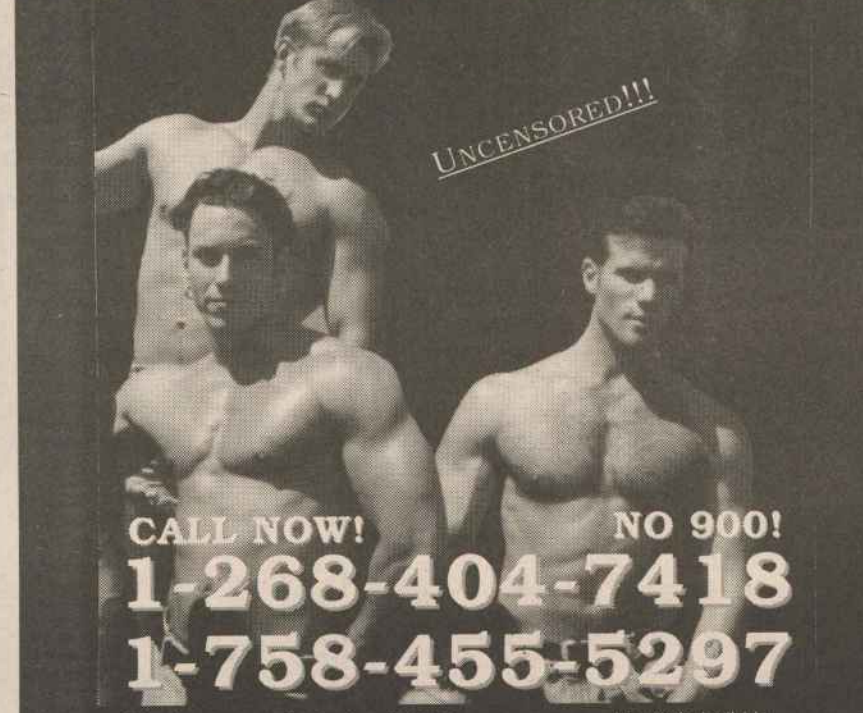
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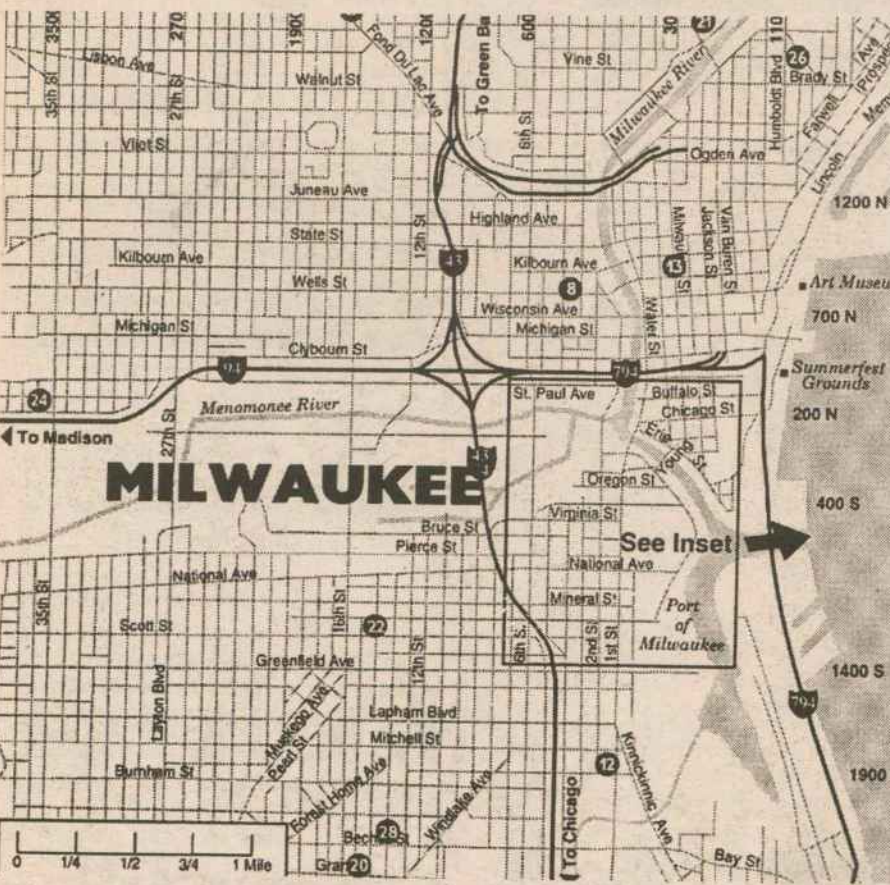
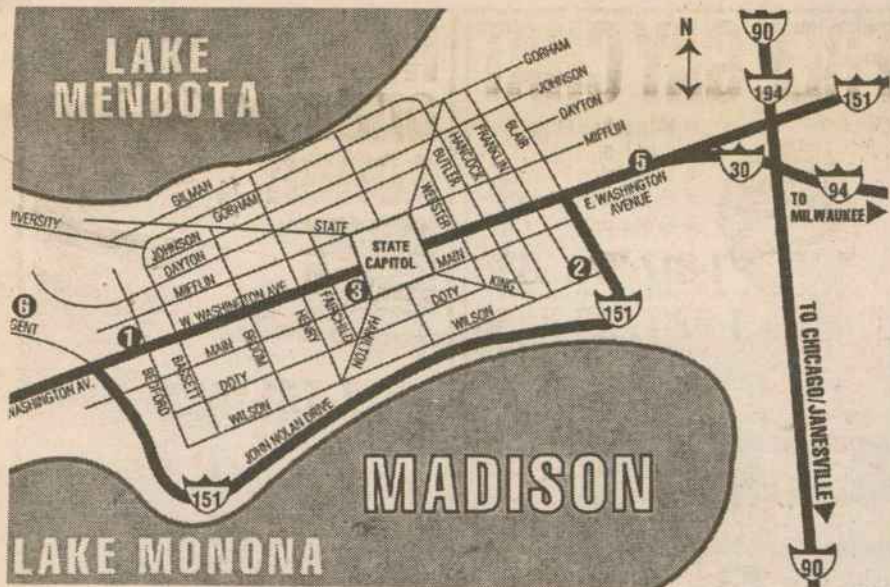


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OUT OF THE STARS

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Stick with those who have loved and supported you through thick and thin. There is someone in the immediate vicinity who is jealous of your friends and family, and will try to drive a wedge in between you and those you love. You need to make a choice.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

A slow start will mean much catching up. Your heart is probably not in your work and it will show. There seems to be some contradictions about commitment to a romantic relationship. There are important factors to be weighed before making decisions.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

There is a sense that you are walking on quicksand, and there is little you can do about it. Make any necessary sacrifices of time and energy to correct this uncertain situation. You and your significant other make a connect and become even closer.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Don't be caught up in your own ideas and point of view that you cease to hear what those around you are saying. Let go of the need to always be right. You may be frustrated at what seems to be your lack of progress, but take the time to realize just how far you've come.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but not to worry, because your work is above reproach. Shortly you will be riding high on the waves of success, enjoy it for you deserve every bit given to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

A financial windfall is quite possible. Prosperity is definitely a main issue for the next couple of months, so instead of whining, it's time to take action. A surge of inspiration will enable you to do whatever needs doing, and be innovative with solutions.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Use whatever clout you have to get some creative changes off the ground. Friends can really come in handy during times like this. Someone may want to flirt and tell you pretty lies, but don't be taken in, just enjoy the entertainment. Pay attention to your spiritual side.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Keeping your nose to the grindstone is quite commendable, to a point. Your superiors may be more impressed if your approach is more balanced. Learn to delegate if management is one of your goals. Both courage and integrity will do well for you.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Your hard work may have just finally brought about completion and success. Enjoy the admiration of those around you, you definitely deserve it. Spend wisely on any spree you find yourself on. Don't keep your stress to yourself, such pent up emotions will make you ill.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

A little self contemplation will get off and running on a positive note. You may be pleased with your work up until now, but want to improve in various areas. Allow a troublesome problem which has been hanging over your head for some time, take care of itself.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

There is a fine line between having a good time and overdoing it, and your body is likely to be the best judge of that, just make sure to listen. If your current relationship is a bit unbalanced, playing the roles to faithfully may cause resentment.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Money matters may not be as fruitful as you had expected, after all the effort you put into these financial gains, try not to let it get to you. Maybe its time to make changes instead of being weighed down with so much responsibility. Think things out carefully.

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